

“GOD BLESS AMERICA”

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 20, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Belmar to be held on the above date at 6:00 PM at the Belmar Municipal Building, 601 Main Street.

PRESENT: Mayor Magovern, Councilman Brennan, Councilman Walsifer, Councilwoman Nicolay, Councilman McCracken, Borough Attorney Greg Cannon, Esq., and Borough Clerk April Claudio

ABSENT: Business Administrator Colleen Connolly

“Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to The Coast Star, the official newspaper of the Borough of Belmar, and the Asbury Park Press on November 2, 2018 notice of this meeting was prominently posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building and filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Belmar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Our troops and their families and Louise Dempsey

OATH OF OFFICE: County Clerk Christine Hanlon administered the oath of Office to Councilman James McCracken

RESOLUTION:

Mayor Magovern made a motion to adopt, **2018-154, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION**, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Walsifer, McCracken, Brennan and Nicolay

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

- 2019 Beach Badge Fees
 - o Councilman Walsifer stated beach director Gene Cory suggested a badge for teenagers at \$25. He recommended increasing season badge from \$55 to \$75 and raise senior badge to \$25. Would still be the lowest in the area.
 - o Councilman Brennan stated an increase to \$75 is too much, could see doing \$10 increase. Have had two bad seasons in a row; would be hesitant to raise any fees. Would be okay of increasing fees if the money would go to increasing salaries for beach staff, specifically lifeguards. Not sure about the teen badge. Likes the idea we are a family friendly beach which is because we are affordable.
 - o Councilwoman Nicolay agrees with Councilman Brennan. Suggested if need to increase badges it only be \$5 and then maybe another \$5 next year. Not in favor of a teen badge.
 - o Mayor Magovern price of staff is going up so the price of a badge is going to go up. Suggested \$70. Senior badge is too low at \$15. Suggested raising senior age to 65. Doesn't like the teen badge. Suggested dropping badge age down to 13 or 14 years of age. Badges for 2019 go on sale December 3rd but will be at 2018 price.
- 2019 Marina Rates
 - o Mayor Magovern stated occupancy was down after storm but has been growing.
 - o Councilman Walsifer stated the Harbor Commission discussed increasing fees for kayaks and jet skis because there is a huge wait list. Keep all other fees the same.
 - o Councilwoman Nicolay felt the rates might not be comparable to other towns. Councilman Walsifer stated the Chairman did a comparison and Belmar is low compared to other marinas.
 - o Ms. Claudio stated the marina staff would like rates to be adopted tonight so leases can be sent out. The Mayor and Council decided to add a resolution to the agenda setting all marina fees except the jet skis and kayaks. Councilwoman Nicolay would like to see the report the Chairman did before they vote on those fees.

PETITIONS: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilwoman Nicolay made a motion to approve the November 7, 2018 meeting minutes, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Walsifer, Brennan and Nicolay
ABSTAIN: McCracken

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Councilman McCracken: No report.

Councilman Walsifer: Congratulated CFO Robbin Kirk, wished her best in her retirement.

Councilman Brennan: Participating in “No Shave November”. Environmental Commission working on revising Environmental Resources Inventory. Hope to have it done by the end of the year. Working on a beach management plan with State. State was complimentary on how much care DPW takes with the beach. The State was concerned about the area where the birds are near the fishing pier, need to stop lifeguards from going into that area. Can give the State approval to handle cats and foxes in the sanctuary area to protect the endangered birds if we want. There is now an endangered plant on the beach that must be protected. State would like areas designated to allow the plant to grow more.

Councilwoman Nicolay: Belmar Arts Center holiday market had a great turnout. Memberships to the Arts Center would make great Christmas gifts. Holiday tree lighting is December 7th. Small business Saturday is November 24th. Youth Club is doing great. Congratulated Robbin Kirk on doing a tremendous job as our CFO. She will be missed.

Mayor Magovern: Thanked Manasquan/Belmar VFW for Veteran’s Day ceremony. Everyone should like the Belmar Historical Society’s Facebook page, been posting great photos. Congratulations to Robbin Kirk. Thanked Ken DeRoberts for helping with CFO search.

PUBLIC SESSION: Public Session on resolutions only on the Agenda. We will continue to have a Public Session at the end of this meeting.

None

Mayor Magovern made a motion to close the public session, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Magovern made a motion to amend the resolution to state the position would be “Acting”, which was seconded by Councilman Walsifer and approved unanimously.

Mayor Magovern made a motion to adopt, **2018-155, RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ACTING CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER**, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Walsifer, McCracken, Brennan and Nicolay

Mayor Magovern made a motion to add the resolution establishing 2019 marina rates to the agenda as discussed during the Workshop, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved unanimously.

Mayor Magovern made a motion to adopt, **2018-156, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MARINA FEES FOR THE YEAR 2019 AT THE BELMAR MARINA**, which was seconded by Councilwoman Nicolay and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Walsifer, McCracken, Brennan and Nicolay

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters listed in the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Mayor Magovern made a motion to adopt the following resolutions:

2018-157 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

PAYMENT OF BILLS: certification that the vouchers listed on the warrant register numbering 3339 thru 3412 are as follows and comply with requirements of State Law and Borough Ordinance as to content and form, that proper and sufficient appropriations exist for the payment to be made and that there is legal authority as provided in N.J.S. 40A: 5-17(a)(1) for the payment to be made.

01	General Account	\$335,433.71
11	Water/Sewer Account	\$52,990.57
21	Beach Utility Account	\$7,400.66
41	Dog License Account	\$1,614.00
55	Trust Fund Account	\$38,340.79
57	Law Enforcement Trust Fund	\$2,500.00
61	Tourism Development Account	\$3,179.81
Total:		\$403,118.75

2018-158 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR MARINA FUEL

2018-159 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS

Seconded by Councilman Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Walsifer, Brennan and Nicolay
ABSTAIN: McCracken

ORDINANCES:

Second Reading and Public Hearing:

ORDINANCE 2018-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR AMENDING CHAPTER XV PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TO CREATE A PARKS COMMISSION

Public hearing: Mark Levis, 904 13th Avenue, was concerned about the Parks Commission reporting to the Business Administrator, would like them to report to the Council directly. Would like details on the frequency of meetings be added in the ordinance. Would like to have added language to allow them to have the Recreation Director as a member or attend the meetings and provide input. Recommended appointing Theresa Pringle to the commission.

Councilman Walsifer stated reporting to the Administrator or Council is fine. Could have a Council liaison on the commission like other committees. Either way is fine.

Mayor Magovern stated it’s just an advisory group and the Administrator knows what is going on in town and how much money is involved. Thinks it’s important to have the Administrator involved.

Councilwoman Nicolay stated Administrator doesn’t need to be a part of it since it is an advisory committee. Likes the idea of a Council liaison like the other committees.

Councilman Brennan stated we should amend the ordinance to require a minimum number of meetings. People who volunteer start off with a lot energy and hopes, doesn’t want to put something in front of them that would make it harder for them. Don’t need to put an Administrator on them to put down their ideas. Environmental and Harbor Commissions don’t have to report to Administrator, but the Administrator knows what they are doing. Doesn’t think the Recreation Director needs to be added to ordinance, the commission could just interact with him as needed.

Mr. Cannon stated removing the Administrator from the ordinance is not a material change but adding the frequency of the meetings and adding the Recreation Director would require a reintroduction of the ordinance. He recommended not requiring a frequency of meetings, most boards and commissions set their own meeting schedules.

Councilman Brennan stated he doesn’t want to hold up the ordinance.

Councilman McCracken stated he is fine either way with Administrator language.

Councilman Walsifer stated he is fine with taking the Administrator out and let them determine their own meeting dates.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to amend the ordinance to remove the language regarding reporting to the Administrator, which was seconded by Councilman Walsifer and approved unanimously.

Mayor Magovern made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilwoman Nicolay and approved unanimously.

Mayor Magovern made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-15 as amended, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Walsifer, McCracken, Brennan and Nicolay

Prior to his vote, Councilman Brennan thanked Councilman Levis for all his service and creating this ordinance. Welcomed Councilman McCracken.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Dave LaTempa, Belmar Plaza, opened a new business in town, Sonny’s Grille. Happy to be here.

Sharon Mahoney, 800 Main Street, stated it is very hard to hear the Council from the back. Asked if any movement has been made on a traffic study for 8th and Main Street. Would like to see sharrows for bicycles. Would like Council to reach out to the County and State to get these done.

Mayor Magovern made a motion to close the public session and adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio
Municipal Clerk