

“GOD BLESS AMERICA”

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 17, 2015

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

PRESENT: Mayor Doherty, Councilman Brennan, Councilwoman Keown-Blackburn, Councilman Magovern, Acting Borough Attorney Edward Washburne Esq., Business Administrator Colleen Connolly, and Borough Clerk April Claudio

ABSENT: Councilwoman Nicolay

The Borough Clerk stated “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 December 29, 2014 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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh donated \$4000 to Home by Summer

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

- Redevelopment Report – Borough Planner Dave Roberts
 - o Met with Redevelopment Committee during their process. Discussed how the redevelopment plan came about in the late 90’s, early 2000’s. Reviewed Committee’s report and feels it’s a good foundation to move forward with working on a new redevelopment plan.
 - o Mayor Doherty stated there are properties south of the redevelopment zone that want to be in a redevelopment zone so they can take advantages of some of the benefits that would be provided to them.
 - o Mayor Doherty and Council member Brennan liked the one idea in the report that suggested creating several different zones. Council member Brennan also liked their suggestion regarding making the downtown pedestrian friendly.
 - o Mr. Roberts gave suggestions on what the Mayor and Council can do with the existing redevelopment plan such as: rewriting the whole plan, keeping it and make changes, add new sections to it or any combination of these. He feels it’s a great time to look at the plan and make changes.
 - o Council member Magovern liked their idea of parking garages. He also stated their report talked about tax abatements. Mr. Roberts gave an explanation on tax abatements for a redevelopment zone.
 - o Council member Magovern and Brennan discussed reviewing and amending the sustainability sections of the plan. Mr. Roberts suggested reviewing the sustainability checklist.
 - o Council member Keown-Blackburn would like to make sure parking is addressed if the plan is going to permit more residential units above the commercial units. She liked their suggestion of adding more signage in the marina to encourage people to use the river walk underneath the bridge to get to Main Street.
- Energy Aggregation – Ron Nowak, Maser Consulting, PowerPoint Presentation
 - o Residents would be given the option to choose from a third party supplier for their electric bill. Borough would have to aggregate the whole town to allow residents to have purchasing power. Would give residents a savings of 10-30%. Mr. Nowak explained the process.
- JCP&L: Natural Resource Damages – cancelled

PUBLIC BIDS:

- Surf Camp: Summertime Surf bid \$500
- Cross fit Classes: no bids received

PETITIONS: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council member Magovern made a motion to approve the minutes of the

February 13, 2015 regular meeting, which was seconded by Mayor Doherty and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Brennan, Keown-Blackburn, and Doherty

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Council member Magovern: Attended Historical Society’s preopening, it’s a great museum. They have done a great job cataloging Belmar’s history. Planning Board member Chris Hoffman was reappointed at their last meeting, he is 78 years old and is a great resident and extremely knowledge. Saw DPW building new lifeguard stands for this summer, which are really nice. Swans that were removed from the lake have been rehabilitated and moved to a new lake. Congratulated Steve Woelfer, Environmental Commission, on participating in the Polar Bean Plunge for ALS this past weekend.

Council member Brennan: Wished everyone a happy mardi gras. Attended Environmental Commission meeting last week. They discussed possibly looking into an ordinance to regulate bamboo. They are looking to update the Treasure Trail as well.

Council member Keown-Blackburn: Senior luncheon last week was well done. Thanked the Library for speaking at the luncheon and Ma’s for providing the food. Library is looking for people to ride on their float in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. February is Black History Month and the Library is showing a movie each week. Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Committee is meeting once a month. Walking in the gym is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays. February is also heart month and asked that everyone eat healthy and exercise.

Mayor Doherty: Moody’s rating agency removed negative outlook on the Borough’s rating and listed us as stable. Their report deemed the Borough fiscally responsible. Thanked everyone who attended the Home by Summer kickoff. To date we are a little under \$40,000. Belmar Fishing Club is hosting a fundraiser March 14th for Home by Summer. DeCarlo Fitness is going to do a Zumbathon fundraiser in April in the gym for Home by Summer as well. People from all over the country have donated into the PayPal account. March 1st is the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Appreciates everyone who has been removing snow from their sidewalks. Senior citizens who need help can call Borough Hall and we will try get them assistance.

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

Gene Creamer, Fourth Avenue, requested two corrections. One in the temporary budget resolution, there was an apostrophe that should have been a comma. He also stated the date needed to be corrected in the two interlocal resolutions.

Mayor Doherty made a motion to close the public session, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved unanimously.

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.

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT:

Mayor Doherty offered the following resolutions for adoption:

**2015-55
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**2015-56
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A 2015 TEMPORARY BUDGET**

**2015-57
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO FOR STREET BRINING**

**2015-58
RESOLUTION MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS ON LEGALIZED GAMES OF CHANCE APPLICATION NUMBER 2014-06, 07, 08, 09**

**2015-59
RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY ALLOWING THE USE OF OUTDOOR EATING AREAS DURING**

THE BELMAR & LAKE COMO ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE FOR THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

2015-60
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENTION OF LICENSED PREMISES FOR ONE DAY

2015-61
RESOLUTION PERMITTING SPECIAL PERMITS FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS FOR GOODWILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

2015-62
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TO LEASE A PORTION OF THE SECOND AVENUE BOARDWALK FOR YOGA CLASSES

2015-63
RESOLUTION PERMITTING SPECIAL PERMITS FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS FOR BELMAR TOURISM COMMISSION

2015-64
RESOLUTION PERMITTING SPECIAL PERMITS FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS FOR IRISH CURSE LLC DBA 10TH AVENUE BURRITO

2015-65
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT PURCHASE OF AN ALTEC MODEL AT235 TELESCOPING ARTICULATING AERIAL DEVICE ON A 2015 FORD F450

2015-66
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF AVON FOR USE OF AN ALTEC MODEL AT235 TELESCOPING ARTICULATING AERIAL DEVICE ON A 2015 FORD F450

Seconded by Council member Keown-Blackburn and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Brennan, Keown-Blackburn, and Doherty

PAYMENT OF BILLS: certification that the vouchers listed on the warrant register numbering 63138 thru 63216 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	\$1,165,512.68
05 General Capital Account	\$720.00
11 Water/Sewer Account	\$27,783.07
21 Beach Utility Account	\$1,382.80
25 Beach Capital Account	\$925,937.84
31 Public Assist I Account	\$100.00
41 Dog License Account	\$1,464.00
55 Trust Fund Account	\$64,173.41
61 Tourism Development Account	\$6,371.96
Total	\$2,193,445.76

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 2015-12

First Reading & Introduction

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XIX, TRAFFIC, SECTION 19-40.1 PARKING METER ZONES AND REGULATIONS, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

Mayor Doherty offered Ordinance 2015-12 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Brennan, Keown-Blackburn, and Doherty

ORDINANCE 2015-13

First Reading & Introduction

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XIX (TRAFFIC) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, SECTIONS 19-38 LOADING ZONES

Mayor Doherty offered Ordinance 2015-13 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Brennan, Keown-Blackburn, and Doherty

ORDINANCE 2015-14

First Reading & Introduction

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XIX, TRAFFIC, SECTION 19-10 TEMPORARY PARKING PROHIBITION FOR SNOW PLOWING AND REMOVAL, OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR

Council member Magovern felt 24 hour notice is too much time and suggested reducing it. Ms. Connolly suggested 12 hours. Council member Magovern suggested 6-8 ours. Could look into a change before the second reading and public hearing.

Mayor Doherty offered Ordinance 2015-14 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Brennan, Keown-Blackburn, and Doherty

ORDINANCE 2015-10

Second Reading & Public Hearing

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXI TAXICABS

Public Hearing: none

Mayor Doherty made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved unanimously.

Mayor Doherty offered Ordinance 2015-10 for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Brennan, Keown-Blackburn, and Doherty

ORDINANCE 2015-11

Second Reading & Public Hearing

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXXIV SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

Public Hearing: none

Mayor Doherty made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Council member Magovern and approved unanimously.

Mayor Doherty offered Ordinance 2015-11 for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Magovern and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Brennan, Keown-Blackburn, and Doherty

PUBLIC SESSION:

Bruce Blattner, 407 Ninth Avenue, this Sunday is the Polar Bear Plunge for the Belmar Beach Patrol & cancer awareness.

Don Griffin, 817 13th Avenue, used to live near Silver Lake. Heard about town’s plans to expand metered parking. Applauds town’s efforts to pursue revenue generation. Asked where we have fallen short in revenue. Mayor Doherty stated we have not fallen short but are looking for ways to increase revenue without increasing property taxes. Willing to entertain other ideas. Mr. Griffin stated he would be in favor in putting the meters back on the west side of Ocean Avenue, however is concerned about expanding the metered parking to side streets. Feels the metered parking will have a negative effect on beach attendance from seniors and families with

children. Also feels it's increasing the expense for a local family to go to the beach.

Mayor Doherty stated the west side of Ocean Avenue was always on the books for metering. He added that the spots we are looking to meter are not in front of someone's home except for those on Ocean Avenue.

Frank Giannici, 5 Ocean Avenue, stated the spots are in front of people's homes; there are condos and apartments on Ocean Avenue. They only get one parking spot on their property and most people have more than one car. This will be an added expense to the people who live in these buildings or they will have to park further away. He suggested increasing the parking fees instead.

Tom Dilberger, 1000 River Road, stated he knows some of the taxi guys and there are companies coming in from out of town without a license and they need to be addressed.

Ted Ehmann, 1218 Oakwood Road, stated Hurricane Sandy had nothing to do with the Borough establishing a rehab area. It was done based on a report by the engineer that said our water/sewer infrastructure was in need of repair.

Mike Seebeck, 110 Second Avenue, asked if the redevelopment committee report is available online. Asked if we looked into rolling two of our bonds into longer term financing. Mayor Doherty stated we can't because there is FEMA money involved.

Joy DeSanctis, 101 Sixth Avenue, thinks the meters are a good idea, good way to generate revenue. National Street USA is an organization that the Redevelopment Committee should look into.

George Komitas, 111 Third Avenue, stated Sean McGrath is a great person and runs a great surf camp. Congratulated Council member Brennan.

Gene Creamer, Fourth Avenue, asked if we have a Borough flag. Mr. Komitas stated they were taken down due to the wind.

Raymond Miller, Off the Boards – 1000 Ocean Avenue, stated he would like to lease a few parking spaces in front of his store so his customers can come in and look at the artwork that he has on display.

Mayor Doherty made a motion to close the public session and adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Council member Keown-Blackburn and approved unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio
Municipal Clerk