

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES**

MAY 17, 2022

6:30 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Mark Walsifer, Council President James McCracken, Councilman Thomas Brennan, Councilwoman Jodi Kinney, Borough Attorney Patrick Varga, Business Administrator Edward Kirschenbaum and Borough Clerk April Claudio

ASBENT: Councilman Thomas Carvelli

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 22, 2021 and 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.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Our troops and their families and first responders

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

Ryan Dullea, Fire Marshal, spoke about the shared service agreement for EMS services with Lake Como, Sea Girt and Manasquan. Councilman McCracken thanked Mr. Dullea for his work on putting together this plan. Mr. Dullea thanked everyone from all four towns that worked many hours to put the plan together.

Mayor Walsifer stated there will be a special meeting on Saturday at 10 am to introduce the 2022 budget. We have to schedule a special meeting in order to have the hearing at the June 21st meeting.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Brennan offered a motion to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2022 meeting, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kinney and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Walsifer, Brennan, and Kinney

ABSTAIN: McCracken

REPORTS OF COUNCIL

Councilman McCracken: Congratulated the Shade Tree Commission for obtaining the Tree City USA designation for 2021. Belmar Housing Authority had a lunch and learn for Nixle today.

Councilman Brennan: Tourism Commission met and reviewed their budget. All events are coming back this year. Seafood Festival is this weekend. Porch fest went well despite the rain and the host will look to do it again next year.

Councilwoman Kinney: Summer concerts start next Friday. Recreation has sign ups for many programs going on. Recreation needs coaches and sponsors. Belmar Elementary School field day is on the 27th and their concert and art show is June 2nd. St. Rose Grammar School carnival day is the 23rd and 8th grade graduation is June 9th. St. Rose High School girls and boys lacrosse teams are playing in tournaments this weekend. Their graduation is June 7th.

Mayor Walsifer: The Field of Dreams event will be rescheduled. Thanked Anna and Rocco Cavaluzzi for setting up the Ukraine donations. Thanked all those who donated. Thanked Kyle Rizzitello and Claire Deicke for their fundraising efforts for Belmar Cares. Thanked the Fishing Club, Shillelaghs, and all the other community groups that do fundraising for their groups and others in town.

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

Gerald Buccafusco, 409 5th Avenue, asked questions about the EMS shared service agreement. Had questions about the financial side of it. Had concerns about the role of the steering committee. Mr. Dullea answered his questions.

Tom Dilberger, 1000 River Road, asked why Spring Lake and Spring Lake Heights were left out of the agreement. Mr. Dullea stated they felt their volunteers could handle their towns at this time but there will be mutual aid agreements in place.

Maria Rondinaro, 1246 Pinetree Way, asked about the salaries of the EMTs. Mr. Varga stated they will be listed in the budget. She asked for an explanation of Resolution 2022-89. Mr. Brennan stated this resolution has been done since the 1930’s. It’s for the concerts at the Gazebo and Taylor Pavilion.

Joe McEvoy, 700 Main Street, asked about the contribution percentage in the EMS agreement.

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

CONSENT AGENDA - RESOLUTIONS:

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.

Councilwoman Kinney offered the following resolutions for adoption:

- No. 2022-87

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS
- No. 2022-88

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS
- No. 2022-89

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH LOCAL 399 AFM FOR MUSICAL SERVICES FOR 2022
- NO. 2022-90

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO, SEA GIRT AND MANASQUAN FOR THE PROVISION OF BASIC LIFE SUPPORT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Kinney, McCracken and Walsifer

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 2022-10 *First Reading & Introduction*
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XIX (TRAFFIC) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, SECTION 19-46 HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES

Councilwoman Kinney offered Ordinance 2022-10 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Kinney, McCracken and Walsifer

PUBLIC SESSION:

Maria Florio, 12th Avenue, asked if there will be any events for seniors. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated all the events are on the website. Mayor Walsifer stated there will be a lunch in September at the Fishing Club.

Tom Dilberger, 1000 River Road, gave his opinion on the history of the skatepark.

Kyle Rizzitello, 14th Avenue, thanked Mayor Walsifer for attending the Belmar Cares concert. Thanked DPW for the potholes being fixed. Community Policing met last night and needs more volunteers.

John Walsh, B Street, asked when the beach lockers are going out. Billy Musto, DPW, stated they are working on it this week. Mr. Walsh asked about Manasquan’s first aid volunteers. Mr. Dullea explained how they will be utilized.

Joe McEvoy, 700 Main Street, spoke about the US flag code.

Mayor Walsifer stated George Komitas does a great job managing the Borough’s flags.

George Komitas, 111 3rd Avenue, stated it is hard to get volunteers for fire and first aid because of the new training requirements. Felt the Borough is lucky to have Ryan Dullea.

Mayor Walsifer announced the Manasquan VFW is naming George Komitas Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Dilberger felt the Borough should make it mandatory for people to volunteer.

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

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio
Municipal Clerk