

**“GOD BLESS AMERICA”**

**REORGANIZATION MEETING**

**JANUARY 4, 2014**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

A **Reorganization Meeting** of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Belmar held on the above date at 12:00 PM at the Belmar Municipal Building, 601 Main Street.

PRESENT: Mayor Doherty, Councilman Bean, Councilwoman Keown-Blackburn, Councilman Magovern, Councilwoman Nicolay, Business Administrator Colleen Connolly, and Borough Clerk April Claudio

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 17, 2013 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

**OATH OF OFFICE:** Mayor Doherty administered the Oath of Office to Council member Janis Keown-Blackburn and Council member Brian Magovern

**NOMINATIONS OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:** Council member Keown-Blackburn made a motion to nominate Council member Magovern as Council President, which was seconded by Council member Nicolay and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Keown-Blackburn, Nicolay, Bean, and Doherty

**REPORT OF MAYOR:**

Mayor Doherty’s report concerning the Emergency Management staff for advice and consent:

I, Matthew Doherty, Mayor of the Borough of Belmar hereby appoint the following individuals as members to the Local Emergency Planning Committee:

**Primary Staff**

Director: Mayor Matthew Doherty  
Coordinator: Mayor Matthew Doherty  
OEM 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Coordinator – Francis Hines  
OEM 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Coordinator – Thomas Palmisano  
OEM 3<sup>rd</sup> Deputy Coordinator – Tina Scott

**Staff Positions**

Communications/IT Officer – Andrew Huisman  
Resource Officers (2) – TBA  
Haz-Mat WMD Officer – Peter Sykes  
CERT Officer – Francis Hines  
Shelter/Welfare Officer – Kelly Williams  
Finance Officer – Robbin Kirk

**Secondary Staff:**

Councilwoman: Jennifer Nicolay  
Councilman: Brian Magovern  
Councilwoman: Janis Keown-Blackburn  
Councilman: James Bean  
Borough Clerk: April Claudio  
Borough Attorney: Michael DuPont, Esq.  
Borough Engineer: Paul Calabrese, P.E.  
Police Chief: Thomas Palmisano  
Administrator – Colleen Connolly  
Fire Chief: Peter Sykes  
First Aid: Francis Hines  
Public Works & Utilities: Michael Campbell

Code Enforcement: Neil Hamilton  
Safety Committee Chairman – Michael Campbell

**COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL - Appointed and Designated by Mayor**

**(NJSA40:69A-123)**: The following **Council Committees** are hereby established with the following council members serving as noted:

Finance, Grants, Leasing & Personnel Committee – Magovern & Nicolay

Beach & Environment Committee (operations and activities, except lifeguards)- Keown-Blackburn and Magovern.

Parks, Roads and Buildings Committee – Magovern & Nicolay

Public Safety Committee (police, fire and first aid, including lifeguards) – Bean and Keown-Blackburn

Community Services Committee (including youth services, recreation, senior citizen services, Drug Alliance) - Nicolay and Keown-Blackburn

Water/Sewer Committee – Bean and Magovern

**PLANNING BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS:**

Matthew Doherty, Mayor of the Borough of Belmar makes the following appointments to the Planning Board as per Borough Ordinance 1995-07:

- Class I - Matthew Doherty, Mayor, for a term expiring December 31, 2014
- Class II – Michael Campbell, municipal official, for a term expiring December 31, 2014
- Class III - Brian Magovern, member of the governing body, for a term expiring December 31, 2014
- Class IV - Thomas Burke, for a term expiring December 31, 2017  
Judy Rokoszak, for a term expiring December 31, 2017  
Chris Hoffman, for a term expiring December 31, 2017  
Edward Windas, for a term expiring December 31, 2017 (was not listed on agenda)

Per Council member Bean’s request Mayor Doherty made a motion to remove resolutions 2014-01 and 2014-02 from the consent agenda, which was seconded by Council member Bean and approved unanimously.

Mayor Doherty offered the following for adoption: **No. 2014-01** entitled “**RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY, BOROUGH ENGINEER, BOND COUNSEL, SPECIAL COUNSEL, & PUBLIC DEFENDER**”, which was seconded by Council member Magovern and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Keown-Blackburn, Nicolay, and Doherty  
NAYS: Bean

Prior to voting Council member Bean expressed concern about the number of mistakes Mr. Dupont has made regarding his interpretation of several laws and therefore stated he would vote against the resolution.

Mayor Doherty offered the following for adoption: **No. 2014-02** entitled “**RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL**”, which was seconded by Council member Keown-Blackburn and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Keown-Blackburn, Nicolay, and Doherty  
NAYS: Bean

Prior to voting Council member Bean stated he has been against the salary for this position since it was taken from Robbin Kirk and feels it is too high for the town and therefore he would be voting against the resolution.

**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 for adoption:

**No. 2014-03** entitled “**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR TO IDENTIFY FUND COMMISSIONER AND SAFETY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CENTRAL JERSEY JOINT INSURANCE FUND**”

**No. 2014-04** entitled “**RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING VARIOUS POSITIONS IN THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.**”

**No. 2014-05** entitled “**RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER**”

**No. 2014-06** entitled “**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF FUNDS**”

**No. 2014-07** entitled “**RESOLUTION ADOPTING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN**”

**No. 2014-08** entitled “**RESOLUTION APPOINTING COORDINATOR AND MEMBERS TO THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES (ADA) FOR THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR**”

**No. 2014-09** entitled “**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BELMAR SHADE TREE COMMISSION**”

**No. 2014-10** entitled “**RESOLUTION SPREADING THE RETURNS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 5, 2013 UPON THE MINUTES**”

**No. 2014-11** entitled “**RESOLUTION APPOINTING STEPHEN G. SCHUELER AS MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR**”

**No. 2014-12** entitled “**RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AS PER BOROUGH ORDINANCE 2004-21**”

**No. 2014-13** entitled “**RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AS PROVIDED BY BOROUGH ORDINANCE 1991-3 AND ORDINANCE 2004-19**”

**2014-14** entitled “**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE HARBOR COMMISSION AS PERMITTED BY N.J.S.A. 40:68-22 AND BOROUGH ORDINANCE 1995-02**”

**2014-15** entitled “**RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO THE TOURISM COMMISSION AS PROVIDED BY BOROUGH ORDINANCE 1993-3**”

**2014-16** entitled “**RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES TO THE BELMAR FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AS PERMITTED BY N.J.S.A.40:54-9**”

**No. 2014-17** entitled “**RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH RULES OF ORDER FOR MEETINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**”

**No. 2014-18** entitled “**RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD**”

**No. 2014-19** entitled “**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR 2014**”

**No. 2014-20** entitled “**RESOLUTION DETERMINING RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT WATER/SEWER CHARGES AS PERMITTED BY BOROUGH ORDINANCE 1997-19**”

**No. 2014-21** entitled “**RESOLUTION DETERMINING RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS AS PERMITTED BY N.J.S.A.**”

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**No. 2014-22** entitled **“RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS AS ESTABLISHED BY ARTICLE III, DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES, SECTIONS 2-11 AND 2-12, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL”**

**No. 2014-23** entitled **“RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2014”**

**No. 2014-24** entitled **”RESOLUTION APPOINTING GENE CORY AS BELMAR’S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SOUTH MONMOUTH REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY”**

Seconded by Council member Nicolay and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Keown-Blackburn, Bean, Nicolay and Doherty

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL:**

Council member Magovern: Police and DPW did a good job handling the most recent snow storm.

Council member Keown-Blackburn: Attended the meeting with NJ Transit and the plans to get a platform at the train station should happen but don’t know when. Encouraged everyone to replace their carbon monoxide detectors after five years. Thanked the police and fire departments for assisting her with her detector.

Council member Nicolay: Congratulated Council members Keown-Blackburn and Magovern. Also congratulated Mayor Doherty on the birth of his son.

Council member Bean: No report.

Mayor Doherty: Stated him and Council member Bean lost the election the first time they ran for Council and Council member Keown-Blackburn won on her first try, which should speak volumes about her and what she will do for the town. Announced it is two months from the St. Patrick’s Day parade.

Mayor Doherty made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Council member Bean and approved unanimously.