

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

### MINUTES

JUNE 16, 2020

6:00 PM

Mayor Mark Walsifer, Council President Thomas Brennan, Councilman James McCracken, Councilman Thomas Carvelli, Councilwoman Patricia Wann, Borough Attorney Jerry Dasti, Business Administrator Edward Kirschenbaum and Borough Clerk April Claudio

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 4, 2019 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.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Our troops and their families and Norman Einhorn

### **WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Campbell stated he has the flapper valve for Lake Como. He met with the contractors and Maser who all examined it and are satisfied with it. It will be installed in the near future. Mr. Dasti stated we have it all worked out to get reimbursed by DEP.

Mr. Kirschenbaum stated we continue to monitor the beach for social distancing. There has been a trash problem due to the influx of people and people taking food to go. An additional dumpster was purchased. Hopefully with outdoor dining opening the amount of congestion and trash will go down. Letters have been sent to the Governor asking him to repeal the alcohol drinks to go law now that outdoor dining is open.

Chief Scott stated they will have eight more Special One Police Officers on staff. The Patrol Officers have been issuing noise tickets. This past weekend 162 Borough ordinance tickets were issued, 30 of which were noise tickets over two nights. Encouraged people to call the Police when an issue is occurring and not after the fact so it can be addressed.

Mayor Walsifer stated Code Enforcement is finding yearly rentals that are really summer rentals. The Police Department will be doing an investigation.

Mr. Kirschenbaum stated the Friendship Force is working out very well.

**PETITIONS:** none

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilman Brennan made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2020 meeting, which was seconded by Councilman McCracken and approved unanimously.

### **REPORTS OF COUNCIL:**

Councilman Carvelli: Harbor Commission met and discussed boats reopening, slip occupancy, jet ski slips and kayak storage. BBP will be meeting tomorrow.

Councilman McCracken: Shade Tree Commission meets tomorrow. Attending classes for the Housing Authority. Wished everyone a Happy Independence Day.

Councilwoman Wann: South end of town had a rough weekend. Thanked Mr. Kirschenbaum for listening to their concerns. The response from the Police Department was fantastic. Community Policing met last night and is working out very well. Asked Mayor Walsifer to look into a Parking Authority to take some burden off the Police Department.

Councilman Brennan: Environmental Commission applied for a grant to finish the ERI but did not get approved. Will look at other avenues to get it finished. All the staff is doing a great job, specifically Mr. Kirschenbaum. He is making a lot of things happen. The Environmental Commission is also looking into Silver Lake and why the swans left. Mike Campbell, DPW, stated Fish and Game has sampled the water at Silver Lake and it is clean. They will be restocking it in the Spring.

Mayor Walsifer: All the employees having been going above and beyond. The kids are doing a great job cleaning the beach. Park Mobile is working out better than expected. Will be looking into expanding it to Dempsey Park on Tuesday nights and in the marina near Marina Grille.

**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, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked why the budget was not on the website. Mayor Walsifer stated it will go up once it is introduced. Mr. Dasti explained the budget process. Ms. Claudio explained the Mayor and Council received a copy of it via email.

Cheri Russo, 1218 Briarwood, asked if there is a tax increase. Mayor Walsifer stated he and the Council still need to review the budget.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to close the public session, which was seconded by Councilman Carvelli 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.

Mayor Walsifer offered the following resolutions for adoption:

**No. 2020-125 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**No. 2020-126 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR AMENDING THE FEES FOR DUMPSTERS AND POD PERMITS**

**No. 2020-127 RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR 2020**

**No. 2020-128 RESOLUTION INTRODUCING THE 2020 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**No. 2020-129 RESOLUTION AMENDING 2020 TEMPORARY BUDGET**

**No. 2020-131 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING TRANSFER OF TITLE OF THE STAINLESS-STEEL FLAP GATE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LAKE COMO STORMWATER OUTFALL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: McCracken, Wann, Carvelli, Brennan and Walsifer

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Councilman Brennan was recused from the following resolution.

Mayor Walsifer offered for adoption:

**No. 2020-130 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL VOIDING PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2020-124**

Seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved by the following vote:

AYES: McCracken, Wann, Carvelli, and Walsifer

**ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE 2020-26** *Second Reading & Public Hearing*

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A FIRE TRUCK, APPROPRIATING \$525,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$498,750 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY**

Public Hearing: None

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

Councilman Carvelli offered Ordinance 2020-26 for adoption, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: McCracken, Wann, Carvelli, Brennan and Walsifer

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-27 *Second Reading & Public Hearing***  
**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL  
ORDINANCE CHAPTER 19 SECTION 24 ONE-WAY STREETS**

Public Hearing: None

Councilman Brennan made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved unanimously.

Councilman Brennan offered Ordinance 2020-27 for adoption, which was seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:

AYES: McCracken, Wann, Carvelli, Brennan and Walsifer

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-28 *Second Reading & Public Hearing***  
**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF  
MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 24  
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR ENTITLED HEALTH**

Public Hearing: Gene Creamer, 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, listed the several types of species in Silver Lake. He found that it was last restocked in 2014. He felt the ordinance was in conflict with State regulations.

Mr. Dasti suggested adopting the ordinance and then can review it with the state and repeal if necessary.

Mr. Campbell stated other towns have done a similar ordinance.

Mark Pfeifer, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, though the lake was a freshwater lake. Mr. Campbell stated it is brackish.

Victoria Renner, 1106 D Street, asked who will enforce the ordinance and why is not being restocked sooner. Mr. Campbell stated the state has deemed it to have a satisfactory amount of fish in the past.

Councilman McCracken suggested tabling the ordinance.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved unanimously.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to table the ordinance, which was seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved by the following vote:

AYES: McCracken, Wann, Carvelli, Brennan and Walsifer

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-29 *First Reading & Introduction***  
**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW  
JERSEY, TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO  
ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

Mayor Walsifer offered Ordinance 2020-29 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:

AYES: McCracken, Wann, Carvelli, Brennan and Walsifer

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Jason Larson, Lake Como, hoped volleyball will be allowed again on the beach. Mayor Walsifer stated we are concentrating on social distancing right now.

Mark Pfeifer, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, stated there is a Parkway directional sign on Ocean Avenue that was put in place during the bridge construction that should now be removed. He would also like to see a stop sign installed at 5<sup>th</sup> and C Street. Chief Scott will look into it.

Eileen Thiede, 210 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, was concerned about the occupancy at 212 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and how occupancy is determined.

Matilda Garrido, 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked why summer camps are not being done. Mayor Walsifer stated it is hard to control social distancing with kids. We have stopped everything on the beach to help with social distancing. She felt if there are camps the kids will be there rather than running around the beach not

following social distancing rules. Mayor Walsifer stated we do not have the personnel and we need to focus on other areas. There will not be any camps until the Governor lifts more restrictions.

Victoria Renner, 1106 D Street, asked for a bike rack to be put back on the 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue boardwalk. She was concerned about trash getting into the Ocean. Was concerned about the striping on the newly paved 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mayor Walsifer stated the Borough engineer approved the plans.

Maria Rondinaro, 1246 Pinetree Way, asked if anything is being done in light of the protests around the country. Chief Scott stated the officers attend yearly training, even she does. Ms. Rondinaro suggested promoting Belmar's black history and for the town to show a sign of solidarity and equality through social media. She wanted to let everyone know the police department is there for us.

Councilman Brennan stated the police department does a great job and they are the best trained. He is confident there will not be any issues.

Mark Fitzgerald, 1902 Surf Avenue, stated the quality of life has been bad on 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Thanked Mr. Kirschenbaum for listening to their concerns and addressing them. He suggested paid parking on North Blvd.

Angela Pfeifer, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, thanked Chief Scott for doing a great job. She was concerned about over burdening our service with the influx of people and suggested limiting badge sales or increase the badge fees.

Mayor Walsifer stated people are not going on cruises and not vacationing so they have nowhere to go but the beach.

Bob Lynch, 316 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, felt the paid parking in the marina will be positive. He asked if we are required to have a certain amount of transient slips. Mr. Campbell stated there is a set number required and the state does check.

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

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio  
Municipal Clerk