

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

JUNE 3, 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 healthcare workers

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

Mayor Walsifer stated there is a bond ordinance on the agenda for the purchase of a new fire truck. It is a demo model, so we are saving a lot of money. Ryan Dullea, Fire Marshall, stated he did a review of all the fire apparatus. The last fire truck was purchased in 2008 and prior to that was 2002. In 2011 a 22-year-old truck was purchased which is now 31 years old. The truck comes ready with just a few modifications. Should be in service sometime in July. Councilman Carvelli asked how much it will cost to fit it out. Mr. Dullea replied \$25,000. He added he is in looking into options for the old truck such as selling for scrap or repurposing it. Mayor Walsifer stated we are also looking to Lake Como to share some cost because of the shared service agreement.

Mr. Kirschenbaum stated we are working on a plan for the bars and restaurants but waiting for the guidelines from the State. Councilman McCracken stated some restaurants have more room for outdoor dining than others and hopes we can work with them to give more space. Councilwoman Wann was concerned about lines forming.

Councilman Carvelli asked how the beach is working out. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated our plan is working very well. Some beaches were closed down this past weekend and people were asked to move.

Mayor Walsifer stated the 507 former Salt license is being transferred to Flames. They will then put their current seasonal license in pocket.

Councilman Brennan asked about the Finance Committee. Mayor Walsifer explained they will sit down and review the budget and make recommendations.

Councilman McCracken asked how much money we hope to receive the from the County. Mayor Walsifer stated the staff has been keeping a list of all purchases and we will submit them to the County for funding. If it is not funded, we will then submit to FEMA.

Councilman Carvelli asked about the 12th Avenue paving. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated they are finishing up tomorrow and then will be moving onto the next phase.

PETITIONS: Pat Puleio, 207 18th Avenue: Snyder Avenue direction

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilwoman Wann made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2020 meeting, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved unanimously.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Councilman Carvelli: Harbor Commission might meet next week. Everyone is doing a great job. Hopes to get back to normal sooner rather than later.

Councilman McCracken: There are no cases of COVID-19 in the Housing Authority building. Shade Tree Commission meets on the 17th. They are reviewing the current ordinance. Asked everyone to keep victims of violence, healthcare workers and first responders in your prayers.

Councilwoman Wann: Community Policing has met. They created two zones for the south end of town. Thanked everyone who worked on the beach.

Councilman Brennan: Recycling center is open. Environmental Commission is looking into the quality of the water at Silver Lake and how to get certain grass to grow that attracts swans. He saw firsthand the beach plan and it worked great. Friendship Force also worked really well. Drone pics confirm how well the plan is working. People were good at social distancing.

Mayor Walsifer: Everyone has been stepping up. Surprised to see how many people are social distancing on the beach. Thanked the Friendship Force for doing a great job. Thanked Gene Cory, Beach Director, for doing a great job. He is officially retired.

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

Cheri Russo, 1218 Briarwood Road, was concerned about nepotism on the Finance Committee because John Carvelli is related to Councilman Carvelli. Felt there are other people that would be better for the committee. Mayor Walsifer stated they are not paid positions but volunteers.

Steve Eschbacher, 219 18th Avenue, stated he saw a lady walking in the wrong direction on the boardwalk and spoke to the special police officers and they said it was not their job to enforce. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated there is no ordinance for them to enforce and it is just a suggested lane of traffic to help with social distancing. Chief Scott stated the special officers are told to advise people to stay in the right lanes and will speak to them again.

Cy Reitmeyer, 5th Avenue, asked if the Finance Committee is going to look at the budget. Mayor Walsifer stated they will also look at other issues. Mr. Reitmeyer was concerned that there were not enough members of the public on the committee.

Linda Sharkus, 4th Avenue, stated the Friendship Force saw a lot of bicycles locked to railings on the beach and thought signage directing people to the bike racks would be helpful. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated there are more signs on order.

Councilman McCracken stated there are a lot of new faces working and suggested another training session with the staff. Mayor Walsifer stated the staff had a meeting Memorial Day weekend during one of the rain outs.

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.

Councilman Carvelli offered the following resolutions for adoption:

No. 2020-118 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

No. 2020-119 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS

No. 2020-120 RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR 2020

No. 2020-121 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATING A FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR

No. 2020-122 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE MONMOUTH COUNTY MUNICIPAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND PROGRAM REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

No. 2020-123 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 1994, C.72

No. 2020-125 RESOLUTION APPROVING A TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET

Seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Wann, Brennan, Carvelli, McCracken and Walsifer

RESOLUTIONS: Councilman Brennan recused himself from this resolution.

Mayor Walsifer offered the following resolution for adoption:

No. 2020-124 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER AND PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO. 1306-32-006-012 DCJ BELMAR INC., HELD IN POCKET/INACTIVE TO 1000 MAIN LIQUOR LICENSE LLC FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

Seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Wann, Carvelli, McCracken and Walsifer

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 2020-25 *Second Reading & Public Hearing*

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XIX, TRAFFIC, SECTION 19-12, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF 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.

Mayor Walsifer offered Ordinance 2020-25 for adoption, which was seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Wann, Brennan, Carvelli, McCracken and Walsifer

ORDINANCE 2020-26 *First Reading & Introduction*

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

Mayor Walsifer offered Ordinance 2020-26 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Wann, Brennan, Carvelli, McCracken and Walsifer

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-27 *First Reading & Introduction*

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 19 SECTION 24 ONE-WAY STREETS

Councilman Brennan offered Ordinance 2020-27 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Wann, Brennan, Carvelli, McCracken and Walsifer

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-28 *First Reading & Introduction*

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

Councilman Brennan offered Ordinance 2020-28 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Wann, Brennan, Carvelli, McCracken and Walsifer

PUBLIC SESSION:

Cy Reitmeyer asked how the new parking is working out. Mayor Walsifer stated it is going excellent. Mr. Reitmeyer asked about a white Cushman truck. Mayor Walsifer stated that was purchased for enforcement and reads plates. He added it will most likely be paid for by the end of the summer. Mr. Reitmeyer asked if the Special Officers on bikes can write tickets for illegal parking. Chief Scott stated any Police Officer can write tickets.

Randi Brazel, 11th Avenue, stated she is a block captain and spoke to the Special Police Officers about two driveways being blocked, and they did not do anything about it. Chief Scott stated she will speak to the officers in their daily briefings.

Councilwoman Wann 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