

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

### AGENDA

MAY 5, 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

**PROCLAMATION:** Municipal Clerk's Week

#### **WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:**

Mayor Walsifer stated we are concentrating on a social distancing plan for the reopening of the beach. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated we have been participating in meetings with the County, OEM and the Freeholder Arnone. We are planning to open the beach while we wait from orders from the Governor. Mayor Walsifer stated we cannot stop people from coming to have to prepare and encouraged people to do what is best for their families. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated it is not a requirement to wear a mask outside, but it is encouraged and is everyone's preference.

Councilman McCracken stated he heard other towns were looking at options to limit people and badge sales and asked how we will enforce social distancing. Mayor Walsifer stated our plan is to have a task force on the beach. We will monitor the beach daily and will move people to other beaches if one becomes too crowded or will shut it down. We need more personnel for the bathrooms to keep them clean. WE are ordering extra ticket booths to help with social distancing. Mr. Kirshenbaum stated summer camp and Jr. Guards has been cancelled. All of the playgrounds will remain closed. We will provide PPE to all beach staff. We are removing the benches off the boardwalk. Councilman McCracken asked if there is a safe number of people. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated we have to monitor it daily and will use a drone to assist.

Councilman Brennan asked about parking. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated we are reopening the parking and using Park Mobile for paid parking. Signage is going up along the boardwalk.

Councilman Carvelli asked if there is a vendor that does digital badge sales. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated there is an ongoing dialogue to see what will work best.

Councilwoman Wann asked about rentals. Mayor Walsifer stated they have bene held off until Memorial Day weekend. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated Police and Code Enforcement will respond to overcrowding issues. WE cannot restrict rentals.

**PETITIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilman Brennan made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2020 meeting, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved unanimously.

#### **REPORTS OF COUNCIL:**

Councilman Carvelli: Congratulated Ms. Claudio on obtaining her CMC certificate. The new online ordinance portal is an improvement. Ordinance tonight for large trucks is a great change.

Councilman McCracken: Shade Tree Commission celebrated Arbor Day. Thanked the businesses and organizations who have donated meals to the senior building. He would like to see the final beach plan presented at the next Council meeting.

Councilwoman Wann: Thanked all the teachers because it is National Teachers Week. Working on changes to community policing and information will be going out soon.

Councilman Brennan: Agreed with Councilman Carvelli, the website is better. Congratulated all the teachers.

DEP is starting a NJ PACT program which will have new measures on storm water management and materials to be used on homes in flood zones.

Mayor Walsifer: Thanked residents for social distancing and wearing masks. Thanked DPW, Beach staff and Lifeguards for working to get ready for the summer. Thanked the teachers. Thanked the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh and all the businesses who have stepped up to feed healthcare workers and others. Looking into doing outdoor meetings for some of the Committees.

**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, 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked about the Lake Como project. Mayor Walsifer stated we are still waiting on the flapper valve. We will be discussing this matter in closed session.

Mayor Walsifer made a motion to close the public session, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan 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 Brennan offered the following resolutions for adoption:

**No. 2020-103 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**No. 2020-104 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING SIGNATORS FOR THE BOROUGH BELMAR**

**No. 2020-105 RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING MONMOUTH COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NEW JERSEY COASTAL COALITION (NJCC)**

**No. 2020-106 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS**

**No 2020-107 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GASOLINE, DIESEL FUEL, MOTOR OIL AND OTHER LUBRICANTS RATES IN THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**No. 2020-111 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PAID PARKING AREAS**

Seconded by Councilman McCracken and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Carvelli, McCracken, Brennan, Wann and Walsifer

**ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE 2020-24 *First Reading & Introduction***

**ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 19-16 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "PARKING OF CERTAIN TRUCKS, VEHICLES AND TRAILERS PROHIBITED"**

Mayor Walsifer offered Ordinance 2020-24 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Carvelli, McCracken, Brennan, Wann and Walsifer

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Lisa Bucsko, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked when the boardwalk will open. Mayor Walsifer stated we are trying for Friday. Ms. Bucsko stated it is a good idea because people running are too close to the street.

Patricia Ciampa, Ocean Avenue, suggested two-way traffic lanes on the boardwalk to organize pedestrian flow.

Linda Sharkus, 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, thanked everyone for keeping the town safe. Asked if there is a sign ordinance for businesses because she was concerned about the window wrapping of the new physical therapy place.

She asked about the liquor license transfer from Jacks Tavern to Beach Haus. Mayor Walsifer stated the application is under review. She asked if they will be expanding to have a restaurant at Beach Haus. Mayor Walsifer stated we have not received any plans yet.

Alexis Finch, 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, stated masks only give 30% protection and asked that we require people to wear masks at all times. Mayor Walsifer stated we cannot control that but can enforce social distancing.

Gerald Buccafusco, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked about the DOBCO agreement. Mayor Walsifer stated we are waiting for them to gather all their contracts and post escrow. Mr. Buccafusco encouraged the Council to adopt a resolution cancelling the project. Mr. Dasti explained COVID-19 is delaying things.

Donna Asfar, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked about ball playing on the beach. Mayor Walsifer stated it will be eliminated this year due to COVID-19.

John Walsh, E Street, stated the Belmar Beach Facebook page is run by a local photographer who posts great photos, but he recently shared Mayor Walsifer's post which led to a lot of people asking questions. His page has more followers than the official Belmar page and asked how we can fix that. He asked if we could require people to wear masks on the boardwalk. Mayor Walsifer stated it will be encouraged. Mr. Walsh asked if our emergency services are prepared for the influx of people. Mayor Walsifer replied yes.

Randi Brazel, 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, was concerned about her neighbor's fire pit. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated the Fire Marshal will look into it.

Katrina Clapsis, B Street, congratulated Ms. Claudio, many people will agree we are lucky to have her. She is happy the boardwalk is being reopened. Everyone is doing a great job. Asked when the bars will reopen. Mayor Walsifer stated it is up to the State.

Debra Poley, Inlet Terrace, asked if the Emergency Orders expire. Mayor Walsifer replied no. She stated there is an order for non-essential travel and everyone should stay home and asked why that is not being enforced. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated it is not a law. She was concerned about people not social distancing and wearing masks at Playa Bowls. Mayor Walsifer stated that was addressed. She wanted to see a more effective beach plan. Councilman McCracken pointed out the Executive Order encourage travel for recreation and outdoor activities.

Maria Rondinaro, Pinetree Way, asked if there is a cap on the number of people at the beach. Felt it would be good to know. Glad to see a plan is being put together. Suggested doing more Code Red calls for those that do not use Facebook and the internet.

Mike Martucci, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked about occupancy on rentals that are more than 10. Mayor Walsifer stated they are allowed but if they are having parties outside with more than what the occupancy is then that will be addressed.

Karen Grau, 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, congratulated Ms. Claudio; she has always been kind and informative. Stated the Governor is very vague on what to do and encourages everyone to wear masks.

Mark Presto, 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked if a rental has an occupancy of 10 but has 20 in the back yard is that a violation. Mayor Walsifer replied yes. Mr. Presto asked how we communicate that to the realtors. Mayor Walsifer stated it will be explained when they obtain their CO.

Tom Volker, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked about the beach showers. Mayor Walsifer stated DPW is putting them up but we need to discuss it further. Mr. Volker was concerned about enforcement of the noise ordinance with motorcycles. Mayor Walsifer explained the Police Officer has to witness the noise violation.

Erica Wortman, 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked if the resident only barrels will be removed. Mayor Walsifer replied yes.

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

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

Councilman Brennan offered the following resolution for adoption:

**No. 2020-108 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Seconded by Councilman McCracken and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Carvelli, McCracken, Brennan, Wann and Walsifer

The Mayor and Council left the public meeting to go into Executive Session. After the Executive Session the Mayor and Council returned to the public meeting.

Mayor Walsifer offered the following resolution for adoption:

**No. 2020-109 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR,  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING SETTLEMENT  
AGREEMENT AND RELEASE WITH J.E. HANNON, INC. TIA BIRD  
CONSTRUCTION**

Seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Carvelli, McCracken, Brennan, Wann and Walsifer

Mayor Walsifer offered the following resolution for adoption:

**No. 2020-110 RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.4 ET SEQ. CHANGE ORDER  
NUMBER SIX FOR THE LAKE COMO STORMWATER OUTFALL  
IMPROVEMENTS**

Seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Carvelli, McCracken, Brennan, Wann and Walsifer

Councilman Brennan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio  
Municipal Clerk