

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

APRIL 6, 2021

6:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Mark Walsifer, Councilman Thomas Brennan, Councilman James McCracken, Councilman Thomas Carvelli, Borough Attorney Jerry Dasti, Business Administrator Edward Kirschenbaum and Borough Clerk April Claudio

ABSENT: Council President Patricia Wann

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 2, 2020 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, healthcare workers, and first responders

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

- Mayor Walsifer announced letters will be going out with final numbers on the Sidewalk Assessment Program. Participants will have the opportunity to schedule a meeting to review.
- Mayor Walsifer announced the town wide yard sale will be May 22nd and 23rd and September 25th and 26th.
- Mayor Walsifer and Chief Scott announced several police officers are being promoted. Swearing in will be Saturday at 10 am at the Huisman Gazebo.
- Barry Trogu, Recreation Director, discussed upcoming recreation programs for the summer.
- Councilman McCracken asked if the snack bar at Dempsey Park could be used. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated it is in disrepair.
- Ryan Dullea, Fire Official, explained the EMS resolutions on the agenda.
- Mayor Walsifer thanked Police, Fire and EMS for handling the Lake Como fire today.

PROCLAMATION: Arbor Day

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Brennan made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2021 meeting, which was seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved unanimously.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL

Councilman Carvelli: Planning Board met and approved a subdivision application. Finance Committee met and discussed infrastructure. TDRC meets tomorrow to review the 11th Avenue project.

Councilman McCracken: Shade Tree Commission meets on the 14th. Hazardous Tree Inventory Report is complete. Housing Authority met yesterday. Thanked Ellen Ramey for providing Easter dinner to the residents. He explained the Mediterranean project is just a concept plan and the Council has not said if they are for or against it yet.

Councilman Brennan: Reminded everyone that it is illegal to release balloons into the air. Asbury Park Press did an interesting article on the longest home run being hit at Memorial Field.

Mayor Walsifer: Thanked the Easter Bunny for delivering treats around town. The new fire truck is now in service.

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 about the amendments for Resolution 2021-96. He was able to figure what they are but felt it should have been made clearer.

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 Carvelli made a motion to adopt the following resolutions:

- No. 2021-83 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**
- No. 2021-84 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS**
- No. 2021-85 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES FOR 2021**
- No. 2021-86 RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR 2021**
- No. 2021-87 RESOLUTION AWARDING A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR PARASAIL**
- No. 2021-88 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH TOWNSHIP OF WALL**
- No. 2021-89 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH TOWNSHIP NEPTUNE**
- No. 2021-90 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A BILLING AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL GROUP, INC.**
- No. 2021-91 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AMBULANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON HEALTH NETWORK**
- No. 2021-92 RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR GOODWILL FIRE DEPARTMENT**
- No. 2021-93 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING DOCTOR KENNETH G. LAVELLE, M.D. & EMERGENCY TRAINING AND CONSULTING, INC. AS DIRECTOR FOR THE BELMAR FIRST AID SQUAD**
- No. 2021-94 RESOLUTION APPROVING PROMOTIONS OF VARIOUS OFFICERS OF THE BELMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT**
- No. 2021-95 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR TO AMEND THE POLICE SERVICES SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO TO INCLUDE EMS SERVICES**
- No. 2021-96 RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE BOROUGH EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND POLICES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, McCracken, Carvelli and Walsifer

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 2021-06 *Second Reading & Public Hearing*

ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XI ENTITLED "PERSONNEL" TO PROVIDE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A DONATED LEAVE APPLICATION PROCESS

Public Hearing: None

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

Councilman Brennan offered Ordinance 2021-06 for adoption, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, McCracken, Carvelli and Walsifer

ORDINANCE 2021-07 *First Reading & Introduction*

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XI "PERSONNEL" "SEC. 11-3, SCHEDULES "C, D & E", FIXING AND DETERMINING SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, POSITIONS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Councilman Carvelli offered Ordinance 2021-06 for introduction and first reading, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, McCracken, Carvelli and Walsifer

PUBLIC SESSION

Cheri Russo, 1218 Briarwood Road, asked how to sign up to be a volunteer for EMS. She asked how much taxes are going up because of the new First Aid Squad. Mayor Walsifer stated hopefully they won't go up.

Linda Sharkus, 4th Avenue, felt the architect did a great job on the Route 35 project but they need to scale it back. Asked how residents can give their feedback. They can email the Mayor and Council members.

Maria Rondinaro, 1246 Pinetree Way, her volunteer vaccine group helped schedule 114 vaccine appointments. Thanked April Claudio, Kelly Williams, Kendy Thompson and Mary Brabazon for assisting.

Eugene Creamer, 4th Avenue, suggested adding paid parking at Schroeder Park since Avon is eliminating parking spaces.

John Walsh, 1101 B Street, asked about Walgreen's curb side signs. Mayor Walsifer stated those are permitted during the pandemic.

Sharon Russell Fowler, 11th Avenue, gave an update on Library programs.

Gerald Buccafusco, 5th Avenue, suggested having budget meetings like Manasquan is doing. Asked when the public will have input on the Mediterranean project. Mayor Walsifer stated if they make changes to the proposal there will be another presentation.

Mayor Walsifer 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