

# MAYOR AND COUNCIL

## AGENDA

FEBRUARY 16, 2021

6:00 PM

Mayor Mark Walsifer, Councilman Thomas Brennan, Councilman James McCracken, Councilman Thomas Carvelli, Council President 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 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 and Joe Nealon and Robbie Roper

### **WORKSHOP DISCUSSION**

Mayor Walsifer stated a resolution will be added to the agenda to bring back the \$30 season badge for disabled persons.

Mayor Walsifer stated there have been a lot of emails about summer camp and recreation programs. The Borough is watching the Governor's orders and hoping restrictions will be lifted before we put things in place. We want to have programs for our kids, but they must follow the guidelines and be done safely.

Councilwoman Wann asked about Resolution 2021-63. Mayor Walsifer stated Mike Campbell and Bill Lindsay are already on the Planning Board. The resolution is only changing what "Class" they are to be in compliance with the statute.

**PETITIONS:** Ms. Claudio stated a petition was received from Nicole Pica regarding disability beach badges.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February 2, 2021

### **REPORTS OF COUNCIL**

Councilman Carvelli: BBP is still on pause but having discussions.

Councilman McCracken: Housing Authority meeting is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Encouraged everyone having St. Patrick's Day parade parties to follow COVID-19 guidelines.

Councilman Brennan: Environmental Commission met last week. Going to present the ERI to the Zoning Board and Planning Board. Wished everyone a Happy Mardis Gras.

Councilwoman Wann: Thanked everyone who worked on the disability badges. There are no recreation programs right now but there will be basketball and tennis this summer.

Mayor Walsifer: DPW has been doing a great job with the snow and ice storms. They also replaced two awnings at the marina. Library has new ADA programs and other programs everyone should check out.

**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 mosquito control. He would like a Code Red message done if helicopters will be spraying. Mayor Walsifer stated that could be done.

Cheri Russo, 1218 Briarwood Road, asked about the petition. Mayor Walsifer stated we are going back to the \$30 disability beach badge.

Nicole Pica, 302 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, thanked everyone who worked on the disability badge.

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. 2021-57 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**No. 2021-58 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS**

**No. 2021-59 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE CENTRAL JERSEY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND'S 2020 SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

**No. 2021-60 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH MOSQUITO CONTROL DIVISION TO CONDUCT AERIAL MOSQUITO CONTROL OPERATIONS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR**

**No. 2021-61 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING AND SELECTING THREE VENDORS IN CONJUNCTION WITH UTILIZATION OF THE TAYLOR PAVILION**

**No. 2021-62 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2021 PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-19**

**No. 2021-63 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BELMAR PLANNING BOARD**

Seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: McCracken, Carvelli, Brennan, Wann and Walsifer

Councilman Brennan offered for adoption:

**2021-64 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SEASONAL BEACH BADGE FEES FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS**

Seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved by the following vote:

AYES: McCracken, Carvelli, Brennan, Wann and Walsifer

**ORDINANCES:** None

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

Ms. Claudio read an email from Anita Pecorelli, 104 First Avenue, which is attached to the minutes. Chief Scott encouraged everyone to lock their vehicles. She will report any significant police activity on social media and through community policing emails. Mayor Walsifer stated we are looking into new playground equipment to replace the pirate ships. He reiterated his earlier statement about the summer camp.

Jerry Buccafusco, 409 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked questions about the EMS RFP. He would like the submissions put on the website once opened. He asked about the plan to paint the water tank. Mr. Dasti stated it is still being looked into. Mr. Buccafusco suggested using the money collected for the multi family water surcharge to pay for it.

Linda Sharkus, 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked about tickets being issued for cars not moved on the street in a snowstorm and people not shoveling their sidewalks. Mayor Walsifer stated 85 tickets were issued after the last storm.

Cheri Russo, 1218 Briarwood, asked when tickets are issued to cars. Chief Scott stated they wait a whole extra day after the last snowfall before they issued tickets. Ms. Russo was concerned about a business on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue plowing their snow onto the Borough sidewalk near Dempsey Park. Chief Scott will look into it. Ms. Russo expressed concern about Mike Campbell being a member of the Planning Board.

Antoinette Raucci, 309 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, stated other towns are having summer camps, why not Belmar? Mayor Walsifer stated the camp would be limited in size if had to follow current guidelines. He is hoping the Governor will lift some restrictions in the next two months. He explained there are different regulations for schools and camps. We are also looking into other summer programs. Ms. Raucci asked if beach badges will be limited. Mayor Walsifer stated badges will be limited if social distancing cannot be followed. Ms. Raucci asked what the Mayor's Ball money is being used for. Councilman McCracken suggested talking to the school about what programs they could run for children. Councilwoman Wann stated we are working on a summer basketball

league and the tennis courts will be redone. Ms. Raucci suggested a meeting with the parents to come up with other programs and to discuss the summer camp.

Maria Rondinaro, 1246 Pinetree, stated she is willing to help out with recreation programs.

Paul Olnick, 1402 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked what aspects of the Governor Order the Borough would like to be rescinded. Mayor Walsifer stated the number of children and the requirement to have a medical director. He added he has been reviewing the rules and has had discussions on possibly having a small camp at Maclearie Park.

Ms. Russo asked if the snow removal rules could be made clearer in the Code Red messages.

Mayor Walsifer stated we want to be able to offer a camp safely to protect the employees and the children.

Virginia Conklin, 1219 Oakwood Road, stated the kids need activities. She suggested bringing back the movies on the beach.

Kelly Lang, 301 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, commended everyone for trying to do things legally and safely. She agreed programs are needed but appreciates everyone's concerns about safety.

Seema Bohl, 112 Inlet Terrace, asked about events at Taylor Pavilion and the bids for it. Mayor Walsifer stated they are two different things. The bid is for the Cruz Bay concession not the event space.

Mr. Buccafusco stated a camp could be run safely with the guidelines, but the frustration seems to be a lack of effort by the administration. He suggested public meetings to discuss this.

Mr. Kirschenbaum stated there is a lot the Borough deals with on a daily and weekly basis. It is too much to discuss at a meeting and have all the pros and cons debated on every item. Last year Manasquan had issues with their programs and had to close down, as well as some other towns. What is worse than not having a camp is someone getting sick or dying from it because safety guidelines were not followed. If someone were to get COVID, the whole camp would have to quarantine for 14 days and the camp is only 7 weeks long. The camp is also not entirely outside because Taylor Pavilion is used so social distancing inside needs to be followed.

Mr. Buccafusco suggested monthly department reports be given at Council meetings.

Carol Moore, 1206 Oakwood Road, agreed with Mr. Kirschenbaum. She suggested if the Mayor and Council know about a hot topic in town that they report on it during their reports at the meeting.

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

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio  
Municipal Clerk