

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

JULY 20, 2021

6:00 PM

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

ABSENT: Councilman Thomas Brennan and Councilwoman 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 and first responders

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION: none

PETITIONS: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman McCracken made a motion to approve the July 6, 2021 minutes, which was seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved unanimously.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL

Councilman Carvelli: Planning Board met last night; had no applications but reviewed the cannabis ordinance.

Councilman McCracken: Shade Tree Commission meets tomorrow. Housing Authority meets on the first Monday of August. Thanked Chief Scott for her efforts responding to the emails from residents and addressing their concerns.

Mayor Walsifer: Had our first movie on the beach which was successful. Thanked DPW for all their work making the town look good this summer. Thanked Chief Scott for the hard work of the police department during the summer.

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

Councilman McCracken clarified resolutions 2021-177 and 179 are for the same water tank. Mayor Walsifer stated they are for the ground tank.

Gene Creamer, 4th Avenue, was seeking clarification regarding the water tanks. He was concerned about the concerned tank on 12th Avenue. He viewed aerial photos and it is in really bad shape.

Mayor Walsifer stated we got the greenlight to move forward with repainting it.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman McCracken offered the following resolution for adoption:

**No. 2021-176 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PLACE-TO-PLACE TRANSFER OF
SEASONAL RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO. 1306-34-011-011 1000
MAIN LIQUOR LICENSE LLC HELD IN POCKET TO 701-703 10TH AVENUE
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2022**

Seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Carvelli, McCracken and Walsifer

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 made a motion to adopt the following resolutions:

- No. 2021-175 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**
- No. 2021-177 **RESOLUTION AWARDED A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR TANK CONSULTING AND INSPECTION SERVICES**
- No. 2021-178 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A CDBG APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND BOROUGH OF BELMAR'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE PROJECT KNOWN AS ADA IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BELMAR PLAZA**
- No. 2021-179 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR PAINTING OF THE WATER STORAGE TANK**
- No. 2021-180 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS**
- No. 2021-181 **RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2021 BUDGET**
- No. 2021-182 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE 2021 TEMPORARY BUDGET**
- No. 2021-183 **RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AS PROVIDED BY BOROUGH ORDINANCE 1991-3 AND ORDINANCE 2004-19**
- No. 2021-184 **RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A HGAC-BUY FS19ED03 SINGLE AXLE, CUSTOM FIRE WALK-AROUND HEAVY RESUE TRUCK**

Seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Carvelli, McCracken and Walsifer

ORDINANCES: Second Reading & Public Hearing

ORDINANCE 2021-19

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2021 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$950,000 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 Carvelli and approved unanimously.

Mayor Walsifer offered Ordinance 2021-19 for adoption, which was seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Carvelli, McCracken and Walsifer

ORDINANCE 2021-21

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XIX, TRAFFIC, LOADING ZONES OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

Public Hearing: None

Councilman Carvelli made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilman McCracken and approved unanimously.

Councilman McCracken offered Ordinance 2021-21 for adoption, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Carvelli, McCracken and Walsifer

ORDINANCE 2021-22

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XVII, STREET EXCAVATIONS, SIDEWALKS AND CURBS, OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR

Public Hearing: None

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

Councilman McCracken offered Ordinance 2021-22 for adoption, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Carvelli, McCracken and Walsifer

ORDINANCE 2021-23

ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 20 ENTITLED LICENSES—GENERAL

Public Hearing: None

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

Mayor Walsifer offered Ordinance 2021-23 for adoption, which was seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Carvelli, McCracken and Walsifer

ORDINANCE 2021-24

ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XVI ENTITLED POLICE REGULATIONS

Public Hearing: Jack Leonard, 12th Avenue, questioned no solicitation before dawn. Could be 6 am. Set a time? Mr. Varga suggested we do an amending ordinance at the next meeting. Councilman McCracken suggested 9 am.

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

Mayor Walsifer offered Ordinance 2021-24 for adoption, which was seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Carvelli, McCracken and Walsifer

ORDINANCE 2021-25

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS WATER-SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS, APPROPRIATING \$375,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$375,000 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 McCracken and approved unanimously.

Mayor Walsifer offered Ordinance 2021-25 for adoption, which was seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Carvelli, McCracken and Walsifer

ORDINANCES: First Reading & Introduction

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-26

ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXVI ENTITLED HOUSING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE IN ORDER TO PROHIBIT THE PLANTING OR GROWING OF BAMBOO OR INVASIVE PLANTS

Councilman McCracken offered Ordinance 2021-26 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Carvelli, McCracken and Walsifer

PUBLIC SESSION:

Sandy Caputo, Surf Avenue, thanked the Mayor and Council and everyone for using the microphones. She would like to see the microphones used for next week's zoning board meeting.

Linda Sharkus, 4th Avenue, thankful for the change to the animal house ordinance. Seems to have made an improvement particularly in the 400 block of 10th Avenue and the 500 block of 13th Avenue.

Gerald Buccafusco, 409 5th Avenue, asked about the beach reports because he hasn't seen any on the website. Mayor Walsifer stated the employee that handles them has been out of the office, but we will get them up. Mr. Buccafusco asked how the company that provides the software for beach badges gets paid. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated the user pays them. Mr. Buccafusco asked if this is permitted by the state. Mr. Varga stated it is, it's a contract agreement. Mr. Buccafusco would like to know how much the company has been paid. Mr. Buccafusco referenced the Mayor's letter sent with the tax bills. The letter stated the debt was cut in half. He questioned if the debt has been reduced by 17 million in the past two years. Mayor Walsifer replied yes. Mr. Buccafusco stated he could not find anywhere that said the debt was 39 million and where we got the money to pay down the 17 million. He would like to have the information at the next meeting or sit down with someone in finance to get clarification.

Cheri Russo, 1218 Briarwood, sent an email asking to volunteer and would like to meet with Ed about it because she didn't receive a response. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated we aren't doing the friendship force right now but will look into it.

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

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio
Municipal Clerk