

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

AGENDA

NOVEMBER 9, 2021

6:00 PM

PRESENT: Councilman Thomas Brennan, Councilman James McCracken, Councilman Thomas Carvelli, Council President Patricia Wann, Borough Attorney Patrick Varga, Business Administrator Edward Kirschenbaum and Borough Clerk April Claudio

ABSENT: Mayor Mark Walsifer

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

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

Ms. Claudio stated the 2021 Best Practices Checklist was sent to the Council for their review. The Borough scored 21 out of 23 which means there will be no loss in aid.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Brennan made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2021 meeting, which was seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved unanimously.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Councilman Carvelli: Finance Committee has been busy. Planning Board hasn't met. DPW did a good job cleaning up the sand from the storm. Veteran's Day service is Thursday at 9:30 am.

Councilman McCracken: Announced upcoming events for the remainder of the month and the first week of December. The Borough received \$712,000 in grant money for the Lake Como project. Fifteenth Avenue paving is complete except for striping. Sixteenth and 12th Avenue projects are still ongoing. Housing Authority working on getting a new landscaping company and making the building safe.

Councilman Brennan: Thanked DPW and all the volunteers who helped out with the beach plantings. DPW is working on a plan to assess sand damage and how to address.

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, 4th Avenue, asked if the tax sale includes water/sewer bills. He was concerned that the major utility companies are not requiring people to pay due to the COVID-19 pandemic but yet the Borough is. He asked if there is federal funding available to the Borough to cover floating these outstanding fees.

Mr. Varga stated the Borough is not in a position where they can not collect the money like the major utility companies are.

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

Councilwoman Wann made a motion to remove Resolution 2021-232 from the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved unanimously.

Councilman McCracken offered the following resolution for adoption:

**No. 2021-232 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING COMPLETENESS OF THE VOLUNTARY
SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND ESTABLISHING
COMMISSIONERS OF ASSESSMENT**

Seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Wann, Carvelli and McCracken

ABSTAIN: Brennan

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:

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| No. 2021-222 | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS |
| No. 2021-223 | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELATION OF UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS |
| No. 2021-224 | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS |
| No. 2021-225 | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS |
| No. 2021-226 | RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTEER HOOK & LADDER FIRE DEPARTMENT |
| No. 2021-227 | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES FOR 2022 |
| No. 2021-228 | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR AND THE MONMOUTH COUNTY SCAT PROJECT FOR 2022 |
| No. 2021-229 | RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) |
| No. 2021-230 | RESOLUTION APPROVING GO PLAY ARCADE’S AMUSEMENT GAME LICENSE APPLICATION |
| No. 2021-231 | RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR MID-GRADE ULTRA LOW NO LEAD GASOLINE AND ULTRA LOW SULFUR PREMIUM DIESEL |
| No. 2021-233 | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF AN ELECTRONIC TAX SALE |
| No. 2021-234 | RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING NOTIFICATION RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR AN ELECTRONIC TAX SALE |
| No. 2021-235 | RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING A STRUCTURAL ENGINEER |
| No. 2021-236 | RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO FERNANDES CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS SEVENTH AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS |

Seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Wann, Brennan, McCracken and Carvelli

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-33 *Second Reading & Public Hearing*
BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VEHICLES FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING \$180,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$171,000 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: None

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

Councilman Brennan offered Ordinance 2021-33 for adoption, which was seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Wann, Brennan, McCracken and Carvelli

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-34 *Second Reading & Public Hearing* BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VEHICLES FOR THE BOROUGH WATER-SEWER UTILITY, APPROPRIATING \$130,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$130,000 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: Gene Creamer, 4th Avenue, questioned the utility van listed in the ordinance. He stated Ford is no longer offering that model and questioned if the ordinance needed to be amended. Mr. Varga felt the ordinance language was acceptable and would cover an alternate model vehicle.

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

Councilman McCracken offered Ordinance 2021-34 for adoption, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan approved by the following vote:

AYES: Wann, Brennan, McCracken and Carvelli

ORDINANCE 2021-35 *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 XXIII OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED “RECYCLING PROGRAM” IN ORDER TO REGULATE PLASTIC BAGS, POLYSTYRENE FOAM CONTAINERS AND PLASTIC STRAWS BY BUSINESSES

Councilman McCracken offered Ordinance 2021-35 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Wann, Brennan, McCracken and Carvelli

PUBLIC SESSION:
Joe McEvoy, 700 Main Street, spoke about patriotism. He stated the flagpole at 12th and Main Street is rusted and does not have lights. He also stated there are two monuments at that location that also don’t have lights.

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

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio
Municipal Clerk