

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AGENDA**

MAY 3, 2022

6:30 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Mark Walsifer, Councilman Thomas Brennan, Councilman Thomas Carvelli, Councilwoman Jodi Kinney, Borough Attorney Patrick Varga, Business Administrator Edward Kirschenbaum and Borough Clerk April Claudio

ABSENT: Council President James McCracken

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 22, 2021 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.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Our troops and their families and Tom Burke

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

Mayor Walsifer stated he is working with Lake Como and Spring Lake on a lake cleanup project.

Mr. Kirschenbaum stated he is looking into grants for the skate park. The Tony Hawk foundation is no longer accepting applications and will only accept them for concrete structures. A skate park contractor has stated it has outlived its life. There is a lot of misinformation about the insurance company stating they won't insure it, which is not the case. The insurance company has deemed it unsafe.

PROCLAMATIONS: Municipal Clerk's Week & Building Safety Month

PETITIONS: Ms. Claudio stated a petition was submitted by Jane Salmon of Wall Township entitled Save the Skatepark 2022.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Walsifer made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2022 meeting, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Kinney, Carvelli and Walsifer

REPORTS OF COUNCIL

Councilman Carvelli had no report. Thanked Ms. Claudio for all the work she does.

Councilman Brennan: May 14th and 15th is the town wide yard sale.

Councilwoman Kinney: ADA Committee met last week. Asked about the status of Taylor Pavilion. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated the work has been completed. Circle of Friends is having their golf outing in September. Recreation Committee meets this Thursday. Belmar and St. Rose schools are celebrating Teacher Appreciation week. Belmar school is having a dance on the 13th. St. Rose is doing donation collections for Ukraine. St. Rose High School pipe band will play at the field of dreams event on the 14th.

Mayor Walsifer: May 14th, at Memorial Field there will be a dedication, an old fashion baseball game and the movie Field of Dreams will be shown. The Buy a Board signs have been removed so they can be redone.

Chief Scott stated seven police officers will be participating in the Police Unity Tour to Washington D.C.

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

Maria Rondinaro, 1246 Pinetree Way, asked about the shared service agreement with Neptune. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated it is for mutual aid. Mayor Walsifer stated we approved it last year and are now extending it.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to close the public session, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kinney

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.

Councilwoman Kinney offered the following resolutions for adoption:

- No. 2022-81 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**
- No. 2022-82 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. 2022-83 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS**
- No. 2022-84 RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR 2022**
- No. 2022-85 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BELMAR PLANNING BOARD**
- No. 2022-86 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET**

Seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Carvelli, Brennan, Kinney and Walsifer

ORDINANCES: None

PUBLIC SESSION:

Linda Sharkus, 4th Avenue, asked about the Belmar porch fest event on the 14th. Councilman Brennan stated that is a private event and not a Borough event.

Luis Pulido, Belmar Library, thanked DPW for doing work on the landscaping. The Ukrainian aid drive is going well. May 12th is their Cinco de Mayo celebration. The first concert series is May 19th with Pat Roddy. Thanked the Mayor for remembering Tom Burke.

Joe McEvoy, 700 Main Street, asked why the flag was at half mast last Thursday. DPW said they were notified to do so. He spoke about the Mayor interfering with his employment as a bartender at a local restaurant. He donated a flag to the Borough that can be flown during storms.

Jane Salmon, Wall Township, stated the skatepark has a 20-year warranty and suggested we reach out to the contractor to see what they have to say.

Gerald Buccafusco, 409 5th Avenue, thanked the Mayor for allowing residents to speak without time limits. Thanked those that do speak up because he feels it is important to do so.

Anthony Damica, Toms River, spoke about the skatepark. Toms River has a new one with a waiver to reduce liability on the town. He felt the town was losing winter tourism because people who came to the skatepark no longer come. There is a benefit to the town for having a skatepark. Mr. Varga explained a waiver on a new skatepark vs an existing one is different.

Mayor Walsifer stated everyone on the Council wants the skatepark and we are working on it. Councilman Brennan stated nobody is debating the value of the skatepark, but they have a responsibility to make sure it is built in the safest way with best use of tax revenue.

Maria Rondinaro, 1246 Pinetree Way, would like to know how many lawsuits occurred from the skatepark. She agreed that safety is important but felt the Council needs to fast track planning.

Mike Suhocki, 112 18th Avenue, spoke about traffic on the one-way streets. Mayor Walsifer will talk to DPW and Chief Scott about what could be done. He also suggested looking into diagonal parking where possible.

George Komitas, 111 3rd Avenue, agrees the skatepark is good for the town but he is a member of the EMS and knows he has transported at least 40 kids to the hospital from there. The kids are often disrespectful too.

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

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio
Municipal Clerk