

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES**

AUGUST 2, 2022

6:30 PM

Mayor Mark Walsifer, Council President James McCracken, Councilman Thomas Brennan, Councilman Thomas Carvelli, Councilwoman Jodi Kinney, Borough Attorney Patrick Varga, Business Administrator Edward Kirschenbaum and Lorraine Carafa, CFO acting as Borough Clerk for 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 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

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

- Skatepark Proposal – Mayor Walsifer and Borough Administrator Kirschenbaum advised that the Borough was working with The Platform Group from Florida who developed a conceptual design at no charge to the Borough for review by the governing body and stakeholders. The proposed design is state-of-the-art, constructed of all concrete for longevity and includes site improvements to make this facility inviting and appealing to all. Mayor Walsifer advised that the Borough had reached out to the State’s Green Acres Program for additional guidance and grant or loan financing to assist with the cost, estimated at \$500,000. There was a question from the public regarding the use of an out-of-state company; Business Administrator Kirschenbaum stated that this company was the only company willing to prepare a conceptual plan without an upfront fee of up to \$10,000. Mayor Walsifer stated that this is the first step in the process. Councilwoman Kinney asked if the proposed facility would meet the safety requirements of the JIF; she was advised that it would.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

UPON MOTION of Councilman Carvelli, seconded by Councilman Brennan, carried, that the Minutes of the July 12, 2022 meeting be approved as presented.

Ayes: Councilman Brennan, Councilwoman Kinney, Mayor Walsifer, Councilman Carvelli

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman McCracken

REPORTS OF COUNCIL

Councilman Carvelli: Planning Board: there are two applications pending; the next meeting will be on August 22; Finance Committee will be meeting on August 18.

Councilman McCracken thanked the Belmar Fishing Club for their recent event for veterans; there was no meeting of the Housing Authority. The Shade Tree Commission will be meeting in September;

Councilman Brennan: Environmental Commission will be meeting on August 11; thanked the Library for hosting his band for their recent concert that was well received by the public; their next concert will be held on August 11.

Councilwoman Kinney: the ADA Committee will be meeting on August 18; Recreation: the just-concluded Jr. Lifeguard Program was a great success; Fall Soccer sign-ups are open now; the next Senior Game Day will be on September 25 from 12:30 to 3:00 PM at Taylor Pavilion; Schools: the Belmar Elementary School and St. Rose High School and Elementary School are preparing for their Fall opening.

Mayor Walsifer: the Bonsague Family is donating a beautiful bronze fountain and statue to the Borough; it is planned for installation at Pyanoe Plaza; the Borough has been recognized by NJ.com as the gold standard for beach accessibility in the State as we currently have all beach entrances accessible to the handicapped public and far more handicapped parking spots than is required by the State; the Borough has also been recognized by NJ DOT and NJ Transit as a “Transit Village” for promoting the use of public transportation to our Borough

and Beach. He also thanked all those involved in the successful Sandcastle Contest.

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

No comments from the public present.

UPON MOTION of Councilman Brenna, seconded by Councilwoman Kinney, carried, that the public session be closed.

Ayes: Councilman Brennan, Councilwoman Kinney, Mayor Walsifer, Councilman Carvelli, Councilman McCracken
Nays: None

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.

UPON MOTION of Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilwoman Kinney, carried, that the following Consent Agenda be and the same is hereby adopted:

No. 2022-128 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

No. 2022-129 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RECEIPT OF LEAP GRANT (C.159, \$243,750)

No. 2022-130 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH MONMOUTH COUNTY FOR PERFORMANCE AND DELIVERY OF FISCAL YEAR 2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

No. 2022-131 RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR INLET TERRACE SANITARY SEWER LINING

No. 2022-132 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER FOR FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE

No. 2022-133 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RECEIPT OF ALCOHOL, EDUCATION REHABILITATION AND ENFORCEMENT FUND GRANT (C.159, \$631.73)

No. 2022-134 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE MARINA OFFICE CHANGE FUND (FROM \$500 TO \$800)

No. 2022-135 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT LOCAL EFFICIENCY ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (LEAP) GRANT AND ACT AS THE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE SOUTH MONMOUTH REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM

No. 2022-136 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SPECIAL EVENTS

No. 2022-137 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A 25-DAY EXTENSION TO 3RD QUARTER TAX PAYMENT DUE DATE

No. 2022-138 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT (public hearing, August 16, 2022)

Ayes: Councilman Brennan, Councilwoman Kinney, Mayor Walsifer, Councilman Carvelli, Councilman McCracken

Nays: None

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE No. 2022-12 *Second Reading & Public Hearing*

UPON MOTION of Mayor Walsifer, seconded by Councilman Brennan, carried, that the following Ordinance be tabled until the August 16, 2022 meeting.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS, APPROPRIATING \$2,205,500 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,843,025 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

Ayes: Councilman Brennan, Councilwoman Kinney, Mayor Walsifer, Councilman Carvelli, Councilman McCracken

Nays: None

ORDINANCE No. 2022-13 *Second Reading & Public Hearing*

The meeting was opened to the public for comments on the said Ordinance only. There were no comments from the public present. UPON MOTION of Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Carvelli, carried, that the public hearing be closed.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS WATER-SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS, APPROPRIATING \$725,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$725,000 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

UPON MOTION of Councilwoman Kinney, seconded by Councilman Brennan, carried, that the said Ordinance No. 2022-13 be adopted on final reading, directing the Clerk to post and publish as required by law.

Ayes: Councilman Brennan, Councilwoman Kinney, Mayor Walsifer, Councilman Carvelli, Councilman McCracken

Nays: None

ORDINANCE No. 2022-11 *First Reading and Introduction (public hearing, August 16, 2022)*

UPON MOTION of Councilwoman Kinney, seconded by Councilman Brennan, carried, that the following Ordinance be adopted on first reading, setting the date for the public hearing as August 16, 2022:

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

Ayes: Councilman Brennan, Councilwoman Kinney, Mayor Walsifer, Councilman Carvelli, Councilman McCracken

Nays: None

ORDINANCE No. 2022-14 *First Reading & Introduction (public hearing, September 6, 2022)*

UPON MOTION of Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilwoman Kinney, carried, that the following Ordinance be adopted on first reading, setting the date for the public hearing as September 6, 2022:

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XL, DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR SECTION 2, DEFINITIONS AND SECTION 9 IMPROVEMENT STANDARDS

Ayes: Councilman Brennan, Councilwoman Kinney, Mayor Walsifer, Councilman Carvelli, Councilman McCracken

Nays: None

ORDINANCE No. 2022-15 *First Reading & Introduction (public hearing, August 16, 2022)*

UPON MOTION of Councilman Carvelli, seconded by Councilman Brennan, carried, that the following Ordinance be adopted on first reading, setting the date for the public hearing as August 16, 2022:

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

Ayes: Councilman Brennan, Councilwoman Kinney, Mayor Walsifer, Councilman Carvelli, Councilman McCracken

Nays: None

PUBLIC SESSION:

Anita Pecorelli, First Avenue, asked for clarification on the status of the Belmar Fishing Club; she was advised that it is a private organization. She asked why a private organization is permitted to block off

public parking spaces when they have their events. She also stated that she is opposed to the new joint EMS Service as it could delay emergency responses to Belmar residents.

Randi Brazel, 11th Avenue, stated that she liked John Sabia's articles related to local businesses; she thanked BA Kirschenbaum for his assistance with the problem she identified at the last meeting.

Chuck Ross, Maplewood Road, complimented the staff running the Jr. Guard Program, noting that their recent tournament was the best organized of those held in the surrounding communities.

Art Ammermuller, 12th Avenue, thanked BA Kirschenbaum for his assistance in resolving problems with nearby summer rentals; he further noted that Belmar is beautiful except for his street.

There being no further comments, and UPON MOTION of Councilman Carvelli, seconded by Councilman Brennan, and by consensus, that the public session be closed. There being no further business, and UPON MOTION of Councilman Brenna, seconded by Councilwoman Kinney, carried and by consensus, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Lorraine P. Carafa

Lorraine Carafa, CFO
Acting as Borough Clerk for April Claudio