

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 20, 2022
6:30 PM

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

ABSENT: Councilman Thomas Carvelli

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 first responders

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

- Barry Trogu, Recreation Director, Announced Holiday Decorating Contest Winners
 - o 1st Place – 1101 B Street
 - o 2nd Place – 105 19th Avenue
 - o 3rd Place – 319 11th Avenue
- Greg Kapalko and architect Brian Berzinskis gave a presentation of the revised plans for Eastport LLC - 506/508 Main Street.
 - o Switched from condos to townhouses which reduced the number of units by 8. Each townhouse will have a driveway with a garage to meet the parking requirements. Angled parking will be added on 6th Avenue for the commercial units. Impervious coverage reduced to be less than what exists today. Will address stormwater when go to the Planning Board. Christine Bell, Borough's Planner, stated the proposal fits within the requirements of the Seaport Redevelopment Zone.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Brennan offered a motion to approve the minutes of December 6, 2022, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved unanimously.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Councilman McCracken: F Street Social is a new restaurant on Main Street that will be a nice addition to the downtown. Thanked Mayor Walsifer for sponsoring the holiday light show in Pyanoe Plaza. Menorah lighting was well attended. Thanked the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh for their annual toy and coat drive. Wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Brennan: Thanked Christopher & Reyna Brandl for their hospitality at the Menorah lighting. Environmental Commission is seeking two members to fill vacancies. Wished everyone a great holiday.

Councilwoman Kinney: ADA Committee will meet in January. All recreation programs are going well. All of the schools are going on winter break. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday and Happy New Year.

Mayor Walsifer: Thanked the Police Department and Public Works Department for coordinating the Santa toy delivery. DPW has been doing a great job keeping up with the holiday lights. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah.

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

Linda Sharkus, 4th Avenue, asked to see the plans presented for 506 Main Street.

Anita Pecorrelli, 1st Avenue, asked about fire truck access and parking for 506 Main Street.

Bob Forte, 8th Avenue, asked for clarification on the driveway for 506 Main Street.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to close the public session, which was seconded by Councilman McCracken 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 McCracken made a motion to amend the consent agenda to remove Resolution #233, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved unanimously.

Councilman McCracken made a motion to adopt the following resolutions:

No. 2022-213 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELATION OF PRIOR YEARS' GRANTS RECEIVABLE

No. 2022-217 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

No. 2022-218 RESOLUTION APPROVING ELECTION OF DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT 2023

No. 2022-219 RESOLUTION APPROVING DRIVERS OF FIRE APPARATUS FOR GOODWILL HOSE FIRE CO. NO. 1 FOR 2023

No. 2022-220 RESOLUTION APPROVING DRIVERS OF FIRE APPARATUS FOR HOOK & LADDER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 FOR 2023

No. 2022-221 RESOLUTION APPROVING DRIVERS OF FIRE APPARATUS FOR UNION FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 FOR 2023

No. 2022-222 RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR ONLINE PUBLIC AUCTION SERVICES

No. 2022-223 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY VIA AN ONLINE AUCTION

No. 2022-224 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF ANIMAL HOUSE BOND FOR 203 12TH AVENUE

No. 2022-225 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF TRADEMARK AND LICENSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR AND SUZANNE ANAN

No. 2022-226 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS

No. 2022-227 RESOLUTION PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS AS PER BOROUGH ORDINANCE 16-14.4

No. 2022-228 RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR GOODWILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

No. 2022-229 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS TO THE TRUST FUND FOR STORM RECOVERY

No. 2022-230 RESOLUTION AMENDING A CONTRACT AWARDED TO GRIFFITH-ALLIED TRUCKING, LLC dba ALLIED OIL, HILLSBOROUGH, NJ FOR THE PROVISION OF MID-GRADE ULTRA LOW NO-LEAD GASOLINE AND ULTRA LOW-SULFUR PREMIUM DIESEL FUEL TO THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR TO PERMIT A TEMPORARY PRICE INCREASE CONSISTENT WITH STATE PROCUREMENT RULES

No. 2022-231 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

No. 2022-232 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES DEEMED UNCOLLECTIBLE

No. 2022-234 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR TO EXECUTE PERSONNEL AGREEMENTS

Seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Kinney, Brennan, McCracken and Walsifer

Councilman McCracken made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

No. 2022-233 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT DATED DECEMBER 20, 2022 WITH EASTPORT OF BELMAR, LLC

Seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, McCracken and Walsifer

ABSTAIN: Kinney

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 2022-21 *Second Reading & Public Hearing*

BOND ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$735,800.46 EXCESS BOND PROCEEDS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES IN ORDER TO FINANCE THE COST OF VARIOUS MARINA INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, AND REPEALING BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2022-19

Public Hearing: Anita Pecorelli, 1st Avenue, asked where money came from. Mayor Walsifer stated it was excess money from the bond ordinance for the Lake Como outflow pipe that is being moved to the marina. She asked why it was going to the marina. Mayor Walsifer stated there are 3 docks that need new electric. She felt the money should have gone to the roads, library or recreation. Mr. Kirschenbaum explained to her that the library has their own money for repairs and is working with the engineer and architect. Councilman Brennan explained that the marina has to be upkept because the excess revenue goes towards the general fund which helps to reduce taxes.

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

Councilman Brennan made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-21, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kinney and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Kinney, Brennan, McCracken and Walsifer

PUBLIC SESSION:

Linda Sharkus, 4th Avenue, thanked Mayor Walsifer for his time in office and everything he has done.

Claire Hayner, 18th Avenue, asked about recycling moving to Thursdays will affect the summer rentals.

Noreen Dean, 16th Avenue, thanked the Mayor and Council for everything they have done.

Kevin Maypothor, Arts Council, thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of the outdoor piano.

Kyle Rizzitello, 14th Avenue, thanked the Mayor and Council for everything they have done. For pulling Belmar out of debt and making the town functional.

Katrina Clapsis, B Street, explained it is no longer feasible for the Borough, financially, to handle recycling in house. Mayor Walsifer confirmed and added that the Borough would need to hire additional employees and purchase a new truck.

There was discussion about a possible senior luncheon to be held the next day. It was determined that a company was offering a luncheon at Taylor Pavilion, but it was not sponsored by Recreation.

Ms. Claudio read an email from the Environmental Commission to the Mayor and Council regarding the water bottle filling stations.

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

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio, Municipal Clerk