

“GOD BLESS AMERICA”

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 28, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Belmar held on the above date at **10:00 am** at the Belmar Municipal Building, 601 Main Street.

PRESENT: Mayor Doherty, Councilman Brennan, Councilwoman Keown-Blackburn, Councilman Magovern, Borough Attorney William Northgrave Esq., Business Administrator Colleen Connolly, and Borough Clerk April Claudio

ABSENT: Councilwoman Nicolay

The Borough Clerk stated “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 29, 2014 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

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Doherty offered the following resolution, **2015-222, RESOLUTION APPOINTING PETER SPEAKMAN AS PATROLMAN OF THE BELMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL** for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Keown-Blackburn and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Doherty, Brennan, Keown-Blackburn, and Magovern

Mayor Doherty to administered the Oath of Office to Patrolman Speakman.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

Ms. Connolly explained the resolution for the building of the 5th and 10th Avenue Pavilions which was added to the agenda. This would allow for the Borough to be the general contractor while Maser is the project manager. Supplies would be purchased through bids and state contracts. Skilled laborers would be hired to do the work, not DPW employees. Three bids were received however there are several issues with them which would make it difficult to award to one contractor. This new plan would save the Borough 10%.

Mayor Doherty stated Maser has no issues with building the pavilions this way. He added that they would have been the project manager anyways even if someone else was building the pavilions.

Council member Magovern was concerned about this process and concerened about Maser’s ability to manage this project being that the buildings are in a V zone. He suggested we re-bid. Ms. Connolly stated we could bid them for a fourth time however she feels this is the fastest and most economical way.

Ms. Connolly stated this process creates more transparency as she will have to present purchases and resolutions to the Mayor and Council for their approval.

Mayor Doherty stated this would also eliminate change orders.

Council member Magovern stated he would like to hear from a representative from Maser at a future meeting regarding their ability to manage this project.

Council Member Brennan stated he is all for saving money.

Council member Keown-Blackburn asking if our Building Official Bob Torrance would be involved anyway. Ms. Connolly stated he would be inspecting all of the work. Ms. Keown-Blackburn felt confident that this would work with his involvement.

PETITIONS: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council member Magovern made a motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the December 1, 2015 meeting, which was seconded by Mayor Doherty and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Doherty, Brennan, Keown-Blackburn, and Magovern

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Council member Magovern: The gym looks great with the new floor and lights. Spoke to Council member Nicolay about having the Arts Council paint some murals on the walls in the gym. He asked Ms. Connolly to look into other alternatives than using the Humane Society because they are very expensive. Dredging in the marina is going well. He would like to meet with the police department to discuss a traffic plan for the seafood festival. Mike Fowler, longtime lifeguard, passed away this weekend.

Council member Keown-Blackburn: Library’s Frank Sinatra event was very well done. Thanked the First Aid and Water Rescue for their senior brunch. Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Council member Brennan: Looking into automated rubbish bins for the marina. Announced the drum circle will now be on the 14th Avenue boardwalk.

Mayor Doherty had no report.

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, Fourth Avenue, felt the wireless facility, pavilions and county tax resolutions should be pulled off of the consent agenda since they are not routine business. He asked if Verizon will still be doing their tower installation on Main Street that was approved by the Zoning Board. Ms. Connolly replied yes. He asked what we are attempting to accomplish by opting out of the county tax assessment pilot. He stated he doesn’t see any benefits to opting out. He stated he doesn’t think anyone at Maser has the ability to be a project manager.

Mary Beth Hall, Maplewood Road, stated she is opposed to building the pavilions and thinks its foolish to build on the Atlantic Ocean.

Katrina Clapsis, 1304 B Street, asked why the drum circle was moved. Ms. Connolly stated it had to be moved out of the path of construction.

Mayor Doherty made a motion to close the public session, which was seconded by Council member Magovern and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Doherty offered the following resolution, **2015-223, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIFTH AND TENTH AVENUE PAVILIONS**, for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Doherty, Brennan, Keown-Blackburn, and Magovern

CONSENT AGENDA:

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.

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT:

Mayor Doherty offered the following resolutions for adoption:

**2015-224
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

PAYMENT OF BILLS: certification that the vouchers listed on the warrant register numbering 64794thru 64898 are as follows and comply with requirements of State Law and Borough Ordinance as to content and form, that proper and sufficient appropriations exist for the payment to be made and that there is legal authority as provided in N.J.S. 40A: 5-17(a)(1) for the payment to be made.

01 General Account	\$253,052.25
05 General Capital Account	\$12,988.30

11 Water/Sewer Account	\$58,751.58
21 Beach Utility Account	\$66,291.83
25 Beach Capital Account	\$5,815.19
41 Dog License Account	\$1,702.00
55 Trust Fund Account	\$9,645.25
61 Tourism Development Account	\$1,029.00
Total	\$409,275.40

2015-225
RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT AND/OR LEASE AGREEMENT FOR A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY AT 601 MAINSTREET

2015-226
RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR MID-GRADE ULTRA LOW NO LEAD GASOLINE AND ULTRA LOW SULFUR PREMIUM DIESEL

2015-227
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CENTRAL JERSEY JOINT INSURANCE FUND’S 2016 SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

2015-228
RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE CENTRAL JERSEY JOINT INSURANCE FUND

2015-229
RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE MAIN STREET STREETSCAPE PROJECT

2015-230
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS

2015-231
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2015

2015-232
RESOLUTION PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS

2015-233
RESOLUTION OPTING OUT OF THE MONMOUTH COUNTY TAX BOARD MANDATORY ASSESSMENT DEMONSTRATION PILOT PROGRAM

Seconded by Council member Keown-Blackburn and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Doherty, Brennan, Keown-Blackburn, and Magovern

ORDINANCES: none

PUBLIC SESSION:
No comments

Mayor Doherty made a motion to close the public session and adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Council member Keown-Blackburn and approved unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio
Municipal Clerk