

“GOD BLESS AMERICA”

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Belmar held on the above date at **5:30 PM** at the Belmar Municipal Building, 601 Main Street.

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

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 November 2, 2015 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

BELMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YOUTH GOVERNMENT PROGRAM:

- Mayor & Council Mock Meeting
 - o The BES Youth Government Mayor and Council presented four resolutions:
 - Quarterly Newspaper
 - Winter Recreation camp
 - Senior Citizen services collaboration with BES Community Club and Borough Hall
 - Spray Park on Ocean Avenue
 - o Mayor Doherty thanked the students for participating and said they did a great job.
 - o Council member Nicolay stated she likes seeing the same faces each year participating in the program.
 - o Lisa Gleeson, BES Assistant Principal, stated she is proud of the students and was impressed with their ideas.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

- Employee of the Month – Bob Torrance, Building Sub-code Official.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Doherty offered the following resolution, **2015-187, RESOLUTION APPOINTING PHILIP BOHRMAN JR. AS PATROLMAN OF THE BELMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL**, for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved by the following vote:

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

Mayor Doherty administered the Oath of Office to Patrolman Bohrman.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

- Community Rating System explained by Bob Torrance, Floodplain Manager. Residents can obtain up to a 20% discount on flood insurance now. Belmar is a class 6 community. FEMA has said residents will save \$51,000 next year. Monmouth County is going to be putting up High Water Mark signs throughout town as part of the program.
- Ms. Connolly advised the Mayor and Council on a settlement for the Vitello v. Belmar case of \$5,000 with a settlement agreement. She stated that while she feels the Borough would have won at trial the costs of a trial would have been greater than the settlement. Mayor Doherty made a motion to accept the settlement, seconded by Magovern and approved unanimously.
- Ms. Connolly stated a copy of the Best Practices Checklist has been circulated to the Mayor and Council. This is to comply with the policy for obtaining State aid. The Mayor and Council had no questions.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council member Magovern made a motion to approve the minutes of the

October 6, 2015 meeting, which was seconded by Mayor Doherty and approved by the following vote:

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

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Council member Magovern: Congratulated Council member Nicolay on her re-election. He was a challenger in district 2 at the election and noticed there are two 99 year old people who are registered voters and only one 18 year old. He wondered why there weren't more 18 year olds. Attended the Historical Society bootlegger's ball this past Saturday, which was well attended. Taiquan Walker was named one of the top 20 running backs in the state. Neil Sterling, first resident to make the NFL, was brought up from the practice squad and will play for the Jacksonville Jaguars. Both Mikayla and Maryna Mabrey played on the court at the same time for Notre Dame.

Council member Keown-Blackburn: Library has a class this Thursday about re-decorating your house. This Saturday the Library has an event called Sciencetellers. Announced other upcoming Library events for November and December. Bootleggers ball was wonderful. Winter walking begins in the gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays in January. This Sunday is the Health and Safety Fair. There will be tests, flu shots and many vendors.

Council member Brennan: Harbor Commission met last night. Marina building is down and construction on the building is being started. Commission discussed how to keep current tenants during the construction. Discussed signage or a parking map directing people to alternative parking when the marina is full.

Council member Nicolay: Liked the idea of a parking map. The Belmar Business Partnership is looking into parking solutions, new videos advertising businesses, updating the "You are Here" maps. St. Rose Grammar School casino night is November 20th. Read DPW report. Announced upcoming Arts Council events. Acknowledged a letter to the editor by the Belmar Cares group encouraging mammograms.

Mayor Doherty: Belmar Marina has been re-named the Jack Manutti Marina. The two displaced families are now back home. Thanked Kelly Williams and the St. Vincent DePaul Society for helping to make the Home by Summer program work. Will be having a meeting with Moody's credit rating system at the end of the month. Tomorrow is Veteran's Day, the service will be at the monuments at 12th and Main Street at 9:30 am. Congratulated Council member Nicolay on her re-election and thanked her for running again. Thanked everyone who voted. The pavilion referendum was passed which is good. Thanked republican candidate Tom Burke for taking a stand on the pavilions and putting politics aside.

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, asked that the resolution seeking to suspend the county assessment program be removed from the consent agenda. He asked if the assessed values would go back to what they were if the program is suspended. Mayor Doherty stated it would be up to the County Tax Board. Mr. Creamer asked what the Mayor and Council hopes this resolution would accomplish.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Doherty offered the following resolution, **2015-188, RESOLUTION PERMITTING SPECIAL PERMITS FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS FOR BELMAR FISHING CLUB**, for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved by the following vote:

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

ABSTAIN: Nicolay

Mayor Doherty made a motion to add a resolution to the Consent Agenda authorizing an RFQ for a Borough Attorney, which was seconded by Council member Magovern and approved unanimously.

Mayor Doherty made a motion to add a resolution to the Consent Agenda authorizing the submittal of a response to the Lake Como RFP, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved unanimously.

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:

2015-189

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

PAYMENT OF BILLS: certification that the vouchers listed on the warrant register numbering 64461 thru 64685 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	\$1,527,512.64
05 General Capital Account	\$85,671.30
11 Water/Sewer Account	\$46,373.68
21 Beach Utility Account	\$43,385.12
41 Dog License Account	\$1,464.00
55 Trust Fund Account	\$24,644.47
61 Tourism Development Account	\$5,516.56
Total	\$1,734,567.77

2015-190

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS

2015-191

RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RHODE ISLAND POINT – PHASE I PROJECT

2015-192

RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO RAILROAD AVENUE PROJECT

2015-193

RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MONMOUTH COUNTY HIGH WATER MARK (HWM) INIATIVE

2015-194

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR MARINA FUEL

2015-195

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO REQUEST PERMISSION FROM THE UTILITY COMPANIES FOR USE OF POLES FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATIVE BANNERS FOR 2015

2015-196

RESOLUTION APPROVING DRIVERS OF FIRE APPARATUS FOR HOOK & LADDER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 FOR 2015

2015-197

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE MONMOUTH COUNTY TAX BOARD TO SUSPEND THE MANDATORY ASSESSMENT DEMONSTRATION PILOT PROGRAM

2015-198

RESOLUTION CREATING AN ADDENDUM TO THE BMIA LLC LEASE AGREEMENT FOR BLOCK 86 LOT 1.01

2015-199

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR MAINSTREET STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

2015-200

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LAKE COMO PIPE

2015-201
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO. 1306-33-001-010 FOR 8th AVE. VENTURES, LLC T/A CONNOLLY STATION FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2016 (AMENDED)

2015-202
RESOLUTION WAIVING CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2016

2015-203
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISING FOR SEALED BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BOARDWALK PAVILIONS

2015-204
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR BOROUGH COUNSEL

2015-205
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR TO SUMBIT A PROPOSAL IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR LAKE COMO POLICE SERVICES

ORDINANCES: none

PUBLIC SESSION:

Peter Piro, North Blvd., thanked the Mayor and Colleen for saving money on the engineering fees for the Lake Como by going out to bid for separate engineering services for this project.

Tom Dilberger, River Road, would like to see the seafood festival be in September or October and not May. He asked what the plans are for all of the military vehicles and junk. He asked about how marina access will be affected by the new restaurant. He is against taking over Lake Como’s police department.

Mayor Doherty stated the parking at the marina will be optimized.

David Schneck, 302 C Street, congratulated Council member Nicolay. Thanked everyone who supported him during the election. This past election will be his last time running.

Tom Burke, Tenth Avenue, congratulated Council member Nicolay. Thanked those who voted for him during the election. Suggested that we proceed with caution on the rebuilding of the pavilions as there are still a lot of people who were against it.

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