

“GOD BLESS AMERICA”

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 17, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Belmar held on the above date at 6:00 PM at the Belmar Municipal Building, 601 Main Street.

PRESENT: Mayor Doherty, Councilman Brennan, Councilman Walsifer, Councilman Magovern, Councilwoman Nicolay, Borough Attorney Greg Cannon, Esq., and Borough Clerk April Claudio

ABSENT: Business Administrator Colleen Connolly

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 7, 2016 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 and resident Joy Desantis

PUBLIC BIDS:

- Zumba (cancelled)
- Paddleboard
 - o Endless Sup and Summertime Surf were the two bidders. The starting bid was \$2,000. The winning bid went to Endless Sup for \$5200.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

- Ordinance creating plastic bag reduction
 - o Council member Brennan explained that a lot of places are encouraging people to stop using plastic bags and use reusable bags instead. Found an ordinance adopted by Longport that allows businesses to charge a fee for plastic bags.
 - o Council member Magovern stated he likes the idea but asked how it would be enforced.
 - o Council member Brennan stated the purpose is to reduce the number of plastic bags coming out of merchants. He can reach out to Longport to see how the ordinance is working for them.
 - o Council member Walsifer stated a majority of the plastic bags come from grocery stores. Doesn't want to put a burden on the businesses. Suggested looking at other ways to encourage people to recycle their bags.
 - o Council member Nicolay stated it is a nice idea but suggested a campaign to encourage people to bring their own reusable shopping bags when going to stores.
 - o Mike Campbell, Director of DPW, stated plastic bags are not recyclable and the County landfill will be charging towns a fee if recycling has plastic bags mixed in.
 - o Council member Magovern also brought up the fact that flushable wipes are not truly flushable and are clogging the sewer pipes.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council member Magovern made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2016 meeting, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern and Brennan

ABSTAIN: Doherty, Nicolay and Walsifer

Council member Magovern made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2017 meeting, which was seconded by Council member Nicolay and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Brennan, Nicolay, Walsifer, and Doherty

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Council member Magovern: This Saturday is the fire chief's dinner to thank outgoing chief Brad Child. Historical Society is concerned about vandalism at the Doughboy statue. Looking into getting it fixed. Mayor

Doherty suggested lights near the statue. Historical Society is having a show and tell on February 13th. Suggested everyone view the exhibit in the lobby which is the family history of the Heulitt family. Shop local contest presented by Tourism Commission gave free badges to the winners: Jackie Dahrouge, Wendy & Steve Baker, and Christine Wawer.

Council member Walsifer: Thanked Mr. Cannon for discussing the pay to play ordinance with him.

Council member Brennan: Environmental Commission working on obtaining Sustainable New Jersey certification again. They are going to put Eco watch on their new Facebook page.

Council member Nicolay: Reminded everyone to visit the Arts Center. Encouraged everyone to buy local.

Mayor Doherty: Town hall meeting on Saturday was outstanding. Would like to do it again in the spring and fall. Seafood festival this year was scheduled on Mother’s Day so it will be pushed back one more week.

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

None

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

RESOLUTIONS:
The Mayor abstained from voting on this Resolution by reason of his “General Ineligibility” as provided by Belmar Ord. No. 9-5.

Council member Magovern offered, **2017-28, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**, for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Brennan, Nicolay and Walsifer

PAYMENT OF BILLS: certification that the vouchers listed on the warrant register numbering 66735 thru 66751 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	\$720,175.71
05	General Capital Account	\$388,243.37
21	Beach Utility Account	\$11,600.00
2	Beach Capital Account	\$187,027.73
31	Public Assist I Account	\$800.00
55	Trust Fund Account	\$380.00
61	Tourism Development Account	\$2,470.00
Total:		\$1,310,696.81

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:

2017-29
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A 2017 TEMPORARY BUDGET

2017-30
RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 12TH AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

2017-31
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 IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1 PROJECT

2017-32
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

2017-33
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF UNCLAIMED CHECKS IN THE BELMAR MUNICIPAL COURT TO THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR GENERAL ACCOUNT

2017-34
RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

2017-35
RESOLUTION PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS

2017-36
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MARINA FEES FOR THE YEAR 2017 AT THE BELMAR MARINA

Seconded by Council member Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Brennan, Nicolay, Walsifer and Doherty

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 2017-01: *First Reading & Introduction*
ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR DELETING ARTICLE II CATS OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES

Mayor Doherty offered ordinance 2017-01 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Brennan, Nicolay, Walsifer and Doherty

ORDINANCE 2017-02: *First Reading & Introduction*
ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, AMENDING FEES IN VARIOUS CHAPTERS OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES

Council member Walsifer ask for clarification. Mayor Doherty and Ms. Claudio explained the ordinance would allow fees to be set by resolution as needed rather than doing them by ordinance. Mayor Doherty stated he would like to change the portion of the ordinance regarding dumpsters and pods. The Council will look into changing the ordinance prior to the public hearing.

Mayor Doherty offered ordinance 2017-02 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Council member Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Brennan, Nicolay, Walsifer and Doherty

ORDINANCE 2017-03: *First Reading & Introduction*
ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XIX (TRAFFIC) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, SECTIONS 19-46 HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES

The Mayor abstained from voting on this Resolution by reason of his “General Ineligibility” as provided by Belmar Ord. No. 9-5.

Council member Magovern offered ordinance 2017-03 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Council member Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Brennan, Nicolay, and Walsifer

PUBLIC HEARING: SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET
- Public Hearing

- Sal Marchese, Gail O'Reilly and Tom Burke gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2017 budget. Submitted a document showing 2016 accomplishments and 2017 goals to the members of the Council as well.
- Plan to promote more things to do in Belmar than just the beach. Cruise Night and the kite festival have become widely popular for families. Continue with promotion of bicycling in town and using new bike racks. Want people to visit and invest in Belmar commerce.
- 2017 budget request is the same as the 2016 budget.
- Council member Brennan thanked Mr. Burke for an excellent presentation and reaching out to the Council before today to discuss their budget. He asked if there are any thoughts for banners throughout the year other than Christmas.
 - Mr. Burke stated they would like to see real flowers in hanging baskets during the summer.
 - Gail O'Reilly stated they are working on bringing awareness to business owners about grants that are available to them.
- Council member Nicolay feels the grants are important. The events have been successful. Communication between BBP and businesses is much better. They have also done a lot of free advertising. Would like to see more interaction with the businesses such as maybe more meetings.
- Council member Magovern stated he appreciates them working hard. He felt their marketing budget has some duplication of some of the things the Tourism Commission does. Feels they could reduce that budget and use the money for something else. Would like to see the business development budget increased. Feels \$133,000 is a lot of money and doesn't see a lot of improvement on Main Street. Would like to see them help businesses with subsidizing rent or getting new facades.
- Mayor Doherty stated we don't have a Chamber of Commerce like other towns do so the SID is all we have. He would support a Chamber of Commerce that would work with the SID to double their efforts. The budget isn't an issue. It's nice to the businesses working together and managing themselves. It's attractive to have a vibrant Main Street. Thanked Council member Nicolay on being the Council's liaison to the SID.
- Dirk Reitsma, 15th and Main, the look on Main Street is very important to them. The retail association is going to work with the SID.
- Mayor Doherty made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Council member Nicolay and approved unanimously.

Mayor Doherty offered, **2017-37, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017 SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT ROLL**, for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Nicolay and Doherty
 NAYS: Magovern
 ABSTAIN: Walsifer

PUBLIC SESSION:

George Komitas, 111 Third Avenue, stated it's nice to have Council member Walsifer on the dais and hopes the council works well together.

Council member Nicolay had to leave the meeting.

Charles Hoffman, 521 8th Avenue, moved here last year, it's the greatest place to live. Was concerned about a faded stop line at 8th Avenue near Silver Lake park with no stop sign. It's confusing as to whether or not they should stop. Mayor Doherty and Council member Magovern stated it's a great point and we should have the Borough engineer look into how to paint over it properly so it doesn't keep showing up when the paint wears off. Mr. Campbell stated he could mill it and put down new pavement so the words don't come back.

Council member Magovern thanked Mr. Burke for installing the bike racks throughout town from the BBP.

Council member Brennan encouraged everyone to like the Environmental Commission Facebook page.

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

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio
Municipal Clerk