

“GOD BLESS AMERICA”

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 5, 2017

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 Magovern, Councilman Brennan, Councilman Walsifer, Borough Attorney Greg Cannon, Esq., Business Administrator Colleen Connolly and Borough Clerk April Claudio

ABSENT: Councilwoman Nicolay

“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 21, 2017 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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

- Belmar Elementary School Youth Government Mock Meeting: Mayor Hannah Doherty, Council members Alex Murillo, Fiona Reilly, Maeve Reilly, and Julia Nicolay
 - o The Council proposed the following resolutions:
 - Invest in an automated “Bike Share” rental
 - Hold two dances for Belmar Elementary School at Taylor Pavilion
 - More holiday decoration around town (including Hanukkah)
 - Provide “Town Hall News” to local schools for students
 - o Public Comment:
 - Mayor Doherty asked if they would be in favor of a Teen Advisory Board. The Mayor and Council agreed.
 - Council member Magovern asked for more detail on the dances.
 - Mayor Hannah Doherty suggested they be open to all 5th through 8th graders and they be charged a fee that would fund the BES 8th Grade class trip. She would look for teachers and parents to chaperone.
 - Colleen Connolly asked for ideas on what teens could do besides dances.
 - Council member Julia Nicolay suggested help groups for suicide, drug and alcohol awareness.
 - Ed Markey, DPW, asked how to get more followers on the Borough’s Instagram account.
 - Mayor Hannah Doherty suggested working with the businesses to promote each other’s Instagram accounts and share followers.

RESOLUTION:

Mayor Doherty offered, **2017-189, RESOLUTION APPOINTING A POLICE OFFICER TO THE BELMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT**, for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Walsifer, Brennan and Doherty

Mayor Doherty administered the Oath of Office to Officer Timothy Yee.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED:

- Belmar Woman’s Club presented a plaque to Chris Brandl for allowing them to use his restaurant for their card parties after Superstorm Sandy.
- Lake Como Fire Prevention/Protection
 - o Ms. Connolly stated Lake Como contacted us about doing an interlocal for fire prevention and protection services. They’ve been having issues with people responding to calls and have asked Belmar and Spring Lake for assistance in the past. We already share a Fire Marshal and would like to formalize the arrangement and add the Fire Department. Fire Department is able to take on the shared service. We would bill Lake Como \$35,000-45,000. We are already providing fire protection services through mutual aid. Money would be shared among three firehouses to use

for equipment and other needs. Some of their firemen are already members of one of the Belmar Fire Departments.

- Council member Magovern asked about their firetrucks. Ms. Connolly stated we have no interest in taking on their vehicles. Hope to present an interlocal agreement and resolution for the Council at the December 28th meeting if Lake Como decides to move forward.
 - Council member Magovern asked about insurance liability. Ms. Connolly stated that would be something to consider during the process. Mayor Doherty suggested if there is an increase in our insurance premium it would come out of the interlocal payment.
 - Ms. Connolly stated Lake Como is also discussing contracting with Belmar First Aid for EMS services.
 - Chief Huisman stated it's been an ongoing issue. His officers know if it's a life-threatening situation that our departments are called first. There is no issue with response time from Belmar.
- Dan Dicesare, presented his redevelopment proposal for 709 7th Avenue. Mayor Doherty stepped off the dais. He purchased the property five years ago. It's the current home of Dr. Maseda's office and two apartments. Would like to convert the whole building into four apartments. Ms. Connolly stated the property is not in the redevelopment zone but is in the rehabilitation area. She added that this property is eligible for a short term, five-year tax abatement if the Council so approved.
- Council member Brennan would like him to address storm water runoff during his process.
 - The Council felt it is a good project and has no issue with it going forward.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

- Council member Walsifer asked about the \$4.4 million mentioned throughout the audit. Ms. Connolly stated the Auditors have not made any formal recommendations on how to handle it yet. Mayor Doherty stated ultimately that loan should be forgiven. Ms. Connolly stated we work with CDL and FEMA people to get the loan forgiven, but do to other storms and natural disasters there has been a delay in response from them.
- Council member Walsifer stated the Harbor Commission mentioned offering discounts to active military and veterans but it's not on the resolution. Mayor Doherty stated we could do a resolution in January for it.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council member Magovern made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2017 meeting, which was seconded by Mayor Doherty and approved unanimously.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Council member Magovern: Dara Mabrey was voted onto the pre-season All American basketball team. Her sister Maryna who plays for Notre Dame scored her 1000th point. Christian McClosky had an Eagle Scout Ceremony this past weekend.

Council member Walsifer: Congratulated Council member Brennan on his election win. DPW has really done a great job making the town festive. Tree lighting and Main Street Experience were very well attended. Wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Council member Brennan: Christian McClosky has done impressive things. Thanked DPW for setting up the tree lighting. BBP did a great job advertising the Main Street Experience, there was a great crowd. Congratulated Mr. Vallario for running a positive campaign. With election how close it was it shows where we are as a community and will promise to be respectful to all regardless of party.

Mayor Doherty: Also congratulated Council member Brennan. The businesses organized the Main Street Experience themselves which is remarkable. Everyone should check out the fences around the playgrounds, looks much nicer. Monmouth County Planning Board has selected the Marina Grille to receive their 2017 Planning Merit Award. Congratulations to them. Wished everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday.

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 Brennan and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

The Mayor shall abstain from voting on this Resolution by reason of his or her "General Ineligibility" as

provided by Belmar Ord. No. 9-5.

Council member Magovern offered, **2017-190, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**, for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

Council member Walsifer asked about the payment to Gibbons P.C. Ms. Connolly stated she will submit the bill to the insurance company for partial reimbursement.

AYES: Magovern, Walsifer, and Brennan

PAYMENT OF BILLS: certification that the vouchers listed on the warrant register numbering 1311 thru 1430 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	\$1,519,057.62
05	General Capital Account	\$612,232.41
11	Water/Sewer Account	\$105,279.79
21	Beach Utility Account	\$76,395.11
23	Parking Utility Account	\$300.00
35	Public Assist II Account	\$57,518.00
41	Dog License Account	\$1,464.00
55	Trust Fund Account	\$20,986.79
61	Tourism Development Account	\$9,685.16
Total:		\$2,402,936.88

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

Council member Magovern offered, **2017-191, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR AND THE MONMOUTH COUNTY SCAT PROJECT FOR 2018**, for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Walsifer, and Brennan

Mayor Doherty offered, **2017-192, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018 SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET AND SETTING THE HEARING ON THE BUDGET**, for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Walsifer, Brennan, and Doherty

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:

2017-193	RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR 2018
2017-194	RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SEASONAL BEACH BADGE FEES FOR THE 2018 SEASON IN THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
2017-195	RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING BEACH STORAGE LOCKER FEES FOR THE 2018 SEASON IN THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
2017-196	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MARINA FEES FOR THE YEAR 2018 AT THE BELMAR MARINA
2017-197	RESOLUTION SETTING 2018 MEETING DATES
2017-198	RESOLUTION PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS

- 2017-199 RESOLUTION CERTIFYING TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL HAVE REVIEWED THE ANNUAL AUDIT
- 2017-200 RESOLUTION INDICATING CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN/STATUS REGARDING THE 2016 MUNICIPAL AUDIT REPORT
- 2017-201 RESOLUTION APPROVING ELECTION OF DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT 2018
- 2017-202 RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE BELMAR HOUSING AUTHORITY
- 2017-203 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS
- 2017-204 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2017

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

AYES: Magovern, Walsifer, Brennan, and Doherty

ORDINANCES: None

PUBLIC SESSION:

Peter Piro, North Blvd., TAP Into It posted an article about checking your fire extinguishers. Didn’t know he had two faulty ones and they are being fixed for free, other should as well. Glad to see Lake Como outfall project moving forward.

Christine Cardolino, 15th Avenue, asked for an update on stop signs on B St and D St. for 15th Avenue Mayor Doherty stated we will be purchasing them in the 2018 budget and pass an ordinance designating the stops.

Pat Tecza, 903 Main Street, stated during the Main Street Experience people were complaining about lighting on Main Street from 7th Avenue to 5th Avenue. There’s lights on Borough Hall that if were lit would help.

Luis Pulido, Dina Manor, congratulated Council member Brennan on his victory.

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