

“GOD BLESS AMERICA”

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 18, 2013

A Special 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 Bean, Councilwoman Deicke, Councilman Magovern, Councilwoman Nicolay, Borough Attorney Michael DuPont, 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, the Asbury Park Press, and the Star Ledger, on March 14, 2013 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

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:

Mayor Doherty explained the resolution for the kitchen trailers is for the rental of five trailers but a notice to proceed will only be issued on three, for the existing lease holders. The other two trailers will be put out to bid.

Council member Bean asked what the lease payments would be. Mayor Doherty stated there will be meetings this week with the lease holders to negotiate lease payments. Ms. Connolly stated that FEMA has a program where the Borough can be reimbursed for the cost of temporary structures which she will be pursuing. Council member Bean felt the cost was too high and should have looked into having the lease holders purchase their own trailers.

Mayor Doherty offered **Resolution 2013-89, RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT FOR SEWER INSPECTION & CLEANING**, for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Deicke and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Deicke, Magovern, Bean, Nicolay, and Doherty

Mayor Doherty offered **Resolution 2013-90, RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT FOR THE RENTAL OF FIVE KITCHEN/FOOD CONCESSION TRAILERS**, for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Magovern and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Deicke, Magovern, Nicolay, and Doherty

NAYS: Bean

PUBLIC SESSION:

David Marola, Eighth Avenue Concession, stated he is concerned because he doesn't know what his lease payment would be. Ms. Connolly stated she would be meeting with him and the other lease holders within the next week to discuss this further.

Bill Merkler, 219 Second Avenue, stated he feels the Mayor is spending an excessive amount of money. He would like there to be no trailers on the boardwalk and allow the Ocean Avenue businesses who are hurting from the storm to get more business.

Mayor Doherty stated he never considered having no trailers on the boardwalk.

Council Member Nicolay asked what about the boardwalk concessions who lost their business.

Mr. Merkler felt they should have to pay for their own trailers.

Council member Magovern stated the businesses on Ocean Avenue have their main business during the summer and wouldn't be open now anyways.

Tom Rogers, TR's Food Court – Ocean Avenue, stated he wants trailers on the boardwalk but the rent they would have to pay doesn't make sense. He also thought the lease holders should buy their own trailers.

Hilary Colanduoni, 10th Avenue Freeze Out, stated she appreciates what is being done because she has had her business in Belmar for 15 years and paid close to a million dollars in rent, however she is concerned what her rent will be for this year.

Trent Colanduoni, 10th Avenue Freeze Out, asked why new people are needed and why not just keep the three trailers for the existing leases.

Mayor Doherty stated they could put the two trailers out to bid and see what comes back but don't necessarily have to go with them.

Council member Magovern felt five trailers would be better for the beachgoers because they won't want to walk far for a soda or food.

Mr. Merkler asked if the tenants don't pay enough to meet the cost for the trailers where does the money come from.

Mayor Doherty stated we would pursue the FEMA program and if that fails then it would come from the beach utility.

Mr. Merkler was concerned about it falling on the taxpayers because so much is being charged to the beach utility. Mayor Doherty stated taxes will not need to be raised.

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

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio
Municipal Clerk