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REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 7, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Belmar on the above date at 6:00 p.m. in the Belmar Municipal Building.

PRESENT: Mayor Doherty, Councilman Bean, Councilwoman Deicke, Councilman Magovern, Michael DuPont, Esq., Borough Administrator William Young, 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 January 24, 2012 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

WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS:

- Ken Pringle – 701 Seventh Avenue re-development proposal: The building is an L shaped 15,600 sq ft. structure which holds Pringle, Quinn, Anzano law firm and additional storage space in the rear. The proposal is to renovate the rear portion of the building into commercial suites. The second floor would also be renovated for those employees who currently have offices at 602 Main Street. The building will have a new façade, landscaping and an expanded parking area. The parking lot will be expanded to the neighboring vacant lot and will have formal handicap parking spaces and increase parking. Will also have a charging station for an electric car and bicycle racks. The building will have an elevator. Will also have places on the first floor to lease out. Looking for the Mayor and Council to approve plan so they can move forward to the TDRC and Planning Board.
    - The Mayor and Council approved the renovations and stated they look forward to the project.

- Tom Volker from the Belmar Business Partnership presented their proposals for way-finding signs, benches, and bicycle racks. Propose 60 way-finding signs throughout town. The signs would be 2 feet by 3 feet aluminum signs with reflective backgrounds. Propose twelve to twenty Victor Stanley steel benches with a blue finish. Propose steel blue wave and surfboard designed bicycle racks rather than typical straight bicycle racks. The number of bicycle racks will be determined on the amount of available funds from the Beautification Fund.
    - Councilman Magovern suggested coordinating trivia signs with the Historical Council to be placed on the benches.
    - Councilman Bean asked if the benches are metal and if they'll get hot during the summer. Mr. Volker stated they are but won't get hot. Councilman Bean asked if they are movable by the public. Mr. Volker replied no. Councilman Bean suggested making sure people know the surfboards and waves are bicycle racks.
    - The Mayor and Council gave approval to the BBP to move forward with these projects.
- Jet ski rentals & Skim boarding camp
    - Ms. Claudio stated there was a presentation a few meetings ago about a skim boarding camp at the 20th Avenue beach. Felecia Stratton who runs the camp was present and gave more explanation on her proposal.
    - Councilman Magovern stated he has seen the camp in Sea Bright and there are lot of people doing it.

- Mayor Doherty suggested speaking with Head Lifeguard Bill Karatz before putting this out to bid.
- Councilman Magovern suggested the location be to the north of the 19th Avenue jetty.
- Ms. Claudio explained she received a request to have Jet Ski rentals on the beach. The Mayor and Council were concerned about safety and therefore denied the request.

- Grease trap & tax abatement ordinances:
  - Mr. Young explained there are several businesses that do not have grease traps which means the grease is coming into the Borough's sewer pipes. This ordinance would require businesses to have grease traps.
  - Mayor Doherty suggested giving a copy of the ordinance to the SID.
  - Councilman Bean thought it is a good ordinance.
  - Mayor Doherty explained the tax abatement ordinance would create a tax abatement program for commercial and residential properties in the Borough. It would have no impact on the amount of taxes received by the Borough. He explained when someone does improvements to their property their tax assessment may increase and therefore their property taxes will increase and the owner is hit with a large bill in one year. This program would allow for that bill to be paid over a five year period. He also would like to give a copy of this ordinance to the SID.
  - Mr. DuPont also suggested giving a copy to the Tax Assessor for review.
  - Councilwoman Deicke asked who determines who qualifies for the program. Mr. DuPont stated one would have to make an application to the Mayor and Council.
  - Mayor Doherty suggested putting a time frame in the ordinance. Mr. DuPont suggested adding a sunset clause that would state the ordinance would expire after a certain date instead. He also suggested giving a copy to Bill Northgrave to see how it affects developments that are in a pilot program for their taxes.
  - Councilman Bean suggested having someone other than the Mayor and Council determine the abatements so it doesn't become political. Mr. DuPont stated the ordinance requires certain documentation to be submitted and then it could be reviewed by the Construction Official and Tax Assessor for validation.
  - Mayor Doherty stated if anyone didn't want to approve a request they would have to do it publicly and doesn't want to complicate the process. He also suggested speaking to some of the local contractors to get their opinions.
  - Both ordinances will be on the agenda for introduction at the next meeting.

- Mayor Doherty presented patches to Sgt. Tina Scott and Dispatcher Nick Cartmel who will be participating in the Police Unity Tour.

PROCLAMATION: Development Disabilities Month & Women's History Month & Irish-American Heritage Month

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council member Deicke moved for approval of minutes for the regular meeting held on February 15, 2012 and the special meeting held on February 27, 2012, seconded by Mayor Doherty and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Deicke, Bean, Doherty, and Magovern

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL:
Councilman Magovern: Tuesday at 7 pm will be the Historical Council's first meeting at Union firehouse. Read a report of activities from the Recreation Department. Easter Egg Hunt is March 31st. Military Appreciation Day will be on June 30th. Read DPW report.

Councilwoman Deicke: Thanked all who helped out with the Heart Health Program. The Mayor's Wellness Campaign Community Walk is March 28th. March 23rd is the Dentistry from the Heart program at Dr. Hanapole's office. Free well child health clinics will be held at

the First Aid building beginning April 5th and will be offered every other month courtesy of the Monmouth County Health Department. Waiting for applications for Coastal Habitat for Humanity. Harbor Commission met and discussed the progress of ongoing projects. Suggested everyone visit the Arts Council's new exhibit which was presented by former Mayor Ken Pringle and his wife; proceeds for the event go to the Affordable Housing Alliance. March 15th is the St. Patrick's Day Senior Social. Commended DPW and Police for doing an outstanding job on the day of the parade.

Councilman Bean: Asked Captain Huisman about graffiti on the 200 block of Tenth Avenue. Captain Huisman stated it is under investigation and cannot comment on it at this time.

Mayor Doherty: Attended the grand opening of the St. Vincent DePaul Society's store, Selective Seconds. Agreed DPW and Police did an outstanding job on parade day. Congratulated the parade committee for having a record number of participants in the parade. Wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day and a happy St. Joseph's Day.

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 moved that the Public Hearing be closed, seconded by Council member Deicke and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:
Mayor Doherty stated the State requires the budget to be introduced by March 9th but it won't go into effect until possibly June after the State aid figures are received. There will be no tax increase again this year. One major change is an increase of $100,000 for repairs to Borough Hall. This is for the installation of air conditioning in the gym. Tina Connelly, Recreation Director, stated additional programs could be offered if they have air conditioning such as senior aerobics, adult exercise classes, and programs for young children. It could also increase revenue by being able to rent the gym out to sports leagues during the summer. Mayor Doherty stated there is also money allocated to renovate the front portion of Borough Hall to create a senior center. Another change is to allocate $1,000 to the VFW for events they have throughout the year. The budget will have $330,000 in revenue from shared service agreements. There's also a $71,500 increase for the library which is mandated by the State. Last year $800,000 in revenue was anticipated through court fines however the Police Department actually generated $920,000.

Mayor Doherty offered the following resolution for adoption, **RESOLUTION 2012-59, RESOLUTION INTRODUCING THE 2012 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET,** which was seconded by Council member Deicke and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Deicke, Bean, Doherty, 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 as amended and moved them for adoption:

2012-60
RESOLUTION MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS ON LEGALIZED GAMES OF CHANCE APPLICATION NUMBER 2012-09, 10

2012-61
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF DEVELOPMENT ESCROW

2012-62

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS

2012-63
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH N.J. TRANSIT TO PROVIDE A SPECIAL BEACH TICKET

2012-64
RESOLUTION APPROVING DRIVERS OF FIRE APPARATUS FOR VOLUNTEER HOOK & LADDER FOR 2012

2012-65
RESOLUTION AWARDING A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR EIGHTH AVENUE PAVILION

2012-66
RESOLUTION AWARDING A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE UMBRELLA/CHAIR/WINDSCREEN RENTAL CONCESSION AT THE TENTH AND SIXTEENTH AVENUE BEACHES

2012-67
RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTEER HOOK & LADDER FIRE DEPARTMENT

2012-68
RESOLUTION GRANTING TAXICAB OWNERS & DRIVERS LICENSES FOR THE YEAR 2012

2012-69
RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS LIST FOR MARCH 7, 2012

PAYMENT OF BILLS: certification that the vouchers listed on the warrant register numbering 56265 thru 56410 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	$1,257,297.67
11	Water/Sewer Account	$46,459.83
21	Beach Utility Account	$65,359.85
41	Dog License Account	$1,483.80
55	Trust Fund Account	$14,021.62
61	Tourism Development Account	$6,703.00
Total:		$1,391,325.77

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

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mrs. Deicke	X			
Mr. Magovern	X			
Mr. Bean	X			
Mrs. Nicolay				X
Mayor Doherty	X			

ORDINANCE 2012-04
Mayor Doherty made a motion to offer **Ordinance 2012-04, CALENDAR YEAR 2012 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (NJSA. 40A:4-45.14) ,** for first reading and introduction and schedule it for public hearing on March 21, 2012, which was seconded by Council member Deicke and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Deicke, Magovern, and Doherty
NAYS: Bean

ORDINANCE 2012-02:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SEAPORT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

Public Hearing: None

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

Mayor Doherty made a motion to offer Ordinance 2012-02 for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Bean and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Deicke, Bean, Doherty, and Magovern

PUBLIC SESSION:

David Schneck, 302 C Street, asked what the 2012 budget total is. Mayor Doherty stated it is $13,726,996.68. Mr. Schneck stated the tax abatement ordinance would be based on what the Tax Assessor would assess so it would not be subjective.

Connie Dallaportas, 1002 Main Street, stated we should charge the skim boarding a camp a fee if they are going to charge children.

Mr. Schneck stated he thinks the tax abatement should be for every property and doesn't understand why it needs to be approved by the Mayor and Council. Mr. DuPont explained how the ordinance works in other towns and also stated that some improvements may not affect the assessment so those cases would not be approved. He explained the ordinance can be altered to meet the needs of the town.

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

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio
Borough Clerk