

“GOD BLESS AMERICA”

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 17, 2018

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., 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 January 3, 2018 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:

- JCP&L presented a \$1500 check to the Belmar PTO
- Christian McClosky was honored for becoming an Eagle Scout
- Wayne Blanchard was honored for becoming president of the State Troopers Fraternal Association

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

- Verizon: Boardwalk WiFi
 - o Robert McGuckin and John Szeliga were present from Verizon to present a plan to provide free WIFI and better cell coverage on the boardwalk and beachfront. The plan would include replacing every third light pole on the boardwalk with a new pole with node antennas on top. The Mayor and Council would have to give Right-of-Way consent to Verizon. The agreement would be for 40 years. Verizon would be committed to providing the free service for two years but the equipment would last five years. If after five years the equipment needs to be upgraded they will do so, if not they will restore the light poles to the way they were before. Mayor Doherty felt this is a great opportunity to provide free WiFi to the residents and beach goers at no cost to the Borough. Council member Brennan asked what the benefit of doing this is for Verizon. Mr. McGuckin stated it is a trial project, first time in the country. Mr. Szeliga stated they would be selling local advertising on the landing page as well. Mayor Doherty stated they get to provide better service to their customers while the Borough would get free WiFi. Council member Walsifer would like to know if cameras could be added to the poles for the Police Department. Verizon would like to have it live by Memorial Day.
- Ms. Connolly stated we are considering putting the beach chair and umbrella rental concession out to bid instead of the Borough operating it like we have the last three years. Envision a model where a vendor would staff the four major beach entrances. Recommended a starting bid of \$2500. Would like to have a point of service model like the one being operated in Asbury Park. Council member Brennan would like to see it done. Council member Nicolay would like to see it well marketed. Council member Magovern asked if there is a need for it. Ms. Connolly stated there is a demand. Mayor Doherty made a motion to add a resolution to the agenda authorizing the advertisement of bids for the concession, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved unanimously.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council member Magovern made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2017 meeting, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Walsifer and Magovern

ABSTAIN: Nicolay and Doherty

Council member Magovern made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2018 meeting, which was seconded by Mayor Doherty and approved unanimously.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Council member Magovern: Attended Fire Chief’s Retirement Dinner last weekend. New Fire Chief Stephen Hines was sworn in on January 1st. Can’t thank the Fire Department enough for putting out the fire in Lake Como. Police Officer Larry Kelly made a rescue in the Inlet via kayak yesterday. Would like to recognize his efforts at the next meeting. Historical Society will be hosting a new Show and Tell program at the new community center on 7th Avenue on February 13th. Also getting close to selecting company to repair Doughboy Statue.

Council member Walsifer: Echo some of the comments about the fire department. Impressive to listen to all the things they have done over the year as volunteers. Harbor Commission still working on marketing plan to fill slips.

Council member Brennan: Attended first meeting of the year for the Environmental Commission, they have new members, a new chair, and new energy. Looking to improve communications with residents on what they can do to save money and help the environment.

Council member Nicolay: Congratulated Christin McClosky again for becoming an Eagle Scout. JCPL also gave a \$1500 check to the Belmar Arts Center. Gave kudos to the Recreation Department and Youth Club for having a great turnout. Thanked Cathy from Tap Into Belmar for great articles on what’s going on in Belmar. Encouraged everyone to shop local and support local organizations.

Mayor Doherty: DPW did an outstanding job during the most recent snowstorm. Yesterday he attended swearing in ceremony for new Governor. Governor Christie has been a great friend and very supportive to Belmar during his tenure. Code Enforcement has informed us the Belmar Inn is no longer operating.

PUBLIC SESSION: Public Session on resolutions only on the Agenda.

No Comments.

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

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS:

Matthew Doherty, Mayor of the Borough of Belmar makes the following appointments to the Planning Board as per Borough Ordinance 1995-07:

Class IV - Jared Cohen, member of the Board, to fill unexpired term of Judy Rokoszak, expiring December 31, 2021

RESOLUTIONS:

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

Council member Magovern offered, **2017-29, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**, for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Walsifer, Brennan, and Nicolay

PAYMENT OF BILLS: certification that the vouchers listed on the warrant register numbering 1534 thru 1613 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	\$915,517.34
05	General Capital Account	\$532,024.75
11	Water/Sewer Account	\$433,508.20
21	Beach Utility Account	\$18,900.87
41	Dog License Account	\$9.00
55	Trust Fund Account	\$16,014.90
61	Tourism Development Account	\$6,159.88
Total:		\$1,922,134.94

Council member Magovern offered, **2017-30, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO**

REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR AND 500 MAIN STREET PARTNERS URBAN RENEWAL, LLC (“REDEVELOPER”) AND CONFIRMING CERTAIN PARKING REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING BLOCK 45, LOT 5 ON THE BOROUGH’S OFFICIAL TAX MAP AND LOCATED IN THE SEAPORT VILLAGE REDEVELOPMENT AREA, for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Walsifer, Brennan, and Nicolay

Council member Magovern offered, **2017-31, RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF REFUSE, TRASH AND GARBAGE, BULK ITEMS, AND WHITE GOODS FOR THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR,** for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Brennan, and Nicolay
ABSTAIN: Walsifer

Council member Magovern offered **2017-32, RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR 2018,** for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Walsifer, Brennan, and Nicolay

Council member Magovern offered, **2017-33, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR USE OF BEACH FRONT LOCATIONS FOR THE RENTAL OF UMBRELLAS, BEACH CHAIRS AND WINDSCREENS,** for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Walsifer, Brennan, and Nicolay

ORDINANCES: None

PUBLIC SESSION:
No Comments.

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