

“GOD BLESS AMERICA”

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 17, 2018

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

PRESENT: Mayor Magovern, Councilman Brennan, Councilman Levis, Borough Attorney Greg Cannon, Esq., Business Administrator Colleen Connolly, and Borough Clerk April Claudio

ABSENT: Councilwoman Nicolay and Councilman Walsifer

“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, 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 and Ed Markey

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

- Belmar Better Angels
 - o Martha Maselko explained their group’s purpose is to bring unity across party lines to address concerns with things going on in Belmar. Explained the history of the group. Aileen Fahy stated they are Democrats and Republicans working to achieve common ground to better Belmar without a political divide. Several other members of the group were present and introduced themselves: Carol Davies, Bob Brown, Katrina Clapsis, Vicky Renner, Merry Brennan, Linda Sharkus, Tom MacGowan, Greg Glezman, Maria Rodinaro, and Linda Chelsen. Ms. Brennan stated they hope to present concerns, ideas, suggestions to the Council and have an open dialogue on them.
 - o Council member Levis stated it is great to see residents coming together and putting party politics aside.
 - o Council member Brennan stated what they are doing is really great and should be applauded.
 - o Mayor Magovern agreed.
- CDBG Hearing
 - o Ms. Connolly stated this a public hearing for a grant application. The application is to obtaining funding for paving of Railroad Avenue from 13th Avenue to 16th Avenue. This will align with other grant funding we received to pave 12th Avenue from Route 35 to C Street. The goal would be to tack on additional blocks in future years to get as much funded money as possible.
 - o Vicky Renner, 1106 D Street, there was a traffic study years ago, always wanted a center island on 12th Avenue between Main Street and railroad as a traffic calming measure. Council member Levis would be concerned about the traffic island affecting the large trucks that access Jaeger Lumber. Council member Brennan stated they would have to do a traffic study to see what is feasible.
 - o Sharon Mahoney, Main Street, suggested looking at addressing the three lanes of traffic at 8th and Main Street with a speed bump. Mayor Magovern agreed we need a better way to manage the traffic there. Ms. Mahoney suggested crosswalks.
 - o Tom Dilberger, 1000 River Road, discussed issues with crosswalks.
 - o Maria Rodinaro, 1246 Pinetree, would like to see the project go through. Would like to see a better crossing situation for Maclearie Park.
 - o Linda Sharkus, 400 4th Avenue, would like to see signs posted advising bicycles to use the right side of the street.
 - o Peter Piro, North Blvd., suggested speed humps near the school.
 - o David Schneck, 302 C Street, stated people heading west on 5th Avenue towards Main Street can’t see the bridge is up until they make the turn; would like to see that addressed.
 - o Council member Brennan asked if the project includes curbs. Ms. Connolly stated it includes replacement of sidewalks and curbs as needed.
 - o Council member Levis asked about the section along the baseball field between 12th and 13th; and sated he would like to see that paved.
 - o Linda Chelsen, L Street, would like to see a stop sign on 16th Avenue between Route 35 and Highway 71.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council member Brennan made a motion to approve the July 3, 2018 meeting minutes, which was seconded by Council member Levis and approved unanimously.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Council member Levis: Attended Circle of Friends Golf Outing today, great event for a great cause.

Council member Brennan: Met with Jason Austin who installed plantings near 12th Avenue beach playground. Working on a second stage of planting near 4th and 5th Avenue along the boardwalk.

Mayor Magovern: Congratulated Goodwill Fire Co. for a very successful five mile run. Doughboy Statue is returning July 27th. Historical Society will have a little reception for it. The Historical Society display cases in the Borough Hall lobby have great photos of musicians associated with Belmar. Historical Society is looking for new members.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Council member Brennan had to recuse himself from the following resolution which meant there wasn't a quorum. Mayor Magovern made a motion to table the resolution, which was seconded by Council member Levis and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE TO ARPADO, INC. T/A HANLEY'S LIQUORS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

Mayor Magovern made a motion to adopt **2018-107, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**, which was seconded by Council member Levis and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Levis, and Brennan

PAYMENT OF BILLS: certification that the vouchers listed on the warrant register numbering 2558 thru 2648 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	\$229,938.06
05	General Capital Account	\$62,430.37
11	Water/Sewer Account	\$19,375.86
21	Beach Utility Account	\$84,897.93
23	Parking Utility Fund	\$20.00
41	Dog License Account	\$4.80
55	Trust Fund Account	\$4,005.29
61	Tourism Development Account	\$5,724.99
Total:		\$406,397.30

Mayor Magovern made a motion to adopt **2018-108, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS**, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Levis, and Brennan

ORDINANCES:

First Reading & Introduction

ORDINANCE 2018-13

ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE SEAPORT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND REFERRING SAME TO THE BOROUGH PLANNING

BOARD FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

Council member Levis offered Ordinance 2018-13 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Levis, and Brennan

PUBLIC SESSION:

Sherrie Russo, Briarwood, stated the children she babysits for want to do a lemonade stand at Maclearie Park and donate the money to the SPCA or another organization, wanted to know if it was okay. Asked if lower basketball nets could be placed at the parks. Suggested free book boxes on the boardwalk like Asbury, Avon and Bradley Beach have. Ms. Connolly stated they have created some and will be putting them up next week at Pyanoe Plaza, 10th Avenue, and Taylor Pavilion.

Mark Presto, 13th Avenue, stated the all way stops are confusing. Asked if beach tents are not allowed; seems to be more of them. Would like to see it enforced. Mayor Magovern stated we are getting better at it. Mr. Presto brought up the new garbage and recycling rules. He brought up the zero-tolerance policy. Was concerned tickets are only being issued if a resident complains. Would like to see more police patrol at 2 am throughout the neighborhoods.

Sandy Caputo, Surf Avenue, brought up footballs, balls and frisbees on the beach where children are playing and people are sitting. Would like to see the lifeguards enforcing it more. Saw people on bicycles on the boardwalk during the fireworks and the special officers didn't do anything about it.

Vicky Renner, 1106 D Street, would like to see the community policing program used more and reintroduce it to the residents.

Tom Burke, 10th Avenue, tomorrow is the first BBP Cruise Night, encouraged everyone to attend.

Tom Dilberger, 1000 River Road, stated the issues with crosswalks and bicycles is due to the way people act and control themselves.

Martha Maselko, 102 North Blvd., asked when the landscaping at Lake Como will be done. Ms. Connolly stated we will be working with Spring Lake and DEP to do that.

Katrina Clapsis, B Street, asked what the executive session will be about. Mr. Cannon stated it will be about the 10th Avenue Freeze Out litigation. Ms. Clapsis asked how often is a business inspected. Mr. Cannon stated they have a yearly fire inspection. She was concerned about the number of violations at the Belmar Inn and how they happened. Mayor Magovern stated our new Fire Marshal did his inspection and was very tough and thorough. Mr. Cannon stated they cannot reopen until they abate all the violations.

Ms. Renner stated there was a video online about Sunrise Market at 16th and Main Street in Lake Como which showed the alleyway being used as a bathroom. Captain Tom Cox stated they met with the property owner to resolve this and will be having a custom fence built and installed.

Ms. Clapsis would like to see more crowd control throughout the streets so people aren't urinating on the streets.

Sharon Mahoney, Main Street, asked the Council to ban plastic straws and other plastics that are not recyclable along with the plastic bags.

Mr. Schneck asked if Council members Nicolay and Walsifer know about the executive session and if it's fair to have a discussion without them. Mr. Cannon stated he will speak to them over the phone. He added this is just an update after discussions from the last meeting. Mr. Cannon reiterated he will make sure they know about it.

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

Council member Levis made a motion to adopt **2017-109, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION**, which was seconded by Mayor Magovern and approved by the following vote:

AYES; Magovern, Brennan, and Levis

After the Executive Session, the Mayor and Council reconvened in the public portion of the meeting. Council member Brennan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mayor Magovern and

approved unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio
Municipal Clerk