

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
AGENDA**

**APRIL 16, 2019**

**6:00 PM**

Mayor Mark Walsifer, Council President Thomas Brennan, Councilman James McCracken, Councilman Thomas Carvelli, Councilwoman Patricia Wann, Borough Attorneys Jerry Dasti and Chuck Schlager, Acting Business Administrator Edward Kirschenbaum and Borough Clerk April Claudio

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 19, 2018 and 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 Francis Clancy

**WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:**

- Chief of the MCSPCA spoke about the recent raccoon attacks. The MCSPCA has been working closely with the Police Chief. It is not uncommon for a raccoon to come out during the daytime during January to June which is breeding time. Recommended people be vigilante but not overly concerned.
- Youth Government Day Mock Meeting presented by the Belmar Elementary School students.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS:**

- Honoring America Garry
- Honoring Lucas Revano
- Honoring Bella Serrano

**WORKSHOP DISCUSSION CONTINUED:**

- Al Hilla, H2M Engineering, has been working with the Borough to address the DEP violations, specifically with the L Street beach closing. Working with DEP on a schedule to address violations. Discussed several things that have been done already. There are grants the Borough can apply for to help with mitigation.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

- Arbor Day

**PETITIONS:** none

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilwoman Wann made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2019 meeting, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Walsifer, Brennan and Wann

ABSTAIN: McCracken and Carvelli

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL:**

Councilman Carvelli: Thanked DPW, BBP and Marina staff for the boat show; it was a good first-time event. Attended the Harbor Commission meeting, new kayak racks will be built soon. Attended the BBP meeting where their budget was discussed. Diligently working on changes to the website.

Councilman McCracken: Housing Authority met this month, and all is well. Shade Tree Commission will be working with St. Rose and Belmar schools to plant trees for Arbor Day.

Councilwoman Wann: ADA Committee met and want to bring awareness on Autism to the schools. The Community Policing program will be up and running again.

Councilman Brennan: Marina Mabrey was drafted by WNBA team Los Angeles Sparks. Boat Show went well for its first time. Environmental Commission still working on the Environmental Resources Inventory. They also discussed town-wide composting. Attended a Mayor's Roundtable on affordable housing and marijuana regulations.

Mayor Walsifer: Commend BBP for putting on boat show so quickly. Going to rent out some undesirable docks

at a reduced rate. Obtained six new slip rentals because of the boat show. Working on trying to get all the details ironed out on changing the rental fees and rules for using Taylor Pavilion.

**PUBLIC SESSION:** Public Session on resolutions only on the Agenda. We will continue to have a Public Session at the end of this meeting.

Cy Reittmayer, Fifth Avenue, spoke about Marina Mabrey and the strong history her and her family have with Belmar. Thinks they deserve recognition. Mayor Walsifer stated we will do something when she is able to attend a meeting. Mr. Reittmayer asked if the Special I officers are replacements or additional. Mayor Walsifer stated they are replacements. Mr. Reittmayer asked for clarification on the capital budget resolution. Mayor Walsifer stated this resolution allows for the purchases through the budget or if can't do that then can bond for it in the future.

Tom Dilberger, 1000 River Road, suggested in the off season putting an officer on a walking beat. Will save money on a vehicle.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to close the public session, which was seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved unanimously.

**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.

Mayor Walsifer offered the following resolutions for adoption:

**No. 2019-85 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**No. 2019-86 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR DEDICATING BY RIDER TO THE BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH REVENUE FOR THE BELMAR CARES PROGRAM**

**No. 2019-87 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS**

**No. 2019-88 RESOLUTION INTRODUCING THE 2019 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**No. 2019-89 RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR 2019**

**No. 2019-90 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MARINA FEES FOR THE YEAR 2019 AT THE BELMAR MARINA**

**No. 2019-91 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE BOROUGH EMPLOYMENT HANDBOOK**

**No. 2019-92 AMENDED RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PERMIT PARKING AREA FOR MARINA SLIP HOLDERS IN THE BELMAR MARINA IN THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**No. 2019-93 RESOLUTION ADOPTING A 2019 TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET**

**No. 2019-94 RESOLUTION PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS**

**No. 2019-95 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TO LEASE A PORTION OF THE THIRD AVENUE BEACH FOR A BEACH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE**

**No. 2019-97 RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AS PER BOROUGH ORDINANCE 2004-21**

Seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Wann, Carvelli, McCracken and Walsifer

**SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 2019 BUDGET**

- Public Hearing

o Mayor Walsifer recused himself since he pays into the SID.

- Sal Marchese, President of the BBP, budget is lower than 2018. Hopes everyone enjoyed the boat show and the flags that were put up on Main Street.
- Councilman McCracken budget document submitted to the Council was very professional and well put together. They have accomplished good things. The plans for 2019 will make Belmar a great place to shop and visit. Would like to see greater efficiency with Tourism, BBP, and library working together to promote events.
- Mr. Marchese suggested the BBP and Tourism merge.
- Councilman McCracken made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved unanimously.

Councilman Brennan offered the following resolution for adoption:

**No. 2019-96 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019 SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT ROLL**

Seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved by the following vote:

AYE: Carvelli, Wann, McCracken and Brennan

ABSTAIN: Walsifer

**ORDINANCES:**

Councilman Brennan made a motion to approve the first reading and introduction of the following ordinances as one consent agenda vote, which was seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:

AYES: McCracken, Carvelli, Wann, Brennan and Walsifer

**ORDINANCE 2019-09**

*First Reading & Introduction*

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, AMENDING VARIOUS CHAPTERS OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES TO REMOVE SECTIONS REGARDING BONFIRES**

**ORDINANCE 2019-10**

*First Reading & Introduction*

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

**ORDINANCE 2019-11**

*First Reading & Introduction*

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, AMENDING SECTION 4-4 DIVISION OF TREASURY FUNCTIONS, ESTABLISHING FEES FOR USE OF MARINA ELECTRONIC SIGN**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-12**

*First Reading & Introduction*

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR BOROUGH WIDE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER RELATED EXPENSES FOR THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR AND APPROPRIATING \$979,000 THEREFOR (INCLUDING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$610,500 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION), AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$979,000 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR TO FINANCE THE SAME**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-13**

*First Reading & Introduction*

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED EXPENSES FOR THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR AND APPROPRIATING \$318,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$302,100 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR TO FINANCE THE SAME**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-14**

*First Reading & Introduction*

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VEHICLES, A 911 SYSTEM**

**AND COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND RELATED EXPENSES FOR THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR AND APPROPRIATING \$390,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$370,500 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR TO FINANCE THE SAME**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-15**

*First Reading & Introduction*

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR AMENDING CHAPTER 19, SCHEDULE 30.1 MID-BLOCK CROSSWALKS OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-16**

*First Reading & Introduction*

**ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XL, DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, SECTION 40-3.14 FEES, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY**

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Kyle Jones, 412 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, heard skatepark was going to close. There are too few skateparks across the country. Skatepark is more used than the basketball courts and baseball fields. Those that use the skatepark are a family.

Mayor Walsifer stated the reason we are reviewing the skatepark is because of the damage being done there and people not following the rules. It has been a burden on the DPW to keep maintaining it. We were looking at several options to manage it.

Mr. Kirschenbaum stated he met with the owner of the skate shop on Main Street about forming a bond to assist with compliance issues. The first concern is safety of those that use the skatepark. Came up with a plan to form a volunteer committee to ensure safety compliance. Would like older skaters to teach the younger skaters on safety. Will work on getting donations to help make it safe.

Linda Sharkus, Fourth Avenue, asked if there are sufficient grease traps in the restaurants along the river. Asked if the sewer lines in the marina are insufficient with the increase use of Marina Grille. Mayor Walsifer stated the only times we have issues are during heavy rainfalls.

Mr. Kirschenbaum read some tests regarding water quality tests done in 2017 and 2018. There were only four times there were high test levels which came at times of heavy rainfall or high tide. The River is safe. Will meet with Monmouth County Health Department and DEP to show them we are diligently working on the problem. The media is using scare tactics and confusing the public.

Ms. Sharkus felt the use of Marina Grille has changed to allow a nightclub by removing tables and chairs. Mayor Walsifer stated he would have to look at the occupancy and the restrictions on their liquor license. Chief Huisman stated they cannot remove tables to increase the occupancy. The fire marshal does spot checks on occupancies of all liquor license establishments.

Pat Puleo, 207 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, spoke about the ordinance adopted last fall changing the direction of Snyder Avenue. This change has created a higher traffic volume on 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Snyder Avenue. Would like the Mayor and Council to consider changing it.

Tom Volker, 527 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked if the Shade Tree Commission has a program where if you remove a tree you have to put one back. Thinks it could help. Asked for an update on the Lake Como outfall pipe grant. Mr. Dasti stated there is a meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup> with DEP and Senator Singer and others to discuss this further.

Noreen Dean, 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, thanked whoever painted the courtesy lines on 16h Avenue. Asked about planting trees on the Belmar side of Como Lake. Mike Campbell, DPW will work with her on this.

George Komitas, 111 Third Avenue, May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Autism benefit at D'Jais. Thankful for the changes to the skatepark.

Bob Lynch, 316 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, stated he read the ordinance and it says if a tree is removed between the sidewalk and curb it is supposed to be replaced. Councilman McCracken stated we have streamlined the permit process for tree removal.

Cy Reittmayer asked for clarification on who is responsible for planting and removing the tree between the sidewalk and curb. It is the responsibility of the homeowner. He asked for an update on the work that has to be done on the pavilions. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated we have met with the architect, Maser and our new engineer to

address the issues at both pavilions. Still working on it. Mr. Reittmayer suggested having other vendors at the boat show to attract more people. Mayor Walsifer stated we put it together quickly and are having a meeting next week to discuss how we can make it better for next year.

Mayor Walsifer made a motion to close the public session and adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio  
Municipal Clerk