

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
AGENDA**

**MARCH 19, 2019**

**6:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Mark Walsifer, Council President Thomas Brennan, Councilwoman Patricia Wann, Borough Attorneys Jerry Dasti, Business Administrator Edward Kirschenbaum and Borough Clerk April Claudio

Absent: Councilman McCracken and Councilman Carvelli

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, Pat McCann, New Zealand families, and Dave Maul

**WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:**

Mayor Walsifer stated we are looking into making some changes on how Taylor Pavilion is used and is open to suggestions from the rest of the Council.

**PETITIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilwoman Wann made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2019 meeting, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved unanimously.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL:**

Councilwoman Wann: Met this week with the Parks and Recreation Committee. There is a lot to do. Discussed wait list for memorial benches.

Councilman Brennan: Harbor Commission met last week. Jet ski and kayak racks are sold out with a waiting list. A new set of racks will be built near Maclearie Park. Looking at gas prices to see if can be charging more. Boat Show is coming up on April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Shout out to Lucas Revano, State Champion Wrestler. He is a four-time district and regional champion.

Mayor Walsifer: Tonight's meeting is live streaming on Facebook. Library is looking to hire a Director and looking into a grant to add onto the building. Today there was a meeting in Trenton to recapture money we lost because of the Lake Como grant engineering issue. Meeting was very positive and will get an answer in the next few weeks.

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

Katrina Clapsis, B Street, asked for an explanation on resolution 2019-84. Mayor Walsifer stated the building has been sold and this is to transfer the pilot program over to the new owner.

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. 2019-77 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**No. 2019-78 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS**

**No. 2019-79 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE CENTRAL JERSEY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND'S 2019 SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

- No. 2019-80 RESOLUTION RELEASING THE TENANT FROM THE LEASE FOR ZUMBA CONCESSION**
- No. 2019-81 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2019**
- No. 2019-82 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK SMSA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS**
- No. 2019-83 RESOLUTION PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS**
- No. 2019-84 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN ASSIGNMENT OF THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH SEAPORT VENTURES URBAN RENEWAL, LLC, TO 701 MAIN URBAN RENEWAL, LLC**

Seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Walsifer, Wann and Brennan

**ORDINANCES:** None

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Audrey Depasquale stated on January 16<sup>th</sup> she was attacked by a rabid raccoon. Believes there was more than one raccoon around. Asked why animal control was not around to stop this animal. Another one attacked a cat. Chief Huisman stated he met with the Humane Society and ASPCA that day. It is not possible to put thousands of traps around. Ms. Depasquale asked why a Code Red wasn't issued letting everyone know a raccoon was sighted a few days earlier. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated a Code Red was sent out after the incident. Chief Huisman stated he met with media and a news release was done the day after the attack. Ms. Depasquale's daughter stated she saw Facebook posts about the attacks after the fact but felt a post should have been done when the first raccoon was sighted.

Karen Palmieri, Marina View Towers, asked what the plan is to protect our children from this.

Councilman Brennan stated the school has a plan to supervise kids during recess and after school during pickup time. After the incident the school emailed all the parents and sent written letters home.

Chief Huisman stated he met with all the schools. Also met with the Health Department and worked with ASPCA who expanded patrol not just in Belmar but surrounding towns.

Bill Garcia, 322 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked about the Maser debt that was discussed two meetings ago. Asked if contracts have a contingency plan.

Mayor Walsifer explained how the grant process works. Cost overruns are suppose to be discussed with the state before approved, which wasn't being done. Anytime there is a design change it should come before the Mayor and Council first. Still trying to figure out what is going on and what the past Administration did. Still working with CFO to determine how to pay Maser debt.

Linda Sharkus, 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked how many buildings have been approved that will be bearing new residences in town and how it will affect the school system. Also concerned about what will be done to the infrastructure in town. Would like to know the number of new residences that will be coming in to town.

Tom Volker, 527 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, stated he saw the school budget went down because enrollment went down but these residences could affect it.

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

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio, Municipal Clerk