

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AGENDA**

OCTOBER 15, 2019

6:00 PM

Mayor Mark Walsifer, Council President Thomas Brennan, Councilman James McCracken, Councilman Thomas Carvelli, Councilwoman Patricia Wann, Borough Attorneys Jerry Dasti, 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

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

Peter Avakian, Borough Engineer, gave a project status update. The 12th Avenue road project was started and completed so we didn't lose a grant. Addressed storm drainage issues at Route 35 and K Street. Main Street streetscape project was finally completed. Updated our beach management plan. Reviewed municipal facilities and created improvement plans. Completed our five-year Community Rating System review. Created a list of long-term improvements and plans that would be beneficial to the Borough and cost effective. Such as a road improvements plan, a plan for municipal buildings/facilities, and a storm drainage and sanitary sewer plan.

Councilman Brennan would like the Floodplain Manager to come to an Environmental Commission meeting to explain the Community Rating System.

Councilman McCracken suggested a long-term plan for replacement of equipment at the firehouses as well.

Councilman Carvelli stated there is a misconception that the Lake Como outfall pipe is disabled. Mr. Avakian stated it still functions without the valve just not as efficiently. Mr. Campbell, DPW, explained what they do before each storm until the valve is replaced.

Mayor Walsifer stated Mr. Avakian and Mr. Campbell worked to get the roof at Borough Hall repaired to stop the leaks at a very good cost.

Mr. Kirschenbaum stated floors were replaced in the municipal complex because the roof leaked so bad. The heat and a/c also didn't work. At a minimal cost the roof was repaired and have not had any leaks. The carpet needed to be replaced because it was dirty and moldy which is a health issue. Since January we have fixed the lights outside of Borough Hall, installed an inexpensive microphone system, doing a live stream of meetings, and adopted a new beach management plan that is in compliance with the State.

Councilman McCracken stated we had three bulldozers to do the dunes but since we are not allowed to put up dunes anymore DPW salvaged parts from two of them and then sold them.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilwoman Wann made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2019 meeting, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Wann, Carvelli, McCracken, Walsifer

ABSTAIN: Brennan

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Councilman Carvelli: There has been some concern about whether or not we are in compliance with the Susko litigation. Met with the CFO and BA and we are in compliance with the ruling terms. Met with Superintendent Hallman regarding the operations of the school, their challenges and programs. Discussed creating a communication channel between the School Board and the Council. Noticed there are a lot of lightbulbs out along the boardwalk. DPW has an email address to report light outages to.

Councilman McCracken: Also met with Mr. Hallman about improving the front entrance of the building as reported at the last meeting. Will make an effort moving forward that any open items that require a public response be done at a meeting. Shade Tree Commission meets next week. For 2018 we had 71 part time police officers for 2019 we had 18 less. The marina brought in \$68,869 in additional revenue this year. Part of that is

due to the reduction of DPW employees in the marina. Our fire marshal received \$1,000 for being the recipient of the Monmouth County Fire Official of the year.

Councilwoman Wann: ADA Committee meets this week. Will also be meeting with Mr. Avakian to determine certain properties are ADA compliant. Community Policing will be having a meeting soon to discuss the summer and moving forward into the winter. There is a senior luncheon tomorrow at D'Jais. The Halloween parade and costume contest is on the 27th with a trunk or treat. Gave a description on the maker space program and what is offered.

Councilman Brennan: Attended Harbor Commission meeting. The marina has done better this year than it has in quite a while. Working on figuring out how to fill slips and get more money out of the marina. Re-evaluating gas prices. Environmental Commission met last week with Environmental Commissions from other towns. Talked about plastic recycling. Working on a grant to finish plantings at the beach.

Mayor Walsifer: Congratulated George Komitas's son Lambros on becoming an Eagle Scout. Mayor's Ball made \$22,00 for recreation. Attended the 125th Anniversary of Hook and Ladder Fire Dept.

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

Anita Peccoreli, River Ridge Apartments, saw we are approving events for 2020 but thought we would have a balance sheet of whether or not we made money or not. Mayor Walsifer stated we made \$64,000 on the seafood festival.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to close the public session, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer 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.

Councilman Brennan offered the following resolutions for adoption:

No. 2019-186 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

No. 2019-187 RESOLUTION APPOINTING COORDINATOR AND MEMBERS TO THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES (ADA) FOR THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR

No. 2019-188 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)

No. 2019-189 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR AND THE MONMOUTH COUNTY SCAT PROJECT FOR 2020

No. 2019-190 RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR RECREATION PURPOSES

No. 2019-191 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH MONMOUTH COUNTY FOR PERFORMANCE AND DELIVERY OF FISCAL YEAR 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

No. 2019-192 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CERTIFICATION PROHIBITING THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE AND A CERTIFICATION PROHIBITING THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR LOBBYING

No. 2019-193 RESOLUTION PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS

No. 2019-194 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS

No. 2019-195 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC TAX SALE

No. 2019-196 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR MAILING OF TAX SALE NOTICES

No. 2019-197 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR,

**COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING A STORM
RECOVERY RESERVE FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF
N.J.S.A. 40A:4-62.1**

Seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Wann, Brennan, McCracken, Carvelli and Walsifer

ORDINANCES: None

PUBLIC SESSION:

Gerald Buccafusco, 5th Avenue, asked if we received any RFP proposals for the municipal building. Mayor Walsifer stated we received two and they are under attorney review which will take a few weeks. Mr. Buccafusco stated there is a schedule of meetings that are to take place per the RFP documents which Mr. Dasti stated will change because he needs time to do the reviews. Mr. Buccafusco stated he would like to see that revised timeline.

Linda Sharkus, 400 4th Avenue, important to notify people that if their street is to be improved, they could have the opportunity to do water/sewer improvements before the roads are redone. Mike Campbell, DPW, stated that is standard process and they've done that for previous projects.

Gene Creamer, 4th Avenue, downloaded the 2019 water quality report which was a good report.

Maria Rondinaro, 1246 Pinetree, asked about sump pump connections and if smoke tests were done. Mr. Campbell stated we were going to do it near K Street, but the cameras were sufficient and less evasive.

Jim Bean, 612 16th Avenue, heard a corporation bought a block in Asbury Park and put a liquor license on the whole block. Asked if the new Beach Haus license would be for the whole building and all of the businesses. Mayor Walsifer stated they are in the process of purchasing the Jack's Tavern license, but they have not applied to transfer the license. Mr. Dasti stated they will have to submit a floor plan to the Mayor and Council as part of their transfer application that will need to be approved.

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