

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES**

OCTOBER 1, 2019

6:00 PM

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

Absent: Council President Thomas Brennan

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:

Mayor Walsifer stated we are going to table bond ordinance 2019-32. We have saved significant money in the last ten months, so we are going to put that money in a capital improvement fund. We are going to take a look at the ordinance and see if we can handle any of this on our own without taking on anymore debt.

Mayor Walsifer stated Mr. Kirschenbaum has a friend that cleans out offices and got us office furniture and two pallets of copy paper for free.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilwoman Wann made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 17th meeting, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved unanimously.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Councilman Carvelli: The Tax Assessor has been reviewing closed out permits to make sure properties are being assessed correctly. We will be receiving \$211,000 by the end of the year in back re-assessments. Kite Festival this weekend was well attended. The Police Explorers meeting was held; have about ten children signed up. Will be doing another recruiting drive in the schools. We will be switching to the NJ American Water system and hydrant flushing will start next week. Received feedback that street markers look ragged. DPW has been working on painting them.

Councilman McCracken: There's a local mason/landscaper who has children in Belmar Elementary school that would like to redo their front walkways for free. The DPW has a lot of donated pavers leftover that he can use. Will be meeting with him and Superintendent Hallman to discuss this further. DPW had 14 part time people in 2018 and in 2019 we only had 9 people. We are doing more with less. Also had two less full-time employees. The military equipment that the DPW received after Hurricane Sandy has been sold or scrapped and received \$34,000. Have some additional items to sell. Since can no longer put up dunes on the beach we got rid of two extra bulldozers. Shade Tree Commission met last week; two new members brought a lot of energy to the group. On Sunday he and Councilman Carvelli met volunteers of Union Fire Co. They have equipment issues that we need to address. Renovations to the firehouse are also needed. We need a three, five- and ten-year plan to maintain our buildings and equipment.

Councilwoman Wann: Read a proclamation declaring October Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Thanked all who attend the run for the Fallen Soldiers. Thanked the Fire Department and everyone who was involved in this event. Community Policing will be meeting with zone chiefs and block captains to summarize this summer and get prepared for the winter. Parks and Recreation Committee met with company that is going to make the memorial benches so we can move forward with that program. Recreation is having a walking group in October and November on the boardwalk. The Halloween Parade and Costume Contest will be on the 27th with a Trunk or Treat.

Mayor Walsifer: Echoed Councilwoman Wann's sentiments about the run for Fallen Soldiers. Thanked Fire Department and Mike Campbell of DPW for everything they did for this event. The Mayor's Ball was this past Friday. Thanked everyone who attended and all of the sponsors.

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

Councilwoman Wann 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 Carvelli offered the following resolutions for adoption:

No. 2019-182 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

No. 2019-183 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS

No. 2019-184 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO DECLARE HALLOWEEN CURFEW

No. 2019-185 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BELMAR HOUSING AUTHORITY

Seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Wann, McCracken, Carvelli and Walsifer

ORDINANCES:

Second Reading & Public Hearing

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-32

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING IN ITS ENTIRETY BOND ORDINANCE NUMBERED 2015-24 OF THE BOROUGH FINALLY ADOPTED JULY 7, 2015, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE OF THE AUTHORIZATION AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES THEREFOR AND TO MAKE CORRESPONDING AMENDMENTS RELATED THERETO

Councilwoman Wann made a motion to table ordinance 2019-32, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved unanimously.

Second Reading & Public Hearing

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-33

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO RAILROAD AVENUE AND OTHER RELATED EXPENSES FOR THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR AND APPROPRIATING \$220,000 THEREFOR (INCLUDING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$158,889), AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$220,000 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR TO FINANCE THE SAME.

Public hearing: none

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

Councilman McCracken made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-33, which was seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Wann, McCracken, Carvelli and Walsifer

Second Reading & Public Hearing

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-34

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XIX, TRAFFIC, SECTION 19-16 PARKING OF CERTAIN TRUCKS, VEHICLES AND TRAILERS PROHIBITED OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF

MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

Public hearing: none

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

Councilman Carvelli made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-34, which was seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Wann, McCracken, Carvelli and Walsifer

PUBLIC SESSION:

Jim Bean, 612 16th Avenue, asked for an explanation on how we borrowed money from the beach utility. Mayor Walsifer stated he believed the money was borrowed to start the Lake Como outfall project. When we return that \$1 million to the beach utility, we will use that to pay down some of the debt in the beach utility.

Bruce Blattner, 407 9th Avenue, thanked Mayor Walsifer, the Council and residents for bestowing the honor of Citizen of Year to him. Will honor and cherish this.

Tom Volker, 8th Avenue, asked about the million dollars FEMA wants back. Mayor Walsifer stated they paid us with the calculations that we put together and FEMA cut the check without doing an audit. They did the audit 7 years later. We are working with CFO, engineer and auditor to see if it is a mistake. Mr. Volker asked if there is anything new on the senior center we are losing. Mayor Walsifer stated we are working with the library to find space within town so we can keep our programs.

Councilwoman Wann asked why we can't move the programs to Taylor Pavilion. Mayor Walsifer stated we can put some things there and we also have use of the gym.

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

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio
Municipal Clerk