

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

**6:00 PM**

Mayor Mark Walsifer, Council President Thomas Brennan, Councilman James McCracken, Councilman Thomas Carvelli, Councilwoman Patricia Wann, Acting Borough Attorney Greg McGuckin, 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 4, 2019 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 all our first responders

**WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:**

- Bob Allison, Borough Auditor gave a presentation on the status of the water/sewer utility from 2017-2020. Due to costs growing from debt services the surplus has been decreasing. There is \$416,000 left in surplus for 2020. Based on collections, miscellaneous revenues, expenses which includes debt services it leaves a deficit of \$265,843.00 for 2020. Mayor Walsifer stated we are working with the auditor and our CFO to figure out how we fix this. We may need to have a special meeting in the next week.
- Krista Sperber of the Environmental Commission gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding preparing for flood risk. Insurance rates will be going up. Tidal flooding will increase and cause a loss in real estate and tax dollars by the year 2021. There is pending legislation to help homeowners with flood insurance, flood mitigation and recovery.
  - o Councilman Brennan asked if there was anything the Council could do to help. Ms. Sperber stated Highway 35 flood mitigation needs to be addressed. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated there have been some discussions with DOT on this. Councilman Brennan stated some towns in Ocean County have approved resolutions in support of some of the litigation.
- Bob Allison explained the annual debt statement. The total debt went down from \$36 million to \$31 million.
- Mayor Walsifer stated the presentation regarding the engineer's review of the two proposals for the redevelopment of the municipal site will be postponed until the next meeting.

**PETITIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Brennan made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2020 meeting, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Walsifer, Brennan, McCracken and Wann  
ABSTAIN: Carvelli

Councilwoman Wann made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2020 meeting, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Walsifer, Brennan, Wann, McCracken and Carvelli

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL:**

Councilman Carvelli: Congratulated Chief Scott. The swearing in ceremony was a great event. Attended the Harbor Commission meeting and discussed this year's boat show. Also discussed creating additional kayak racks and raising fuel rates. Mike Campbell, DPW, explained the shade

structure going up at Maclearie Park.

Councilman McCracken: The swearing in ceremony was very nice and was proud to be a part of it. Congratulated Chief Scott. Excited to hear about more kayak racks. Shade Tree Commission meeting is tomorrow night. He asked for an update on parade day operations. Chief Scott stated everything is in order. They have met with surrounding towns and agencies that assist with the day. Making sure security is number one priority. Mr. Campbell stated we are borrowing street sweepers and other equipment from the County and other towns.

Councilwoman Wann: No report.

Councilman Brennan: The swearing in ceremony was one of the most impressive things he has ever seen. Thanked Environmental Commission for attending the meeting.

Mayor Walsifer: Thanked the Belmar School for allowing us to have the ceremony there. Thanked Mr. Kirschenbaum, DPW, Marshall Boxer and John Sabia for setting it all up. Parade is all set up; planning starts back in December. The week after is the Dine and Discover event.

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

Mayor Walsifer stated Resolution 2020-60 has been removed from the agenda.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA - RESOLUTIONS:**

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. 2020-57 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**No. 2020-58 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR AMENDING THE FEES FOR DUMPSTERS AND POD PERMITS**

**No. 2020-59 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE**

**No. 2020-61 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF ANIMAL HOUSE BOND FOR 107 ½ 16<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE**

**No. 2020-62 RESOLUTION AMENDING 2020 TEMPORARY BUDGET**

**No. 2020-63 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2019**

**No. 2020-64 RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.4 ET SEQ. CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO TWELFTH AVENUE**

**No. 2020-65 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BELMAR SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

**No. 2020-66 RESOLUTION PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS**

**No. 2020-67 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANIMAL HOUSE REFUNDS**

**No. 2020-68 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WITH KEYSTONE PURCHASING NETWORK**

**No. 2020-69 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX REFUNDS**

**No. 2020-70 MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIP W/ MONMOUTH COUNTY FOR DCA CHALLENGE GRANT COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS) MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SHARED SERVICE PILOT PROGRAM**

**No. 2020-71 RESOLUTION APPROVING A TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET**

Seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Walsifer, Brennan, Wann, McCracken and Carvelli

**CONSENT AGENDA - ORDINANCES: *First reading & introduction***

Mayor Walsifer offered the following ordinances for first reading and introduction:

**ORDINANCE 2020-09**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND OUTFITTING OF A NEW STREET SWEEPER AND PICKUP TRUCK, AND APPROPRIATING \$283,000 THEREFOR, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE 2020-10**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO 12<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE - PHASE III AND 15<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE - PHASE I, AND APPROPRIATING \$945,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$945,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE 2020-11**

**ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 29 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "WATER-SEWER UTILITY DEPARTMENT"**

**ORDINANCE 2020-12**

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 19: "TRAFFIC" TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS AS MULTI-WAY "STOP INTERSECTIONS"**

Seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Walsifer, Brennan, Wann, Carvelli and McCracken

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Mark Levis, 904 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, stated today was the first day he didn't get his recycling picked up. He suggested removing the 50-gallon wording from the ordinance and just leave the weight requirement. DPW is already picking up their own 50-gallon containers. The size of the container isn't the issue, it's the weight. Selective enforcement is an issue. The vehicles DPW is using don't have covers on them and recycling is falling out of them into the street. His container was not picked up today because it is a 50-gallon container.

Mayor Walsifer stated he will look into.

Francine Forte, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked about the movies for the summer. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated it is about \$20,000 for a new screen and projector. We are still looking into the 2020 budget.

Rose Dagayna, 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, was delighted to hear the municipal redevelopment project is being

looked at. The amount of building is going to affect our water tables. Need to consider the environment and make sure we don't come over developed. She asked about changes to the beach badges.

Mayor Walsifer stated he does not feel comfortable charging a 12-year-old the full price. He has been talking to the Beach Director about different options. We might lower the age to 14.

Sharon Russell Fowler, 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked about sidewalks. Wants to make sure we are taking care of uneven sidewalks. Mayor Walsifer stated Code Enforcement will have to look into it.

Maria Rondinaro, Pinetree Way, was surprised to hear the movies on the beach isn't happening. Mayor Walsifer stated he would like to see it happen, but we need to finish the 2020 budget and see if we have the money. She added that she thinks it would be awful to charge children for beach badges. She asked if we could require children to show ID.

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Councilwoman Wann made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

**No. 2020-72 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Seconded by Councilman McCracken and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Walsifer, Brennan, Wann, McCracken and Carvelli

After the executive session, Councilman Brennan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio  
Municipal Clerk