

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

OCTOBER 20, 2020

6:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Mark Walsifer, Council President Thomas Brennan, Councilman Thomas Carvelli, Councilwoman Patricia Wann (arrived at 6:20 p.m.), Borough Attorney Jerry Dasti, Business Administrator Edward Kirschenbaum and Borough Clerk April Claudio

ABSENT: Councilman James McCracken

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 September 28, 2020 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, first responders and healthcare workers

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

Mayor Walsifer announced the Borough received \$480,00 from the CARES Act. He stated there is a comment in the Audit about a 2011 street lighting assessment that was never accessed. The Borough either needs to bare the cost or start assessing the property owners. Same thing with the sidewalk assessment. Dempsey Park basketball courts were repainted at no cost. The price to redo the tennis courts and add pickleball courts is about \$40,000.

Councilman Brennan stated he is excited for Halloween and some sense of normalcy for the children. Chief Scott explained the safety protocols for trick-or-treaters.

Mayor Walsifer explained the resolution for 10th Avenue Freeze Out is just amending their lease to allow for quarterly payment options instead of a lump sum.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Carvelli offered a motion to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2020 meeting, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Carvelli and Walsifer

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Councilman Carvelli: Planning Board met last night and discussed Ordinance 2020-37. Asked if there has been a pop-up car meet since the last meeting. Chief Scott stated there was a small one with no incidents.

Councilman Brennan: Reminded everyone to support Jackie Ramirez's GoFundMe or the other fundraising events going. Environmental Commission finished the ERI. Residents approached him with concerns about Resolution 2020-188. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated the State is requiring the adoption of this resolution.

Mayor Walsifer: October 24th is free shredding day as well as prescription medicine take back day. Sal Marchese, member of the BBP and Planning Board, has been diagnosed with cancer; wished him all the best.

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

Jerry Buccafusco, 409 5th Avenue, felt the Consent Agenda is not being used properly. Asked when the audit will be posted online. Hoped the streetlight assessment will be discussed publicly. Hoped the \$480,000 is used to off set taxes or pay off debt.

Mayor Walsifer stated the audit would be posted tomorrow.

Councilman Carvelli stated the money is reimbursement for expenditures.

Mr. Dasti stated the Consent Agenda is being done properly. At any time, the Council members could ask for a resolution to be removed and voted on separately, which has been done before.

Councilman Carvelli asked about Resolution 2020-188, specifically people being able to email in their comments. He asked if it is only for remote meetings. Mr. Dasti will look into that. Councilman Carvelli wondered if it would be an option for in person meetings.

Cy Reitmeyer, 5th Avenue, asked who determines if someone is being abusive in the meeting. Mayor Walsifer stated he tries to let everyone speak and does not time them. Mr. Reitmeyer agreed meetings have been civil and hopes they continue that way.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to close the public session, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer 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. 2020-184 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

No. 2020-185 RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE 2019 ANNUAL AUDIT

No. 2020-186 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS

No. 2020-187 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO DECLARE HALLOWEEN CURFEW

No. 2020-188 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING STANDARD PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE DURING REMOTE MEETINGS OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR COUNCIL

No. 2020-189 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC TAX SALE

No. 2020-190 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR MAILING OF TAX SALE NOTICES

No. 2020-191 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH 10TH AVENUE FREEZE OUT LLC

No. 2020-192 REQUESTING APPROVAL OF INSERTION OF \$480,430.08 IN THE 2020 BUDGET REVENUE AVAILABLE FROM THE MONMOUTH COUNTY CARES ACT GRANT

Seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Wann, Carvelli and Walsifer

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 2020-38 FIRST READING & INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTERS XI PERSONNE & CHAPTER II ADMINISTRATION OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

Mr. Kirschenbaum explained the ordinance is bring the Borough into compliance with Civil Service.

Councilman Brennan offered Ordinance 2020-38 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Wann, Carvelli and Walsifer

ORDINANCE 2020-39 FIRST READING & INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, AMENDING CHAPTER 28 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES TO ADD SECTION 28-1.13.7 OPEN BURNING

Councilman Carvelli offered Ordinance 2020-39 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by

Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Wann, Carvelli and Walsifer

ORDINANCE 2020-35 (AMENDED) FIRST READING & INTRODUCTION
**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL
ORDINANCE CHAPTER 31 ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES ADDING SECTION 7
INVASIVE PLANTS**

Councilman Brennan offered Ordinance 2020-35 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Wann, Carvelli and Walsifer

ORDINANCE 2020-36 SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING
**ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND
SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 26-11 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED “ARTICLE III
RENTAL PROPERTY”**

Public Hearing: Jerry Buccafusco, 409 5th Avenue, thanked Mr. Dasti for making the changes discussed at the last meeting.

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

Councilwoman Wann offered Ordinance 2020-36 for adoption, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Wann, Carvelli and Walsifer

ORDINANCE 2020-37 SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING
**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 Hearing: None

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

Mayor Walsifer offered Ordinance 2020-37 for adoption, which was seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Wann, Carvelli and Walsifer

PUBLIC SESSION:

Linda Sharkus, 4th Avenue, asked who replaced Mike Campbell. Mayor Walsifer stated we will be going out for a search. She asked about an internal candidate. Mayor Walsifer explained they could apply. She suggested bringing in an HR person to assist with personnel issues. Mayor Walsifer stated there are Department Heads, Union representatives and procedures outlined in the employee handbook.

Denise Cosimano, Scotch Plains, asked about the 2020 Census Data vs. the 2010 Census Data and the comparison of rentals from 2010 to 2020. Mayor Walsifer stated we have not seen the 2020 results yet and suggested she contact the Administrator or Code Enforcement to get the rental history.

Jerry Buccafusco, 409 5th Avenue, suggested Councilman Carvelli review the ordinance regarding consent agendas. He asked if there has been any direction on the Confidential Assistant title. Mayor Walsifer stated it is being removed. Mr. Buccafusco asked when Mike Campbell's official retirement date is. Mayor Walsifer stated he would have to ask HR.

Cheri Russo, 1218 Briarwood, stated there is a fire hydrant at 16th and Main that has water pouring out for a long time. Mayor Walsifer stated DPW will check it out.

Mark Pfeiffer, 319 5th Avenue, wanted to make sure there are separate tennis and paddle board courts at Maclearie Park. Mayor Walsifer stated there will be two of each. Mr. Pfeiffer asked if the Shade Tree

Commission is making a list of dangerous trees and if that can be made public so residents could add to it.

Cy Reitmeyer, 5th Avenue, asked if we will know numbers on how much was saved doing recycling in house. Asked about the excess beach money will be used. Mayor Walsifer stated the beach money will be used for mobi mats and surplus.

Linda Sharkus, 4th Avenue, asked how the basketball court was done for free. Mayor Walsifer stated JCP&L created some cracks and as part of fixing it they repainted it at no cost to the Borough. She was concerned about Mike Campbell accruing additional sick and vacation time and how that affects his official retirement date.

Sharon Russell, 11th Avenue, reminded everyone to support the library.

Maria Rondinaro, 1246 Pinetree Way, asked if there will be any training or workshops for the staff. Mayor Walsifer stated all staff does yearlong training every year.

Cheri Russo asked when the meetings will go back to in person. Mayor Walsifer stated it will not be until the occupancy limits are increased.

Councilman Brennan 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