

# MAYOR AND COUNCIL

## MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

6:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Mark Walsifer, Council President Thomas Brennan, Councilman James McCracken, Councilwoman Patricia Wann, Borough Attorney Jerry Dasti, Business Administrator Edward Kirschenbaum and Borough Clerk April Claudio

ASBENT: Councilman Thomas 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 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 healthcare workers

### **WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:**

Mayor Walsifer stated we are meeting with companies to discuss online badge sales for next year. Looking for a vendor that will be able to handle our volume of sales. Councilman Brennan asked if there will be a public presentation when a vendor is selected. Mayor Walsifer replied yes.

Mayor Walsifer stated the Finance Committee will be meeting soon to review the First Aid's finances. We want to keep them sustainable so they can continue to serve our residents.

Mayor Walsifer stated the bond ordinance on the agenda is for the purchase of two police cars and a front-end loader. We used to have two front end loaders but are down to one and it is 14 years old. Two of the older police cars will be retired as well. We will also look into how much debt we can pay down with this bond.

Councilman Brennan asked if we could look into strengthening the animal house ordinance and if there is anything, we can do to prevent the car rallies. Mayor Walsifer stated we are working on both.

**PETITIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilman Brennan made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2020 meeting, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved unanimously.

### **REPORTS OF COUNCIL:**

Councilman McCracken: Housing Authority met last week. They are working on their budget, capital improvements and their audit. Shade Tree Commission meets on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Agreed quality of life for the residents is important and hopes we can look into the animal house ordinance.

Councilwoman Wann: ADA Committee will have a nice article in this week's Coast Star. They will meet Thursday at Maclearie Park. Thanked Clare Hayner for putting together a Community Policing report which shows it really is working. Encouraged everyone to contact their Block Captains when there are issues. Suggested everyone visit the GoFundMe for Jackie Minchala Ramirez.

Councilman Brennan: Arts Council is having a pop-up flea market this weekend. Harbor Commission met last week. Occupancy is about 90%. Environmental Commission is finalizing the Environmental Resources Inventory. There is a Jumping Jacks for Jackie fundraiser this weekend for Jackie Minchala Ramirez as well. They are a wonderful family who needs all they help they can get.

Mayor Walsifer: Harbor Commission is working with DPW on some improvements to the marina. The marina had a great summer. All employees and the Friendship Force did an unbelievable job this summer.

**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

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

approved unanimously.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Councilman Brennan offered the following resolution for adoption:

**No. 2020-174 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Wann, McCracken, Brennan and Walsifer

Councilman McCracken offered the following resolution for adoption:

**No. 2020-180 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS**

Seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Wann, McCracken, Brennan and Walsifer

**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.

Mayor Walsifer offered the following resolutions for adoption:

**No. 2020-175 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW STATE OF NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF A.B.C TO RENEW CLUB LICENSE TO THE ORDER OF THE FRIENDLY SONS OF THE SHILLELAGH**

**No. 2020-176 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF SEASONAL PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR CSL BELMAR LLC FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2021 TO BE HELD IN POCKET**

**No. 2020-177 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF SEASONAL RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE TO D'JAIS LLC, T/A D'JAIS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2021**

**No. 2020-178 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CLASS C LIQUOR TO TWO DAWGS, INC T/A THE BOATHOUSE BAR AND GRILL FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2021**

**No. 2020-179 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE TO KLEIN'S FISH MARKET, INC. FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2021**

Seconded by Councilman McCracken and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Wann, McCracken and Walsifer

ABSTAIN: Brennan

**ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE 2020-34 SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, APPROPRIATING \$450,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$427,500 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**

Public Hearing: Gerald Buccafusco, 409 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, appreciated the info given. He questioned the additional \$40,000 in the bond. Mayor Walsifer stated it is for equipment just in case we need it; we may not use it. Mr. Dasti stated it also includes interest. Mr. Buccafusco stated in the future he would like us to not bond for things.

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

Mayor Walsifer offered Ordinance 2020-34 for adoption, which was seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Wann, McCracken, Brennan and Walsifer

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Linda Sharkus, 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, would like to see benches back on the boardwalk.

Maria Rondinaro, Pinetree Way, asked if the grant application for the Silver Lake bridge was amended to remove the bridge. Mayor Walsifer replied no.

Mark Pfeiffer, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, would like the town to apply for the Monmouth County Open Space grant which is due in two days for the replacement of pickleball courts in Maclearie Park. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated it is a matching grant, which means the Borough would have to come up with \$125,000 and engineering costs. Mr. Pfeiffer stated he would fundraise for the money. Mayor Walsifer stated he will check with the Borough Engineer but does not think there is enough time to apply. He is working with a company that wants to resurface the basketball courts on 16<sup>th</sup> to hold a tournament next year. He is hoping he can get them to also resurface the tennis courts.

Jackie Harper, 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, was concerned about the pickup and drop off at St. Rose Grammar School. Mayor Walsifer suggested they speak to Chief Scott to try to work out a solution.

Gerald Buccafusco, 409 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked to continue the discussion on Ordinance 2020-33 and the hiring of Drew Huisman. He wants the Council to do an investigation on the administration. He asked if Mr. Huisman is working part time or full time. Mayor Walsifer stated he is allowed to work 40 hours at part time or temporary for nine months while we work it out with Civil Service. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated the prior administration did not keep the Civil Service database up to date. We are working on making a lot of changes. We are also looking into amending our ordinances which have not been updated since 1991. It is taking some time due to COVID-19. Ordinance 2020-33 will come back before the Council with some changes. Mr. Buccafusco stated the salary range for a part time employee in the ordinance is not in line with what Mr. Huisman is making. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated we will also be making changes to the salary ordinance. Mr. Buccafusco questioned why the Council did not approve his hiring. Mr. Kirschenbaum and Mr. Dasti explained they did approve it and there is no requirement that it be done by resolution.

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