

REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

JANUARY 5, 2021 – 6PM

HAPPY NEW YEAR

“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 2, 2020 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.”

PRESENT: Mayor Mark Walsifer, Councilman Tom Brennan, Councilman Tom Carvelli, Councilman Jim McCracken, Councilwoman Patricia Wann, Borough Attorney Jerry Dasti Esq., Business Administrator Edward D. Kirschenbaum, Sr., and Municipal Clerk April Claudio

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Our troops and their families, Bobby Ahern and Chris Hueth

WORKSHOP: Mayor Walsifer stated the St. Patrick’s Day Parade will be cancelled this year due to COVID. Dine and Discover will be postponed to the Fall. Congratulated John Maguire and Billy Musto for their promotions in the Department of Public Works.

Councilwoman Wann asked if anything could be done with the Buy a Board plaques because they are getting worn away. Mayor Walsifer stated the designer of the plaques has approached the Borough about repairing or replacing and he is looking into it.

Councilwoman Wann asked why Robbin Kirk is listed on the OEM report. Mayor Walsifer stated she is a volunteer and is still assisting the Borough with closing out FEMA projects from Hurricane Sandy.

NOMINATIONS OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Councilman Brennan stated it was an honor to serve as Council President but feels each council member should get the opportunity. He made a motion to nominate Patricia Wann as Council President, which was seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved unanimously.

REPORTS OF MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Councilman Carvelli: Wished everyone a Happy New Year. BBP is looking into restarting.

Councilman McCracken: Wished everyone a Happy New Year. Housing Authority met last night and is working on filling a vacancy. Shae Tree Commission meets on the 20th. Looking forward to a new year and supporting the town, tourism and businesses. Thankful for all the volunteers in town.

Councilman Brennan: Wished everyone a Happy New Year. Congratulated Jeannette Higgins on winning the Hook and Ladder Fire Department’s holiday lighting contest. Encouraged everyone to register for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Council President Wann: Looking forward to the new year. Everyone did an amazing job last year. Looking forward to serving as Council President.

Mayor Walsifer: Appreciates all the volunteers. Hopes to get the pandemic behind us. Looking forward to the new year. Working on bringing back recreation programs and creating new pickleball courts.

COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL - Appointed and Designated by Mayor (NJSA40:69A-123)

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.

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT:

Councilman Brennan offered the following resolutions for adoption:

No. 2021-01 entitled **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING JERRY J. DASTI, ESQUIRE, AS BOROUGH ATTORNEY**

No. 2021-02 entitled **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING CHRISTOPHER KOUTSOURIS, ESQUIRE, OF THE FIRM OF DASTI, MURPHY, MCGUCKIN, ULAKY, KOUTSOURIS & CONNORS, AS LABOR ATTORNEY**

No. 2021-03 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A 2021 TEMPORARY BUDGET**

No. 2021-04 entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING VARIOUS MUNICIPAL PROFESSIONALS**

No. 2021-05 entitled **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

No. 2021-06 entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING A SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

No. 2021-07 entitled **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING BROWN & BROWN METRO LLC OF ROSELAND, NEW JERSEY, AS INSURANCE BROKER/CONSULTANT**

No. 2021-08 entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING COORDINATOR AND MEMBERS TO THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES (ADA) FOR THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR**

No. 2021-09 entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BELMAR SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

No. 2021-10 entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF FUNDS**

No. 2021-11 entitled **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR APPOINTING MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR AND ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS**

No. 2021-12 entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AS PER BOROUGH ORDINANCE 2004-21**

No. 2021-13 entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AS PROVIDED BY BOROUGH ORDINANCE 1991-3 AND ORDINANCE 2004-19**

2021-14 entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE HARBOR COMMISSION AS PERMITTED BY N.J.S.A. 40:68-22 AND BOROUGH ORDINANCE 1995-02**

2021-15 entitled **RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE TOURISM COMMISSION AS PROVIDED BY BOROUGH ORDINANCE 1993-3**

2021-16 entitled RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES TO THE BELMAR FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AS PERMITTED BY N.J.S.A.40:54-9

No. 2021-17 entitled RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH RULES OF ORDER FOR MEETINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL”

No. 2021-18 entitled RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD

No. 2021-19 entitled RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR 2021

No. 2021-20 entitled RESOLUTION DETERMINING RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT WATER/SEWER CHARGES AS PERMITTED BY BOROUGH ORDINANCE 1997-19

No. 2021-21 entitled RESOLUTION DETERMINING RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS AS PERMITTED BY N.J.S.A. 54:4-67

No. 2021-22 entitled RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS AS ESTABLISHED BY ARTICLE III, DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES, SECTIONS 2-11 AND 2-12, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

No. 2021-23 entitled RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2021

No. 2021-24 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF SPECIAL COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR FOR ANIMAL HOUSE HEARING OFFICER

No. 2021-25 entitled RESOLUTION ADOPTING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

No. 2021-26 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR

No. 2021-27 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING SIGNATORS FOR THE BOROUGH BELMAR

No. 2021-28 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR TO IDENTIFY FUND COMMISSIONER AND SAFETY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CENTRAL JERSEY JOINT INSURANCE FUND

No. 2021-29 entitled RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING VARIOUS POSITIONS OF THE VITAL STATISTICS OFFICE IN THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

No. 2021-30 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING A TAX COLLECTOR

No. 2021-31 entitled RESOLUTION APPOINTING FIRE MARSHALL AND FIRE OFFICIAL

No. 2021-32 entitled RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BELMAR PLANNING BOARD

No. 2021-33 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING PUBLIC ADVOCATE WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

No. 2021-34 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATING A FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR

No. 2021-35 entitled RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

No. 2021-36 entitled RESOLUTION APPROVING DRIVERS OF FIRE APPARATUS FOR HOOK & LADDER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 FOR 2021

No. 2021-37 entitled RESOLUTION APPROVING DRIVERS OF FIRE APPARATUS FOR GOODWILL H

No. 2021-38 entitled RESOLUTION APPROVING DRIVERS OF FIRE APPARATUS FOR UNION FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 FOR 2021

No. 2021-39 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

Seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Wann, Brennan, Carvelli, McCracken and Walsifer

PUBLIC SESSION:

Cheri Russo, 1218 Briarwood Road, stated Avon and Spring Lake are limiting badge sales and asked what Belmar was doing. Mayor Walsifer stated he is watching the numbers. Ms. Russo asked about beach revenue. Mayor Walsifer stated we have money in surplus, but minimum wage is going up and two bathrooms need to be replaced.

Linda Sharkus, 4th Avenue, asked if the participants in the Zoom meeting could also be on video to give a sense of community.

Gerald Buccafusco, 409 5th Avenue, questioned resolution 2021-22. Mayor Walsifer and Mr. Kirschenbaum explained this is increasing the number of departments with civil service.

Sharon Russell, 11th Avenue, stated the library is looking into a new program for the visually impaired. Asked why all of the Board members were not listed on the appointment resolution. Ms. Claudio explained the resolution only lists those whose terms have expired.

Tom Volker, 8th Avenue, gave out the website address to register for the COVID vaccine.

John Walsh, 11th Avenue, asked about the First Aid ceasing to exist on March 31st. Mayor Walsifer stated we just found out about it yesterday. There will be EMS services on April 1st. Borough has been trying to work with the First Aid.

Ms. Sharkus asked if there is an HR person now that there are new departments. Mayor Walsifer replied yes.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to close the public session and adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Councilman McCracken and approved unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio
Municipal Clerk