

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

6:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Mark Walsifer, Councilman Thomas Brennan, Councilman James McCracken, Councilman Thomas Carvelli, Council President Patricia Wann, Borough Attorney Patrick Varga, 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 2, 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, Ann Palmisano and Eleanor Hill

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION: None

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Brennan offered a motion to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021 meeting, which was seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved unanimously.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL

Councilman Carvelli: Planning Board met last night, was a quick meeting. The last two weekends have been busy with the 9/11 tributes and San Gennaro. The 9/11 Light up the Shore event was a great tribute. FSOS fundraiser on Friday was successful. Congratulated the San Gennaro honorees.

Councilman McCracken: FSOS fundraiser raised \$11,000 for recreation. The events over the past two weeks are what makes him proud to be a Belmar resident. Shade Tree Commission met and will be working on a 150th anniversary event for next year.

Councilman Brennan: Echoed the comments about the events from the past two weeks. The Light up the Shore event was really something to be a part of. Harbor Commission met last week. The marina is doing well. They will be working on improvements to infrastructure. Environmental Commission is updating their mission statement and bylaws. Second round of beach plantings will be on October 20th. Environmental Commission is bringing back the Treasure Trail.

Councilwoman Wann: Echoed the comments about the events from the past two weeks. Congratulations to the San Gennaro honorees.

Mayor Walsifer: Thanked Police, DPW and everyone involved in putting together all of the events. Thanked the fire department for having the trucks displaying the American flag at the 9/11 tribute. The marina is doing great, some repairs have been done and more need to be done. Thanked the FSOS for the recreation fundraiser. Thanked the Water Rescue Squad and Chief Lifeguard Harry Harsin for rescuing a woman this past weekend.

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

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. 2021-207

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

Seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Wann, McCracken, Carvelli and Walsifer

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-30 *Second Reading & Public Hearing*

ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-15 ENTITLED SMALL CELL EQUIPMENT AND WIRELESS POLES IN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

Public: None

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

Councilman Carvelli offered Ordinance 2021-30 for adoption, which was seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Wann, McCracken, Carvelli and Walsifer

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-31 *First Reading & Introduction*

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 25: "BUILDINGS" TO DESIGNATE REGULATIONS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS

Councilman Brennan offered Ordinance 2021-31 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Wann, McCracken, Carvelli and Walsifer

PUBLIC SESSION:

Jane Salmon, Wall Township, started a group to save the skatepark. Mr. Kirschenbaum explained the insurance company deemed it unsafe and the costs to repair it are between \$150,000-300,000. She will be working on fundraising efforts.

Francine Forte, 114 8th Avenue, would like to see Taylor Pavilion opened for a game day for seniors.

Rasheed Simmons, Belmar Plaza, asked if the outdoor dining areas in the parking lot could stay open until November. Mayor Walsifer advised him to speak to his landlord.

Claire Hayner, 221 18th Avenue, the NJ Run for the Fallen will be coming through Sunday morning.

Kyle Rizzitello, 14th Avenue, asked when 14th Avenue will be made one way. She asked how to get the trees pruned on the Westport site. She also asked when the streets in her area will be paved.

Mr. Kirschenbaum stated he is working with the engineer on the one-way issue. Mayor Walsifer stated the engineer is putting together a five-year road plan.

Sharon Russell Fowler, Belmar Library, announced the Pat Roddy concert was rescheduled for September 29th.

Maria Rondinaro, 1246 Pinetree Way, echoed support for the skatepark. She asked the Borough to help promote fundraising efforts. She would like the Council meetings to be held via zoom.

Ms. Claudio read an email from Cheryl Russo stating the following: *Since Belmar residents do not have any amenities, would it be possible to have year-round parking at the Marina? It would help the elderly, the disabled, and parents with small children. There could be a sticker given to residents who request one, with a cost of \$1 to cover expenses.*

Mayor Walsifer advised Ms. Claudio to seek clarification since there is already free parking in the marina.

Councilman Brennan 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