

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MINUTES

OCTOBER 5, 2021

6:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Mark Walsifer, Councilman Thomas Brennan, Council President Patricia Wann, Borough Attorney Patrick Varga, Business Administrator Edward Kirschenbaum and Borough Clerk April Claudio

ABSENT: Councilman James McCracken and 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 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 and first responders

PROCLAMATION: Breast Cancer Awareness Month

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION: None

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Brennan offered a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021, which was seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved unanimously.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL

Councilman Brennan: October 20th is the next beach planting and volunteers are needed. Happy to see all the special events on for approval for 2021/2022.

Councilwoman Wann: Monday started the game day for seniors at Taylor Pavilion. Will also have monthly coffee meeting for them. ADA Committee met last week. The library has two programs: Elder Care and Disability Law for families with special needs children.

Mayor Walsifer: Dine & Discover is this Sunday. October 14th will be the first senior lunch. The Borough is hoping to receive a grant from the County in the amount of \$135,000 to do sidewalks and ramps in Belmar Plaza. The Borough is also receiving \$28,715.31 for Hurricane Isis.

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 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.

Councilwoman Wann offered the following resolutions for adoption:

No. 2021-209 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

No. 2021-210 RESOLUTION PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS

**No. 2021-211 RESOLUTION TO REPEAL RESOLUTION NO. 2021-205 THAT AUTHORIZED
A REQUEST TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL
GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO AUTHORIZE THE DEDICATION BY RIDER**

PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 (DEDICATION BY RIDER) FOR FEES RECEIVED FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS IN THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, NJ

No. 2021-212 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DEDICATION BY RIDER PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 (DEDICATION BY RIDER) FOR FEES RECEIVED FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS IN THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, NJ

No. 2021-213 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE IMPROVEMENTS TO 12TH AVENUE IN THE NEW JERSEY TRANSIT RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY AND ON ADJACENT BOROUGH PROPERTY IN THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, NJ

No. 2021-214 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS

Seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Wann and Walsifer

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-31 *Second Reading & Public Hearing*

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

Public Hearing: Gene Creamer, 4th Avenue, stated he is in favor of the ordinance but would like to see a requirement that the homes be treated for insects as well.

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

Councilwoman Wann offered Ordinance 2021-31 for adoption, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Wann and Walsifer

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-32 *First Reading & Introduction*

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 20: "LICENSES-GENERAL" TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS

Councilman Brennan offered Ordinance 2021-32 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Councilwoman Wann and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Wann and Walsifer

PUBLIC SESSION:

Dolphin McKinley, Ocean Township, asked about the status of the skatepark and how he can help.

Anthony Dameca, Toms River, thinks the Borough would qualify for a \$25,000 grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation for the skate park. He questioned the lack of maintenance on the skate park. Mayor Walsifer stated there has been a lot of maintenance.

Mr. McKinley stated he will research other grants and inform Mr. Kirschenbaum of them.

Tom Volker, 527 8th Avenue, was thankful for opening Taylor Pavilion for the seniors. He asked if the train station structure was ever fixed. Mr. Kirschenbaum will contact NJ Transit to find out.

Maria Rondinaro, 1246 Pinetree, was concerned that the Code Red regarding the No Knock Registry did not list those that are exempt from the soliciting rules.

Jane Salmon, Wall Township, stated she has a group of 500 people in support of saving the skate park.

Kyle Rizzitello, 14th Avenue, was thankful for the pink flag in the plaza and the pink line on Main Street.

Mike Suhocki, 112 18th Avenue, questioned the new billing for water/sewer since he has a multifamily.

Mayor Walsifer explained we removed the \$50 surcharge and charge each unit \$88.95 but they receive 5000 gallons of water with that, so it is fair for everyone including the condos. Mr. Suhocki felt billing should be

based solely on usage.

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