

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES**

JULY 12, 2022

6:30 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Mark Walsifer, Councilman Thomas Brennan, Councilman Thomas Carvelli, Councilwoman Jodi Kinney, Borough Attorney Patrick Varga, Business Administrator Edward Kirschenbaum and Borough Clerk April Claudio

ABSENT: Council President 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 December 22, 2021 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.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Our troops and their families and Eileen Watts

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

Councilman Brennan and Mayor Walsifer discussed amending the ordinance for impervious coverage which will be presented at the next meeting.

2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING:

- Public Hearing
 - o Lorraine Carafa, CFO and Auditor Bob Allison were present. Ms. Carafa explained the changes to the budget: increase in fuels costs due to inflation, decrease 2021 collection of water/sewer to reflect actual amount, and an increase in surplus due to the mismanagement of Ordinance 2013-11. The auditor's report regarding Ordinance 2013-11 will be posted on the Borough's website. There will still be no tax levy increase.
 - o No public comments.

Councilman Brennan offered for adoption the following resolution: **No. 2022-117 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2022 BUDGET AND BUDGET AMENDMENT**, seconded by Councilwoman Kinney and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Kinney, Carvelli and Walsifer

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT HEARING:

- Public Hearing
 - o Councilman Brennan recused himself.
 - o Laurie Blazier, 116 19th Avenue, was a new owner in 2020 and felt she shouldn't be responsible for the bill.
 - o Tony Almeida, 419 10th Avenue, also a new owner and was concerned about the high bill the previous owner had agreed to.
 - o Mr. Varga explained the process for a sidewalk assessment as set by statute.
 - o Councilwoman Kinney made a motion to close the hearing, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved unanimously.
 - o Ms. Carafa explained the Mayor and Council must now vote to adopt the assessment report.

Mayor Walsifer offered for adoption the following resolution: **No. 2022-118 RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF ASSESSMENT BOARD WITH RESPECT TO VOLUNTARY SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**, seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Kinney, Carvelli and Walsifer

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Brennan offered a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 21, 2022 meeting, which was seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Kinney, Carvelli and Walsifer

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Councilman Carvelli: Harbor Commission and Planning Board meet next week. Fireworks and light show were great. Everyone should go check out the plaque at Memorial Field.

Councilman Brennan: Thanked everyone who reached out to him regarding the passing of his sister. New Treasure Trail signs are up.

Councilwoman Kinney: Laser show and fireworks were great. Recreation Committee meets on the 28th. ADA Committee meets in August. Belmar Elementary School has an enrichment program for August. Both St. Rose schools have new principals. John Sabia is working on a Nixle alert system with the businesses.

Mayor Walsifer: Police Department did a great job preventing a pop-up beach part on June 30th. Thanked everyone involved with the light show and fireworks. About \$6500 was raised for Rebuilding Warriors. DPW is doing a great job with the beach 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

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

CONSENT AGENDA #1 - 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 Kinney offered the following resolutions for adoption:

No. 2022-119 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

No. 2022-120 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS

No. 2022-121 RESOLUTION PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS

No. 2022-122 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMMISSION OF A NJDOT GRANT APPLICATION

No. 2022-123 RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER FOR 2022

No. 2022-125 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CERTIFICATION PROHIBITING THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE AND A CERTIFICATION PROHIBITING THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR LOBBYING

No. 2022-126 RESOLUTION REGARDING A CLOSED-END MOTOR VEHICLE LEASE

Seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Kinney, Carvelli and Walsifer

CONSENT AGENDA #2 – RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED:

Councilman Brennan recused himself from voting. Mayor Walsifer offered the following resolutions for adoption:

No. 2022-124 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE FOR EAST COAST BREWING CO. LLC

No. 2022-127 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF SEASONAL PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR CSL BELMAR LLC FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2023 TO BE HELD IN POCKET

Seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:
AYES: Kinney, Carvelli and Walsifer

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 2022-12 *First Reading & Introduction*
BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS, APPROPRIATING \$2,205,500 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,843,025 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

Councilman Brennan offered Ordinance 2022-12 for first reading and adoption, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kinney and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Kinney, Carvelli and Walsifer

ORDINANCE 2022-13 *First Reading & Introduction*
BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS WATER-SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS, APPROPRIATING \$725,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$725,000 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

Councilwoman Kinney offered Ordinance 2022-13 for first reading and adoption, which was seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Kinney, Carvelli and Walsifer

PUBLIC SESSION:

Randi Brazel, 101 11th Avenue, was thankful for a pothole being fixed and for the fireworks show. Spoke about an issue involving her neighbor at 103 11th Avenue over Fourth of July weekend which the Police Department is aware of. She was concerned about tickets not being issued for illegal fireworks. Chief Scott stated she is aware of the incident and is looking into it further.

Linda Sharkus, 4th Avenue, spoke about a law Governor Christie had put into place about the use of commercial fireworks being a petty disorderly offense and suggested that be put into effect.

Karen Lereah, 102 11th Avenue, spoke about the same incident Ms. Brazel spoke of. She felt there are no consequences for her neighbor.

Art Ammermuller, 106 12th Avenue, stated his daughter’s dog was spooked by the same fireworks and ran away but luckily one of the Police Officers caught him.

Amy Penn, 401 11th Avenue, has seen many of the issues Ms. Brazel spoke of.

Mayor Walsifer stated he will look into why summonses were not issued.

Louise Germinaro, 606 North Lake, would like to see something done about the geese at Silver Lake. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated he is looking into bringing a dog back, but DPW is still oiling the eggs. She also asked about road paving on 5th Avenue. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated the Borough engineer is working on a 5–10-year plan for the roads, which will be presented at the next meeting.

Maria Rondinaro, 1246 Pinetree Way, would like to see the signage at River Court moved so it can be seen from both directions on 16th Avenue. People don’t realize it’s not a through street.

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