

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES**

APRIL 19, 2022

6:30 PM

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

ABSENT: Councilman Thomas Carvelli and Councilwoman Jodi Kinney

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 Judy McCormick

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION: None

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Brennan made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2022 meeting, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Walsifer, McCracken and Brennan

REPORTS OF COUNCIL

Councilman McCracken: Did a tour of the Historical Society and Union Firehouse. Those volunteers do a fantastic job. Shade Tree is doing a seedling giveaway on Saturday at Taylor Hardware. Arbor Day festivities with the schools are on April 29th and May 5th.

Councilman Brennan: Harbor Commission working on dock repairs and looking into dredging costs. Environmental Commission looking for a vendor to do demonstrations on electric leaf blowers. Spoke about the tour the E.C. did at Mazza Recycling. May 4th plastic bag ban starts statewide.

Mayor Walsifer: May 14th and 15th is the town wide yard sale. April 30th the library will be accepting donations of medical supplies for Ukraine.

PUBLIC SESSION: Public Session on resolutions only on the Agenda. We will continue to have a Public Session at the end of this meeting.

Katrina Clapsis, B Street, asked for clarification on the temporary budget.

Linda Sharkus, 4th Avenue, was happy to see the Eastport project moving forward while meeting all of the seaport redevelopment criteria and complying with parking.

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.

Mayor Walsifer made a motion to approve the following resolutions:

No. 2022-77 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

No. 2022-78 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE COPS IN SHOPS

SUMMER SHORE INITIATIVE 2022 GRANT #AL-22-45-05-03 AWARD

- No. 2022-79 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CONDITIONALLY DESIGNATING EASTPORT OF BELMAR, LLC AS THE “REDEVELOPER” OF LOTS 9, 10, 12 & 13.02, BLOCK 55, A/K/A 508 MAIN STREET IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, ET SQ. AND PROVIDING FOR AN UNCONDITIONAL DESIGNATION OF EASTPORT OF BELMAR, LLC AS “REDEVELOPER” UPON THE EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR**
- No. 2022-80 RESOLUTION PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS**
- No. 2022-81 AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET**

Seconded by Councilman Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Walsifer, Brennan and McCracken

ORDINANCES: None

PUBLIC SESSION:

Joe McEvoy, 700 Main Street, asked about the Director of Special Operations and what he did when there were no special events. He spoke about when flags need to be put at half-mast. He was concerned about flags being taken down as well. George Komitas, DPW and Mr. Kirschenbaum stated it has always been DPW’s policy to remove the flags when there are storms and high winds, so they don’t get damaged. He also asked why the Council can’t get involved in the 12th Avenue project before the Zoning Board. Mr. Varga explained why. He asked Councilman Brennan to look into why he gets blocked from the Belmar Democrats Facebook page.

Gene Creamer, 4th Avenue, asked about the homestead rebate. Ms. Claudio stated the notices were mailed today. He thanked Ms. Claudio for providing him with a copy of Cablevision’s insurance via OPRA. Thanked Officer Jones for helping him when Cablevision tried to access his property. Thanked Billy Musto of DPW for answering his question at the last meeting about fluoride in the water, which there is none. He suggested adding a line item to the tax bill to help offset costs for fire and EMS.

Katrina Clapsis, B Street, Historical Society tour was really cool. Suggested the Council hold a meeting at Union Fire House for the 150th Anniversary.

Louise Germinaro, 606 North Lake, asked about repaving 8th Avenue and the geese mess along the lake. Mayor Walsifer explained the engineer is working on a road plan. Councilman Brennan and Mr. Kirschenbaum explained what the town can do about the geese.

Mark Pfeiffer, 319 5th Avenue, asked if 9-1-1 calls go to Belmar or the County. Mayor Walsifer stated they come to Belmar.

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