

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**AUGUST 16, 2022**

**6:30 PM**

Present: Mayor Mark Walsifer, Council President James McCracken, Councilman Thomas Carvelli, Councilwoman Jodi Kinney, Borough Attorney Patrick Varga, Business Administrator Edward Kirschenbaum and Borough Clerk April Claudio.

Absent: Councilman Thomas Brennan

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 Anthony Wall

**WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:**

Borough Engineers Jerry Freda and Kyle Smith gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Borough's necessary infrastructure and road improvements.

Mr. Kirshenbaum referenced the skatepark presentation at the last meeting. He is working with Bob Losito from the Skateboard shop on some new designs to allow for beginner users to use the skatepark. He is also working on a Green Acres grant application for the skatepark.

Ms. Carafa spoke about the \$377,000 the Borough will be receiving from FEMA for Hurricane Sandy projects.

**PETITIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilwoman Kinney made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2022, which was seconded by Mayor Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Walsifer, Kinney, Carvelli and McCracken

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL:**

Councilman Carvelli: Planning Board meets Monday and Finance Committee meets this Thursday.

Councilman McCracken: Housing Authority finalized their budget. Working on repairs to the building. Shade Tree Commission meets in September.

Councilwoman Kinney: ADA Committee meets on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Recreation Committee meets in September. September 7<sup>th</sup> is the first day of school.

Mayor Walsifer: The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary clock presentation is on the 31<sup>st</sup>. September 10<sup>th</sup> is a 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at Taylor Pavilion. The new fire rescue truck will be in operation mid-September.

**2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT:**

Public Hearing: Ms. Carafa explained the reason for the amendment. The budget was reduced \$411,750. Being no further comments, Councilman McCracken made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kinney and approved unanimously.

Councilwoman Kinney offered the following resolution for adoption:

**No. 2022-139 RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE APPROVED 2022 BUDGET**

Seconded by Councilman McCracken and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Walsifer, Kinney, Carvelli and McCracken

Mayor Walsifer offered the following resolution for adoption:

**No. 2022-140 RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2022 BUDGET AS AMENDED**

Seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Walsifer, Kinney, Carvelli and McCracken

**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

Councilwoman Kinney 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 offered the following resolutions for adoption:

**No. 2022-141 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**No. 2022-142 RESOLUTION ASSESSING A PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LIEN**

**No. 2022-143 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE, BULK ITEMS, AND WHITE GOODS FOR THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR**

**No. 2022-144 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF RECYCLING MATERIALS, INCLUDING GLASS, ALUMINUM CANS, TIN AND BI-METAL CANS, HIGH GRADE PAPER, CARDBOARD AND NEWSPAPERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR**

**No. 2022-145 RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTEER HOOK & LADDER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**No. 2022-146 RESOLUTION PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS AS PER BOROUGH ORDINANCE 16-14.4**

Seconded by Councilwoman Kinney and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Walsifer, Kinney, Carvelli and McCracken

**ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE No. 2022-12 *Second Reading & Public Hearing***

**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**

Public Hearing: none

Councilman Carvelli made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilman McCracken and approved unanimously.

Councilwoman Kinney made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-12, which was seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Walsifer, Kinney, Carvelli and McCracken

**ORDINANCE No. 2022-11 *Second Reading & Public Hearing***

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XI "PERSONNEL" "SEC. 11-3, SCHEDULES, FIXING AND DETERMINING SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, POSITIONS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Public Hearing: none

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

Councilwoman Kinney made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-11, which was seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Walsifer, Kinney, Carvelli and McCracken

**ORDINANCE No. 2022-15 *Second Reading & Public Hearing* **ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XIX, TRAFFIC, LOADING ZONES OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY****

Public Hearing: Sharon Mahoney, 800 Main Stret, asked about discussing other loading zones. Mr. Varga advised she can discuss that later at this is only on the ordinance.

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

Mayor Walsifer made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-15, which was seconded by Councilman McCracken and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Walsifer, Kinney, Carvelli and McCracken

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-16 *First Reading & Introduction (Public Hearing to be September 6<sup>th</sup>)* **ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXVI OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, SECTION 26-12****

Councilman Carvelli offered Ordinance 2022-16 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kinney and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Walsifer, Kinney, Carvelli and McCracken

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-17 *First Reading & Introduction (Public Hearing to be September 6<sup>th</sup>)* **ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XIX (TRAFFIC) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, SECTION 19-46 HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES AND SECTION 19-15 PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS****

Mayor Walsifer offered Ordinance 2022-17 for first reading and introduction, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kinney and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Walsifer, Kinney, Carvelli and McCracken

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Anthony Ferraro, Spring Lake, stated he is blind and uses the skatepark. It is a safe place for him to go on his own. He is glad to see progress on it and offered to help.

Tom Dilberger, 1000 River Road, felt the skatepark could have been left open. Spoke about David Hallman being hired at the Library. He felt the Library needs an electronic sign.

Jane Salmon, Wall Township, spoke about the progress of the skatepark. Suggested looking into Green Acres funding. Asked when another presentation will be done.

Mr. Kirschenbaum stated he is working on it. Mayor Walsifer stated there will be public input at it goes out to bid and concepts are submitted.

Ms. Salmon suggested making the skatepark ADA compliant. Mayor Walsifer stated it is a requirement.

Ellen Zavian, 217 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, felt addressing ADA and environmental concerns at the skatepark in a grant application would make it move to the top. She asked why the Recreation Committee meetings are not open to the public. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated they are an advisory committee. Mr. Varga suggested she review the borough ordinance and Title 40.

Sharon Mahoney, 800 Main Street, stated there is a discrepancy on Main Street with the speed limit signs. She

was concerned about double parking at 8<sup>th</sup> and Main Street for the businesses. She asked for an update on bike fixing stations and bike sharrows. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated he is working on the fixing stations and the County and State DOT don't believe bike sharrows would work in Belmar. She spoke about a missing sign at Silver Lake and 5<sup>th</sup> and North Lake. She would like to see a stop sign at 5<sup>th</sup> and E Street. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated Chief Scott does not recommend a stop sign be put there.

Kyle Rizzitello, 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Thanked DPW for helping her with a plumbing issue. Thanked Mayor and Council for allowing Belmar Cares to sell snacks at the movie on the beach. Spoke about the importance of the new building for the fire and first aid at 12<sup>th</sup> and Main Street. She felt this administration is doing a lot of work to better the town.

Bruce Blattner, 407 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked if the Borough is responsible for his water service from the curb to the house. Mayor Walsifer replied no.

Jesse M., 1202 D Street, was excited to hear about the skate park. It's not just for kids, adults use it too. Felt it is important to get feedback from the community.

John Newberry, Wall Township, was thankful for keeping the skatepark alive.

Kyle Jones, 412 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, was thankful for bringing the skatepark back and improving it.

Kelly Ferraro, Spring Lake, suggested memorial plaques at the skatepark for a fundraising event.

Councilman Carvelli 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