

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 29, 2022
9:30 AM**

Mayor Mark Walsifer, Council President James McCracken, Councilman Thomas Carvelli, Councilman Thomas Brennan, Councilwoman Jodi Kinney, 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 November 28, 2022 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 first responders

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION: none

PETITIONS: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Brennan offered a motion to adopt the minutes of the December 20, 2022 meeting, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kinney and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Brennan, Kinney, McCracken and Walsifer
NAYS: Carvelli

REPORTS OF COUNCIL: none

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 Councilman Carvelli 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 Kinney offered the following resolutions for adoption:

No. 2022-235 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

No. 2022-236 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF HUNTER VOJTKO

No. 2022-237 RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANTHONY STENECK & PHILIP BOHRMAN AS SERGEANTS OF THE BELMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

No. 2022-238 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

No. 2022-239 RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO ARIES BUILDING SYSTEMS, LLC TO FURNISH AND DELIVER BATHROOM TRAILERS TO THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR

No. 2022-240 RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONTRACT AWARDED TO PAT MAGGIO & SONS ELECTRIC, INC. FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS AT J, K AND L DOCKS IN THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR

No. 2022-241 RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2022-191 ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 29, 2022 APPOINTING KEVIN STATTEL AND THE FIRM OF GIBSON & STATTEL ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. AS A LICENSED SITE REMEDIATION PROFESSIONAL TO CLARIFY THAT THE FUNDING FOR THIS CONTRACT WILL BE CHARGED TO THE ESCROW FUNDS HELD BY THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Seconded by Councilman McCracken and approved by the following vote:

AYES: McCracken, Carvelli, Brennan, Kinney and Walsifer

OATH OF OFFICE:

Chief Scott spoke briefly about each officer’s professional accomplishments prior to Mayor Walsifer administering the Oath of Office to Anthony Steneck, Philip Bohrman, and Hunter Vojtko.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Mayor Walsifer took a moment to thank all of the Borough employees who he has worked with over the last four years since this is his last meeting. Ed Kirschenbaum and Frank Cinelli won’t be coming back next year. Both did a lot for the town and were shining stars for the Borough. Councilman McCracken read a resolution honoring Ed Kirschenbaum and Councilwoman Kinney read a resolution honoring Frank Cinelli. Mr. Kirschenbaum thanked the Mayor for hiring him and he will miss everyone in town. The town has an amazing police department and department heads who got us out of tough times. Thanked the residents for allowing him to serve.

Councilman Brennan thanked Mayor Walsifer, Councilman McCracken and Councilman Carvelli for their service and hard work. He appreciated that while they sometimes disagreed on items, he always felt heard. Hopes the new Mayor and Council will continue moving forward doing what is best for Belmar.

Councilwoman Kinney thanked Mayor Walsifer, Councilman McCracken and Councilman Carvelli for their support and hard work. Hopes the town will continue to move forward.

John Sabia, 11th Avenue, thanked everyone for an amazing four years. Quoted Mayor Walsifer “It’s not about red or blue it’s about doing the right job”.

Katrina Clapsis, B Street, asked about the status of the new EMS building and if the new administration could do anything to stop it. Councilman Brennan will be overseeing it to make sure it moves forward. She asked about the fountains in Lake Como. Mr. Kirschenbaum stated everything is in place; the new administration just has to budget and purchase the fountain. She asked about the infrastructure plan/study that was previously presented. Mayor Walsifer stated the new administration will have to address it. She pointed out that the current Borough attorney’s law firm was able to handle multiple disciplines and now there may be multiple attorneys coming in.

Councilman Brennan made a motion to close the public session and adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Councilman Carvelli and approved unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio
Municipal Clerk