

**BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH
COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 12, 2024 AT 6:30 P.M.**

A Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach was held in the Meeting Room, 701 Main Street, Bradley Beach, New Jersey on the above date and time.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, PUBLIC MEETINGS MAY BE HELD IN PERSON OR BY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT TO INCLUDE STREAMING SERVICES AND OTHER ONLINE MEETING PLATFORMS (N.J.S.A. 10:4-8b).

THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN-PERSON AND THROUGH THE ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM, BEING BROADCAST FROM BOROUGH HALL, 701 MAIN STREET, BRADLEY BEACH, NJ 07720. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THIS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING OF JUNE 12, 2024 WAS AVAILABLE IN PERSON OR THROUGH THE ZOOM LINK POSTED TO THE WEBSITE. THE COUNCIL MEETINGS (RESOLUTION 2023-289 ADOPTED DECEMBER 6, 2023) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024 WAS ADVERTISED IN THE NEW COASTER, THE COAST STAR, AND THE ASBURY PARK PRESS ON DECEMBER 14, 2023.

WITH ADEQUATE NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN, THE MUNICIPAL CLERK IS DIRECTED TO INCLUDE THIS STATEMENT IN THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fox opened the meeting with a salute to the flag.

Sunshine Law was read.

ROLL CALL AT 6:30 P.M.

Present at the June 12, 2024 Council Business Meeting:

**Governing Body Members: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox
Acting Borough Administrator, Meredith DeMarco
Municipal Clerk, Erica Kostyz
Borough Attorney, Gregory Cannon
Michele Whille, Deputy Municipal Clerk, Zoom Facilitator
Police: Chief James Arnold**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ON MOTION by Fox/DeNoble to retire into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss Anticipated/Pending Litigation Matters.

- Affordable Housing Litigation
- NJAW/Ocean Park Avenue

Resolution 2024-123 Retire into Executive Session to discuss Litigation Matters.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Mahoney, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ON MOTION by Fox/Gubitosi to return from Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. and conclude the Council Business Meeting.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Mahoney, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Fox made a motion to reverse the order of agenda item numbers six and seven, seconded by Councilwoman DeNoble.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney
ABSTAIN: None

PRESENTATIONS:

Juneteenth – Proclamation read by Mayor Fox

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day, is the oldest known celebration Commemorating the end of enslavement in America; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a day of reflection, a day of renewal, a pride-filled day. It is a moment in time taken to appreciate the progress and contributions made by African Americans to this society; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is inclusive of all races, ethnicities, and nationalities – recognized by Americans everywhere as a symbolic milestone in our journey toward a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS, it is a day where we take one step closer together – to better utilize the energy wasted on racism. Juneteenth is a day that we pray for peace and liberty for all, a celebration of freedom.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach, do hereby proclaim, Wednesday, June 19, 2024 as “JUNETEENTH” in the Borough of Bradley Beach and encourage all citizens young and old to pay tribute to the journey, embrace the past, as well as the future that unity, respect and appreciation brings.

Retirement Recognition Robert Rosenberg – Proclamation presented by Mayor Fox

WHEREAS, Robert Rosenberg has retired as Assistant Chief Lifeguard after fifty-four years of dedicated service to the Borough of Bradley Beach; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rosenberg has provided invaluable service to the community of Bradley Beach and has been an important resource and friend; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rosenberg’s interest and devotion to the community has had a valuable effect on the efficiency and morale of his co-workers and the residents he served, and we wish to extend our sincere appreciation for his performance of duty; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rosenberg is being awarded this recognition as a testimonial of loyal and dedicated service.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach extend their appreciation and gratitude to Robert Rosenberg for his many years of service.

Retirement Recognition for Richard Johnson – Proclamation presented by Mayor Fox

WHEREAS, Richard Johnson has retired as Chief Lifeguard after fifty-five years of dedicated service to the Borough of Bradley Beach; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Bradley Beach have been most fortunate to have had a person of his capabilities and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson’s interest and devotion to the community has had a valuable effect on the efficiency and morale of his co-workers and the residents he served, and we wish to extend our sincere appreciation for his performance of duty; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson will be missed both professionally and as a friend and we extend our very best wishes to Mr. Johnson and his family for many years of happiness in the future.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach extend their appreciation and gratitude to Richard Johnson for his many years of service.

Mr. Johnson thanked the Governing Body, present and previous employees, lifeguards and the community for the recognition and the opportunity to serve the Borough.

WORKSHOP(S):

Amendment to Chapter 5 for Section 5-9C

Councilman Gubitosi stated the purpose of this workshop is to discuss a possible change to the current ordinance to include “questions and comments” during the Council meetings. Councilman Gubitosi feels the public should be able to make inquiries to Administration and the Governing Body during meetings.

Mayor Fox stated opportunities are provided for the public to ask questions during the meetings during public hearings and workshops. Mayor Fox stated the Borough Council meetings are currently the longest running in Monmouth County. The Mayor stated he is concerned people that would like to attend Council meetings are being excluded due to the current length of time the meetings run. Mayor Fox feels there are better ways to answer public questions to include OPRA requests or to come into the office during business hours to ask questions. Mayor Fox suggested going from a five minute speaking limit to three minutes.

Councilman Weber does not feel the length of meetings is keeping people from the meetings and feels the public has a right to have their inquiries answered publicly.

Councilwoman DeNoble feels it is important to answer questions during the Council meetings.

Public Comments:

Randy Bonnell, 506 Third Avenue, feels having an Executive Session in the beginning of the meeting is not fair to the public.

Don Greenberg, 302 Park Place Avenue, feels OPRA will create more work for the Municipal Clerk and is a disservice to the public and it is better for transparency to answer questions publicly.

Eileen Shissias, 112 Fourth Avenue, stated several financial questions she has asked previously have still not been answered and feels OPRA requests add to the Municipal Clerk's workload.

Thomas J. Coan, 612 Third Avenue, feels Council meetings are the proper place for the public to ask questions and receive answers.

Cindy Lukenda, 218 Fourth Avenue, offered a suggestion to give the public a financial report prior to the meetings.

Nancy Meadow, 805 Beach Avenue, feels the Administration is the cause for not having questions answered.

Brigitte McGuire, 610 Brinley Avenue, feels limiting the public's comment time is diminishing the public's right to speak and get answers to simple questions that do not require an OPRA request during the meetings.

Mayor Fox left the meeting temporarily due to an emergency at approximately 8:30 p.m. and returned at approximately 8:50 p.m.

CDBG Grant Application Public Hearing – CME:

Borough Engineer Bennett Matlack explained the grant application is to rectify ADA compliance for the front entrance of the Municipal Building by removing an existing front step and installing an automatic door. Mr. Matlack stated this is a non-matching grant with a maximum award amount of \$200,000.00.

Councilman Weber asked about the design of the project and suggested considering the ADA compliance of the Meeting Room with the next round of grant funding.

Councilman Gubitosi asked if the other Municipal buildings/properties are ADA compliant.

Mr. Matlack stated he has not done a thorough review of all the Municipal properties in the Borough. The focus at this time is the main Municipal office, however other properties can be looked at in a future phase of funding.

ON MOTION by DeNoble/Gubitosi to open the Public Hearing for the CDBG Grant Application.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney, Mayor Fox
ABSTAIN: None

In Person:

Thomas J. Coan, 612 Third Avenue, inquired about the architectural columns.

Mr. Matlack addressed the inquiry.

Don Greenberg, 302 Park Place Avenue, inquired about the price of the automatic doors.

Mr. Matlack responded that the approximate cost of the doors is \$55,000.00.

Nancy Meadow, 805 Beach Avenue, asked about the maintenance cost of the automatic doors.

Mr. Matlack stated he did not have a maintenance cost at this time.

Mr. Cannon added the stage of this process is to apply for the grant and nothing has been decided at this time.

Mr. Weber inquired about the replacement of pavers on Main Street in front of the Municipal building being incorporated into this project.

Mr. Matlack stated it is possible to do this.

ON MOTION by Fox/DeNoble to close the Public Hearing for the CDBG Grant Application.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney
ABSTAIN: None

CME Engineering Projects Update:

Mr. Matlack provided a Power Point presentation to include design work and cost estimates on the following Borough projects:

- **Design for Main Street Streetscape**
- **NJDOT 2025 Municipal Aid**
- **Asset Activation Grant for 54 Ocean Avenue (Old Sewer Pump Station)**
- **Boardwalk Promenade Extension**
- **Recreation Center Improvements – Phase I**

Mr. Matlack explained funding for some of these projects cannot be authorized until the budget is passed.

The following residents offered their suggestions, opinions, and concerns pertaining to the various project updates presented:

Brigitte McGuire, 610 Brinley Avenue

Nancy Meadow, 805 Beach Avenue

Thomas J. Coan 612 Third Avenue

MINUTES APPROVAL

ON MOTION by Fox/DeNoble to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2024.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi,

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mahoney

ABSTAIN: Weber, Mayor Fox

APPROVED

ON MOTION by Fox/DeNoble to approve the Executive Session Minutes of May 22, 2024 **with a correction to a sentence discovered during the 6/12/24 Executive Session.**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mahoney

ABSTAIN: Weber, Mayor Fox

APPROVED

ON MOTION by Fox/Gubitosi to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of May 30, 2024.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Gubitosi, Mayor Fox

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mahoney

ABSTAIN: DeNoble, Weber

APPROVED

ON MOTION by Fox/Gubitosi to approve the Executive Session Minutes of May 30, 2024.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Gubitosi, Mayor Fox

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mahoney

ABSTAIN: DeNoble, Weber

APPROVED

Ms. DeMarco left the meeting at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

In Person:

Shana Greenblatt-Janoff, 414 Monmouth Avenue, inquired if garbage cans, recycling, striping, and trees are included in the Main Street project.

Mr. Matlack addressed this inquiry.

Robyn Flipse, 408 Lake Terrace, stated she welcomes affordable housing and feels this should not just be limited to Main Street.

Councilman Weber stated several years ago the Planning Board created Main Street as the affordable housing area because of certain mandatory State criteria (ex. transportation).

Thomas J. Coan, 612 Third Avenue, stated he is an affordable housing advocate and is not in favor of using 319 LaReine Avenue for the necessary units and losing revenue. Mr. Coan feels the units should be supplied by developers. Mr. Coan suggested the Governing Body should apply with the Land Use Board for a preliminary approval and deed restrict the property and then sell it.

Brigitte McGuire, 610 Brinley Avenue, requested the Council not vote for Resolution 2024-136 and feels the deed restrictions should be done prior to the sale of 319 LaReine Avenue.

Nancy Meadow, 805 Beach Avenue, requested Council vote no for resolutions 2024-124, 2024-136, 2024-143, and 2024-144.

Thomas McGuire, 610 Brinley Avenue, stated he is in favor of allowing public questions during Council meetings and inquired about the legality of Resolution 2024-136 which was addressed by Mr. Cannon.

Mary Backstrom, 218 Fourth Avenue, stated while she is in favor of affordable housing, she is not in favor of giving away one of the lots on the 319 LaReine Avenue property for this purpose that could be revenue for the town.

Zoom:

Mea Molin, 302 Fourth Avenue, feels residents should be allowed to ask questions in meetings.

Brian Downey, 619 Fourth Avenue, addressed several complaints about D'Arcy's outside tent, dumpsters, and grease containers.

Lauren Egbert, 404 ½ Brinley Avenue, also objects to using one of the lots on the 319 Lareine Avenue property for Affordable Housing units and recommended deed restrictions.

ORDINANCES: None

COMMUNICATIONS :

- LUB Class II Appointment Member – Meredith DeMarco
- Seasonal Employee Memo – DPW
- Beach Staff Seasonal Employee Memo – Cashiers and Gate Guards

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

2024-124 Approving Saint Paul’s Ocean Grove Church to conduct their Church Outreach Service on Sunday, August 11, 2024 at the Fifth Avenue Gazebo from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

2024-125 Approval of a Lien Redemption for 600 Brinley Avenue in the amount of \$27,252.06

2024-126 Approval of Annual Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Liquor License for KDK of Bradley, LLC, T/A Bradley Beach Bowl.

2024-127 Approval of Annual Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Liquor License for Swami Charan, Inc. T/A Shore Wines & Liquors.

2024-128 Approval of Annual Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Liquor License for Gladys & Carlotta, Inc. T/A Bradley Liquors.

2024-129 Approval of Annual Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Liquor License for Vic’s Bar & Restaurant, Inc.

2024-130 Approval of Annual Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Liquor License for D’Arcy, LLC T/A D’Arcy’s Tavern.

2024-131 Approval of Annual Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Liquor License for UVA on Main, LLC, T/A Pagano’s UVA Restaurant and Wine Bar.

2024-132 Approval of Annual Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Liquor License for Portuguese Shamrock, LLC T/A Elbow Room Bar and Kitchen.

2024-133 Approval of Annual Renewal for Inactive Alcoholic Beverage Control Liquor License for EMAM LAB, LLC, T/A The Bradley.

Councilman Weber expressed concern pertaining to the “objections and recommendations” verbiage within resolution 2024-126.

Chief Arnold confirmed there were no objections to any of the recommendations listed in the resolution.

Councilman Gubitosi inquired about the Outreach Services mentioned in Resolution 2024-124 which was addressed by Ms. Kostyz and Mr. Cannon.

ON MOTION by Fox/Weber to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolutions.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Mahoney, Weber, Mayor Fox

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ADOPTED

INDIVIDUAL RESOLUTIONS:

2024-134 Authorizing withdrawal of Pending Litigation before the Superior Court of New Jersey, Monmouth County entitled in the matter of the Borough of Bradley Beach, ET AL., Docket No. MON-L-1100-21.

Councilman Gubitosi explained the purpose of Resolutions 134 and 135 in relation to Fair Share Housing.

Councilman Weber asked if he is allowed to vote on this resolution.

Mr. Cannon replied yes.

Mayor Fox voted no and is concerned with the loss of temporary immunity, potential development within the town at other sites, the affordable housing trust fund, and several possible risks. Mayor Fox also stated it was Fair Share Housing and the Special Master's idea to use the 319 LaReine Avenue for the necessary affordable housing units needed to fulfill the Borough's obligation.

ON MOTION by Gubitosi/DeNoble to adopt Resolution 2024-134

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber
NAYS: Mayor Fox
ABSENT: Mahoney
ABSTAIN: None

ADOPTED

2024-135 Authorizing continuation of Pending Litigation before the Superior Court of New Jersey, Monmouth County entitled in the matter of the Borough of Bradley Beach, ET AL., Docket No. MON-L-1100-21.

ON MOTION by Fox/DeNoble to withdraw Resolution 2024-135

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney
ABSTAIN: None

WITHDRAWN

2024-136 Authorizing the sale of 317-319 LaReine Avenue, also known as Block 41, Lot 1 on the Tax Map of the Borough in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.

Mayor Fox requested to table this resolution for additional refinements that need to be made and feels confident this will be ready for the June 26th agenda for Governing Body approval.

ON MOTION by Fox/DeNoble to table Resolution 2024-136

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Mayor Fox

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mahoney

ABSTAIN: Weber

ADOPTED

2024-86 Introduction of the 2024 Budget to be read by title only.

Council Members DeNoble, Gubitosi, and Weber all voted no and feel there are still unresolved questions and further discussion with the CFO is necessary.

Councilman Gubitosi stated the following and voted:

The definition of “Insanity” is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. Our Administration continues to place this Budget Introduction Resolution on our Council Agenda, which is certainly the Mayor’s right to do. We, the Council, do not fully understand this budget. We repeatedly, for two months, have asked for access to our CFO. We still do not have access to the CFO. More recently, as I have begun to better understand some of these issues, I have raised the question, would the Mayor give us access to Department Heads? So far, the answer to that appears to be no, or at least he is not responding. I do not know of any other Municipality that requires Council approval of the budget, but the Council is not allowed to access their financial experts, nor their Department Heads to help them understand the proposed budget.

Councilman Weber stated he has always had access to the CFO in prior years.

Mayor Fox feels this is a good and stable budget.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Fox

NAYS: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber

ABSENT: Mahoney

ABSTAIN: None

FAILED

2024-137 Authorizing Amendments to the Temporary Budget.

ON MOTION by Fox/DeNoble to adopt Resolution 2024-137.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Fox

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mahoney

ABSTAIN: None

ADOPTED

2024-138 Authorizing the Borough to send estimated Tax Bills.

ON MOTION by Fox/DeNoble to adopt Resolution 2024-138.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney
ABSTAIN: None

ADOPTED

2024-139 Adopting a Cyber Incident Response Plan.

ON MOTION by Fox/DeNoble to adopt Resolution 2024-139.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney
ABSTAIN: None

ADOPTED

2024-140 Approving the Closeout Change Order for Lake Terrace Park ADA Improvements.

ON MOTION by Fox/DeNoble to adopt Resolution 2024-140.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney
ABSTAIN: None

ADOPTED

2024-141 Authorizing the preparation and submittal of a Community Development Block Grant Funding Application for fiscal year 2025.

Councilman Gubitosi stated the Borough has a good track record on the grant application costs and funding and feels confident voting yes for this.

ON MOTION by Fox/DeNoble to adopt Resolution 2024-141.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney
ABSTAIN: None

ADOPTED

2024-142 Approval to submit a Grant Application and execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the “Improvements to Fifth Avenue and Park Place Avenue” Project.

ON MOTION by Fox/DeNoble to adopt Resolution 2024-142.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney
ABSTAIN: None

ADOPTED

2024-143 Award of Contract for Professional Environmental Engineering Services with CME Associates for a Preliminary Assessment and Site Inspection (PASI) for the Bradley Beach Recreation Center.

ON MOTION by Fox/DeNoble to adopt Resolution 2024-143.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney
ABSTAIN: None

ADOPTED

2024-144 Award of Contract for Professional Engineering Services with CME Associates for Design Services for the Bradley Beach Recreation Center Improvements.

ON MOTION by Fox/Weber to table Resolution 2024-144.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney
ABSTAIN: None

TABLED

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor Fox:

- Mentioned the improvement projects that were presented this evening.
- Thanked Mr. Baker for his participation as Grand Marshal in the Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Day Ceremony.
- The Bradley Food Pantry has found a temporary sit to operate and will re-open tomorrow.
- Advised the public check the website for the Recreation and Library activities.
- Mentioned several Library events and Recreation Summer Camp.

Councilman Weber:

- Referenced for the public the Acting BA left the meeting.
- Wished Councilman Gubitosi a Happy Birthday.
- Presented the Fire Department operational report for May.
- Thanked all the staff and volunteers involved with the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony.
- Thanked the BBBCA involved with the Alliance Week festivities last week.
- A contract hearing will take place in August for Local 152.

Councilman Gubitosi:

Police Report:

A thank you to Detective Lieutenant Browning for providing me with these Council reports.

A North Jersey man was arrested for hindering apprehension after police responded to the train station for a dispute. The man also had several outstanding warrants, including a full extradition superior court warrant.

A local resident was arrested and charged with simple assault. Another local resident was arrested for violating a restraining order. Following a traffic stop, a local man was arrested for obstructing the administration of law, hindering apprehension and several motor vehicle violations. We also had two subjects since the last meeting arrested on contempt of court warrants.

Councilman Gubitosi made a motion to add the Police K-9 Presentation to the July 10th Agenda, seconded by Councilwoman DeNoble.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mahoney

ABSTAIN: None

Fallen Heroes:

Efforts to enhance our Memorial Day celebrations for our FALLEN HEROES continue. Mayor Fox has tasked a few of our "War Veteran" leaders in the Community to develop a more consistent process for recognizing our Bradley Beach "Fallen Heroes." Mayor Fox has asked Bill Psiuk, Norm Goldfarb, and George Bacher to help us with this process. As expressed by the Mayor, the hope is that this committee will be able to come up with recommendations soon - no later than mid-June. Hopefully, the Borough will have time to take appropriate action in time for our planned July 3rd festivities at Riley Park.

BBBCA Alliance Week/Julie Schreck Maritime Forest Presentation:

Councilman Gubitosi complimented the BBBCA for organizing the “Alliance Week” activities. He complimented Paula Gavin of the BBBCA for developing the idea for this event, and thanked guest speakers including Captain Al Modjeski, Councilman Weber, and Council President DeNoble. Finally, Councilman Gubitosi thanked Superintendent Michael Heidelberg for organizing the Bradley Beach Elementary School students in the Environmental Club who participated in the ceremonies.

Sylvan Lake Commission:

The Sylvan Lake Commission has an important meeting coming up on June 19th, 7:00 pm, at the Biase Center. They are going to evaluate the funding that is available for Bradley and the dredging of that Lake.

Local 152 Contract:

Weeks and then months go by, and no contract agreement has been reached with Local 152. The Union that includes our Dispatch, Clerical, and DPW employees. We are approaching 1.5 years without a new contract and without pay raises. I understand that we have lost three DPW employees in this time frame and I believe none have been replaced. The lack of contract progress certainly cannot be helping our efforts to retain these valuable employees. Of course, the Council does not “manage” employee activities, only the Mayor has this authority. However, once a contract is agreed upon, the Council must vote to approve it. Despite this fact, Mayor Fox will not allow any Council member to participate in the negotiations. Prior Administrations always included Council representation. This is truly a sorry state for Bradley Beach and our employees. As I said at the last meeting, this time frame and this treatment of our employees is inexplicable.

Mayor Fox mentioned and thanked the seventy-five volunteers that removed many weeds from the Maritime Forest last Friday.

Councilwoman DeNoble:

- Announced the upcoming Tourism events to include Opera by the Sea, Summer Movie Series, and music and dancing at the beachfront with DJ Jay.
- Thanked the Lifeguards and the Police Department for their water safety presentation to the Bradley Beach Elementary School students.
- The Eight Grade Graduation will be held Wednesday, June 19th.
- The Shade Tree Commission had the opportunity to participate in an American Holly planting with Community Immunity at the Julie Schreck Maritime Forest.

Public Comments:

In Person:

Paul Neshamkin, 411 ½ LaReine Avenue, gave a report for the Historical Society’s recent activities.

Thomas McGuire, 610 Brinley Avenue, expressed concerns regarding recent emails received by the Mayor and stated he would prefer not to receive any communications from the Mayor in the future.

Peter Sharpe, 301 Second Avenue, requested a tally of the legal fees pertaining to the Mayor’s litigations.

Brigitte McGuire, 610 Brinley Avenue, likes the QR code at the beach, thanked Council for the Local 152 contract update, expressed concerns pertaining to 319 LaReine Avenue RFP's and the 2022 and 2023 audits.

Thomas J. Coan, 612 Third Avenue, expressed concerns regarding the budget, 2023 audit, and expressed his opinions pertaining to litigations.

Nancy Meadow, 805 Beach Avenue, requested the Mayor not send her future emails, and voiced complaints regarding management, the beach, and the website.

Zoom: None

ADJOURNMENT:

ON MOTION by Fox/Gubitosi to adjourn the Council Business Meeting at 10:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mahoney

ABSTAIN: None

THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:45 P.M.

Erica Kostyz

Erica Kostyz, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk