

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2020 at 6:30 pm

A regular 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.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Sunshine Law

The meeting has been noticed publicly according to the Open Public Meetings Act requirement for the "Annual Notice", and posted on the official bulletin board.

ROLL CALL 6:30 pm

Present: Council: Bonnell (arrived at 6:35pm) Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber
Mayor Gary Engelstad
Deputy Municipal Clerk, Erica Kostyz
Borough Attorney Office Andrew Sobel

CEREMONIAL

Mayor Engelstad swore in Shawn Lightbody as a Probationary Police Officer.

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Gubitosi to approve the January 28, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

ROLL CALL AYES: Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Bonnell

APPROVED

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Gubitosi to approve the January 28, 2020 Executive Meeting Minutes

ROLL CALL AYES: Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Bonnell

APPROVED

Public Comment

Thomas Coan, 612 Third Avenue, requested the property owner names be included in the tax/sewer resolutions. He thanked Mayor Engelstad and the office staff for the bill list format change. He commended the Council for recommending the Assessment Demonstration Program resolution being voted upon this evening.

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Gubitosi to enter into Executive Session to discuss Contracts and Personnel Matters

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Sexsmith to reopen the Regular meeting no action taken

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE BY THE BOROUGH OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 319 LAREINE AVENUE, BRADLEY BEACH, NJ 07720, ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 41, LOT 1, FROM THE OCEAN GROVE CAMP MEETING ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Gubitosi to open the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2020-1

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Gubitosi to close the Public Hearing and Adopt Ordinance 2020-1

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ADOPTED

BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-02

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF, AND PAYMENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE FOR, CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 319 LAREINE AVENUE BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$1,500,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,425,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Weber to TABLE Ordinance 2020-2 in order to clarify if the building is eligible for a 40 year bond as stated in the Ordinance.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

TABLED

Mayor Engelstad explained this ordinance is being temporarily tabled in order to clarify if the building is eligible for the length of the bond as is written in the ordinance. He was unable to reach the Bond Attorney this evening and out of safety to ensure the borough is doing the statute required length of the bond. He plans to get an answer tomorrow & follow the necessary procedures in moving forward with this ordinance.

Communications

- a. A request from Clean Ocean Action to conduct Beach Sweeps on Saturday, April, 25, 2020 and Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Gubitosi to move the Clean Ocean Action request to the consent agenda

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

- b. A request from Ascension Church/ Parish of St. Teresa to hold a mass on Brinley Avenue beach on May 17, 2020 at 12:00 noon

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Gubitosi to move the Ascension Church request to the consent agenda

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

- c. A request from the Complete Count Committee (CCC) for \$2,000 in funding to purchase signs, posters, newspaper ads, etc.

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Gubitosi to move the CCC request to the consent agenda
ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

- d. A request from the Bradley Beach Business Community Alliance (BBBCA) for \$1,200.00 to cover the required fees for the Federal and State Non-Profit designation.

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Weber to move the BBBCA request to the consent agenda
ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Consent Agenda

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Weber to approve the Consent Agenda
ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

- Resolution 2020-47 Authorized the sewer bill cancellation at 905 Central Avenue (Blk 23 Lot 14) in the amount of \$656.26
- Resolution 2020-48 Authorized the sewer bill cancellation at 111 Third Avenue (Blk 66 Lot 5) in the amount of \$562.50
- Resolution 2020-49 Authorized the sewer bill cancellation at 112 Third Avenue (Blk 65 Lot 1) in the amount of \$861.89
- Resolution 2020-50 Authorized the sewer bill cancellation at 206 Fourth Avenue (Blk 53 Lot 14) in the amount of \$430.94
- Resolution 2020-51 BILL LIST
- Resolution 2020-52 Authorized the appointment of Paula Gavin to the Quality of Life Committee through 12/31/20
- Resolution 2020-53 Authorized the appointment of Neal J. Renard, Jr. and Antonio Bongivanni as Probationary Fire Fighter(s) of the Bradley Beach Fire Department.

- Resolution 2020-54 Authorized the United Engine & Truck BBFD to conduct a 5K Run on August 15, 2020 on the beachfront promenade from 6:30 am to 12:00 pm (Requesting free beachbadges for all participants)
- Resolution 2020-55 Authorized the Borough to support the County in requiring all municipalities to participate in the Assessment Demonstration Program
- Resolution 2020-56 Authorized the appointment of Connor Prasad as a Class Special Officers to the BBPD

APPROVED

Approved the Following:

Clean Ocean Action to conduct Beach Sweeps on Saturday, April, 25, 2020 and Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Ascension Church/ Parish of St. Teresa to hold a mass on Brinley Avenue beach on May 17, 2020 at 12:00 noon

Complete Count Committee for \$2,000 in funding to purchase signs, posters, newspaper ads, etc.

Bradley Beach Business Community Alliance for \$1,200.00 to cover the required fees for the Federal and State Non-Profit designation

Resolution

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Gubitosi to authorize Colleen Castronova as Part-Time Tax Collector through December 31, 2020

ROLL CALL
 AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Engelstad
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 2020-57 Authorize the appointment of Colleen Castronova as part-time Tax Collector through December 31, 2020

APPROVED

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Weber stated he enjoyed the Arts Council production of Ellis Island. He reminded everyone plastic film collection will be tomorrow. He advised that the State collected acorns from the Salem Oak that will be given to each town in NJ and the BBES will decide on where to plant the seedlings and the Environmental Commission will publicize the plantings. He suggested that in the future architectural plans be presented when a home in town is being taken down & replaced. He stated that he and Mr. Sexsmith had met with members of the Fire Department to discuss their budget. He congratulated his council colleagues on all of their hard work.

Councilman Sexsmith stated that the Memorial Day Committee had a meeting seeking volunteers. He thanked Amy Hall and Michele Whille for their hard work in trying to keep the parade on track. He and Mr. Weber met with Fire Department to discuss their proposed budget and increased participation. He spoke with the Chief of Police regarding recent break-ins and through hard work the police have stopped the break-ins.

Councilman Gubitosi commended the Mayor, Administrator/Municipal Clerk and Finance Committee for support during the interview process of filling positions the Borough. He welcomed part-time tax collector Colleen Castronova and stated he thinks she will be a huge asset to the Borough. He enjoyed the Art Council's production of Ellis Island. He commended DPW Director Biagio Cafone his department for their review and repair of various beach lockers that need minor repairs. He announced a Traffic Safety Committee which will assist in keeping the streets, sidewalks & boardwalks safe for pedestrian travel and will meet on 2/27/20 at 6:30 pm at the Biase Center. The Library Director Ashley Foglia is planning library courses on bicycle safety. The Complete Count Committee met last week to discuss advertising for the 2020 Census to encourage participation in the census. He announced that the Main Street Committee recently applied for a grant to get free analysis of Main Street and the Maritime Center is looking at phase three (3) of enhancements. He stated there is a small sub-team working with the Zoning Officer to redraft the ordinance.

Councilman Bonnell stated he thinks there will be a significant change in the budget process this year. He met with DPW Director Biagio Cafone last month and this evening to discuss becoming more proactive & taking ownership of their budget. He stated there will be some nice changes with the Quality of Life Committee with the addition of Paula Gavin.

Mayor Engelstad commended and appreciates the Council for all of the proactive work they have been doing. He and the Council are very optimistic for the final stages in the search of a new Chief Financial Officer. They are in the process of collecting resumes for Business Administrator and Municipal Clerk and will begin interviews immediately. The first budget workshop will be February 25th at 6:30 p.m. and agrees with Mr. Bonnell that it will be a different process in a good way. They are considering the many budgetary requests from the various task forces. He stated there will be some savings with the personnel changes and should utilize this to afford some of the recommendations of the task force groups. He also attended the Memorial Day Committee meeting and stated there is a lot of enthusiasm with some significant changes and involvement by the business community. He stated Memorial Day Weekend will be just as busy as ever and thanked everyone involved in the process.

Public Comment

Ashley Foglia, Library Director announced the upcoming programs at the Library:

- Tuesday, February 25th Junior Mac at 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 5th a presentation on the history of New Jersey Diners by Michael Gabrielli at 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 12th a presentation from Peggy Dellinger of the League of Women Voters
- Tuesday, March 17th at 6:00 p.m. an information program on the Census

Engelstad/Bonnell
ADJOURNED 7:20 PM

Erica Kostyz, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk