

# **BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH**

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**January 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm**

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach was held by means of communication equipment, N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b), to include streaming services and other online meeting platforms and formal action will be taken on the above date.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

Mayor Fox requested a moment of silence for resident and business owner Frank Caponegro.

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, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox  
Borough Administrator David G. Brown II  
Chief Financial Officer Sandra Rice  
Borough Attorney Gregory Cannon  
Municipal Clerk Erica Kostyz

### **Workshop Discussions:**

**1) An Ordinance amending Chapters 450-12 and 450-13 to clarify Permitted Yard Encroachments and provide Relief to Non-Conforming Lot Owners for Minor Improvements (Zoning Ordinance Review Committee).**

**Mayor Fox stated these amendments to Chapter 450-12 and 450-13 will provide clarity to the Definitions workshopped at the January 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Mayor Fox thanked the sub team working with Council President Gubitosi to address this challenge.**

**Councilman Gubitosi stated the goal for the revisions in this chapter for sections 12 and 13 is to provide clearer definitions and better clarify requirements for residents and potential property buyers specifically for porches, upper porches, balconies, decks (elevated and on grade), patios, roof top decks, entry platforms, storage sheds and permitted yard encroachments.**

**Councilman Gubitosi also mentioned a paragraph added to section 12 focusing on under sized lots deemed to be non-conforming. Mr. Gubitosi continued the language created in this paragraph will enable buildings on non-conforming lots to proceed with enhancements and changes without possibly requiring zoning approval depending on the plan changes.**

**Mayor Fox stated this will be a benefit to the residents and the Zoning Board as there are many non-conforming lots in the Borough.**

**Councilman Weber thanked Councilman Gubitosi and the committee for their hard work on these revisions.**

**Councilman Sexsmith concurred with Councilman Weber and stated he likes the uniform format in the encroachment section and feels this will make things easier for residents and professionals to accomplish changes and enhancements to properties.**

**Councilman Gubitosi proposed several edits to the following for section 2 and 3:**

- **Balcony Setbacks (sub-section C3)**
- **Deck Elevated (sub-sections D3, D7, add D8)**
- **Deck on Grade (sub sections E7 and E8)**
- **Make these sub-sections applicable to the R-1 and RB Zone for Section 3.**
- **Edit in the wording for Section 3 sub-section E2**
- **Suggested changing the wording to read 100 square feet as a maximum area for a storage sheds to avoid impervious coverage.**

**Bill Psiuk, Planning Board Chairman, agreed with Councilman Gubitosi's edits. Mr. Psiuk stated the Review Committee originally stated the maximum area for a storage shed should be 100 feet.**

**Harvey Rosenberg, Zoning Board Chairman, stated with regard to storage sheds, he thought it was decided the space can be up to 100 square feet on 4 x 4 foundation and anything more than 100 feet would need a concrete slab.**

**Borough Engineer, Jerry Freda, clarified a shed 100 feet or less would be on a logs and not considered impervious and stated anything over 100 feet would not be permitted without a concrete slab.**

**Conversation ensued between Councilman Gubitosi, Chair Rosenberg and the Borough Attorney to edit the shed size to a maximum of 100 square feet on a wooden foundation.**

**Public Comment:**

**Mary Ann Spilman, 902 Ocean Avenue, inquired the difference between a deck and a balcony.**

**Borough Attorney, Greg Cannon explained the workshop ordinance does not contain the definitions for decks and porches. Mr. Cannon continued the definitions are contained in Ordinance 2021-1 being introduced this evening.**

**Vivian Del Valle, 706 Third Avenue, inquired if sheds 100 feet or smaller cannot be on concrete slabs.**

**Mr. Freda clarified a shed 100 feet or smaller can be on a concrete or timber foundation.**

**Further clarification was given on this topic regarding a concrete foundation being considered impervious with a shed 100 feet or smaller.**

**George Januzzi, 608 Evergreen Avenue, asked for clarification for lowest floor elevation.**

**Mr. Bonnell responded the first habitable floor above anything partially or fully below grade is considered the first floor.**

**Mr. Freda suggested editing the ordinance to read lowest floor or the lowest floor above grade.**

**Mr. Januzzi asked for clarification on ordinary projections under section J in the ordinance.**

**Mr. Freda responded the interpretation of the ordinance is at the discretion of the Zoning Officer.**

**Thomas J. Coan, 612 Third Avenue, stated with regards to storage sheds the committee's intent was to allow residents with a non-conforming lots to have the ability to obtain a shed without having to go to the Zoning Board.**

**Mr. Coan thanked the Mayor for having a workshop on the small lot ordinance.**

**Vivian Del Valle, 709 Third Avenue, inquired about decks on the first floor.**

**Councilman Bonnell suggested this was inquiry for the Zoning Officer.**

**Mary Ann Spilman, 902 Ocean Avenue, requested clarification on staircases.**

**Mr. Freda responded to Ms. Spilman's inquiry.**

**Kim Januzzi, 608 Evergreen Avenue, asked if the Zoning Officer was on the virtual meeting this evening and if the Zoning Officer was part of the process in the ordinance changes.**

**Mayor Fox confirmed the Zoning Officer was on the Virtual Meeting and stated the Zoning Ordinance Committee have been working on these amendments since last year and the Zoning Officer is new to his position with the Borough.**

**Councilman Gubitosi stated the Zoning Officer is familiar with the ordinance revisions and has been participating since the start of employment.**

**Ms. Januzzi requested clarification regarding a deck on the first floor.**

**Mr. Freda answered Ms. Januzzi's inquiry.**

## **2) A Resolution Dedicating Bradley Beach Maritime Forest to Former Mayor Julie Schreck.**

**Councilman Gubitosi stated former Mayor Julie Schreck played an instrumental role in launching the Maritime forest and suggested a resolution to name the Maritime Forest after her.**

**Councilman Sexsmith, Councilman Weber and Councilman Bonnell concurred.**

### **Public Comment:**

**Thomas Coan, 612 Third Avenue, stated he supports this resolution.**

### **3) Shade Tree Commission Proposed Ordinance Changes.**

**Councilman Weber stated the following revisions compiled by the Commission to improve the original Ordinance adopted in July:**

- **The title Certified Tree Expert has been changed to Tree Expert only due to State not using that designation.**
- **The number of Council Liaisons has changed from one to two.**
- **The title Enforcement Officer has been removed and the tasks that would fall under this title will be done by the Commission.**
- **The Commission is creating a Vice Chair position.**
- **A resident will not have to file a permit to trim or prune a tree.**

**Councilman Sexsmith thanked Councilman Weber for the clarification.**

**Councilman Gubitosi commended the Commission for their hard work and efforts to improve the ordinance.**

**Mr. Cannon thanked The STC Chairman George Heflich for his assistance with the annotations in the ordinance.**

#### **Public Comment:**

**Bill Psiuk, 110 Fifth Avenue, stated an inconsistency with the verbiage in Chapter 425-2 and feels the definition should be consistent with the Borough Code.**

**Shana Greenblatt-Janoff, 414 Monmouth Avenue, thanked the Mayor and Council for prioritizing the Shade Tree Ordinance changes for a workshop discussion this evening.**

**Mayor Fox thanked George Heflich, Shana Greenblatt-Janoff, Larry Bagwell, Councilman Weber and Councilman Gubitosi for their assistance stuffing the sewer bills with the Commission's informational leaflets.**

### **4) Ordinance amending (eliminating) 24, Article VIII Quality of Life Committee.**

**Mayor Fox stated due to adequate staffing in the Code Enforcement Department the Quality of Life Committee is being retired and eliminated from the Borough Code.**

**Councilman Sexsmith agreed with Mayor Fox and thanked the QOL Committee Members for their work.**

**Councilman Gubitosi commended the QOL Committee for their hard work and assistance to the Borough and serving the Community. Mr. Gubitosi also thanked resident and QOL Chair Julie Nutaitis.**

**Councilman Bonnell thanked the QOL Committee.**

**Public Comment:**

**Thomas J. Coan, 612 Third Avenue, questioned verbiage regarding potential liability in the draft ordinance.**

**Mr. Cannon responded this refers to insurance coverages.**

**Allen Rapaport, 512 Newark Avenue, commended Julie Nutaitis and the QOL Committee for their dedication.**

**Councilman Gubitosi requested to move the workshop draft resolution discussed naming the Maritime Forest after former Mayor Julie Schreck to the Agenda for passage this evening.**

**Mayor Fox agreed and granted the motion to move this to the Agenda Resolutions for passage.**

ON MOTION            by Gubitosi/Sexsmith to move the draft resolution naming the Maritime Forest after former Mayor Julie Schreck to the Agenda Resolutions for passage.

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

**APPROVED**

ON MOTION            by Fox/Gubitosi to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2021.

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

**APPROVED**

ON MOTION            by Fox/Sexsmith to approve the Executive Session Minutes of January 12, 2021.

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

**APPROVED**

## **Administrative Report**

**Administrator Brown gave the following report:**

### **SALARY ORDINANCE**

**The Governing Body will be considering the Introduction of Ordinance 2021-2, which inserts a salary range of \$25.00 - \$45.00 an hour to hire an as needed employee to perform either mechanical, electrical, and plumbing type of work. This work comes up from time to time and as recommended by the Public Works Supervisor the Borough has the opportunity to hire someone instead of procuring a vendor and paying for them to be on standby or having an annual contract. This position anticipates saving the Borough some money.**

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCE**

**Since late 2020 the Borough has been working on getting the Department Heads what they need to perform their public service more efficiently and effectively. The items in the description that are required by the Police Department, Public Works and the Administration are all items that are absolutely necessary to delivery their respective services to the Borough. Much consideration and thought went into the process and hundreds of thousands of dollars were cut from the original request to get to the authorized \$1,161,312 as requested in the Introduction of Ordinance 2021-3.**

### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CARPENTERS UNION**

**Subsequent to discussions with the Public Works Supervisor we are requesting the Governing Body to consider approval of 2021-53 to forge a partnership with the Carpenters Union to allow the Borough to hire approximately two union members to supplement the Public Works staff as we ramp up to perform the horseshoe project at the Boardwalk this Spring.**

### **SUSTAINABLE JERSEY ENERGY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION**

**The Borough is requesting the Governing Body to support and approve Resolution 2021-54, the Technical Assistance for Energy Initiatives Application, which will provide the Borough with assistance in completing several of the projects that was initiated by the Environment Defense Fund Fellow over the Summer of 2020. Specifically, the following projects will be worked on: Fleet Inventory, Municipal On-Site Solar and Energy Efficiency for Municipal Facilities. All of the aforementioned projects may afford the Borough points toward another Sustainable Jersey Certification.**

**Councilman Sexsmith inquired why the Borough setting up a salary range for electricians and plumbers and using a flexible work force.**

**Administrator Brown responded the Union proposed this type of arrangement.**

**Chief Financial Officer Sandy Rice gave a presentation on the preparations for the Capital Ordinance being introduced this evening including explanations of the Annual Debt Statement and the Supplemental Debt Statement documents.**

**Public Comment on Agenda items:**

**Thomas J. Coan, 612 Third Avenue, inquired about the items being bonded in Ordinance 2021-3.**

**Ms. Rice responded to Mr. Coan's inquiries.**

**Further discussion ensued regarding workshops, refinancing bonds and the 2020 Audit.**

**Ms. Rice gave an update on the status of the 2020 Audit.**

**MaryAnn Spilman, 902 Ocean Avenue, inquired about Resolution 2021-58 (Caveman Culinary) and if it has to do with a lawsuit and how this will be handled in the future.**

**Mr. Cannon replied the court requested the Borough take formal action to memorialize the project and lease negotiations no longer exist.**

**Mayor Fox stated he feels there is an opportunity to make progress with the project site in the future once everything is settled.**

**Ms. Spilman inquired if the Borough will follow all the rules for the next potential project.**

**Mr. Cannon stated he would recommend a different process the next time the Borough addresses this building with regards to transparency, goals and objectives.**

**Robyn Flipse, 408 Lake Terrace, commented on the newly restored restrooms on the LaReine Avenue Boardwalk and stated the importance of keeping the restroom open year round.**

**Don Greenberg, 302 Park Place Avenue, inquired about the cost to renovate and maintain the renovated boardwalk restrooms and why this was not discussed with the public.**

**Mayor Fox stated a Port-a-John for the boardwalk was originally requested by residents and after discussion with the DPW Supervisor determined could not be cleaned and due to COVID-19 and would not be an option.**

**Administrator Brown stated the renovation costs for the bathroom was approximately \$3500. Mr. Brown continued the cost to heat the restroom monthly will be minimal and a current employee from the recycling center will lock the bathroom in the evening.**

**Mr. Greenberg inquired who will be cleaning the restroom during the day.**

**Mr. Brown replied a full janitorial staff is available all day to clean the restroom.**

**Councilman Bonnell stated the cost of Port-a-Johns outweighs the cost of keeping the restrooms open on the boardwalk.**

**Councilman Weber motioned a Point of Order and stated this is a non-agenda item being discussed.**

**Ordinance Introduction(s)**

**ORDINANCE 2021-1**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 450: “ZONING” OF THE BOROUGH’S REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES TO AMEND AND AUGMENT THE TERMS CONTAINED IN SECTION 450-4: “DEFINITIONS” TO CLARIFY SAME AND TO PROVIDE MORE SPECIFICITY TO THE DEFINITIONS AND REGULATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN.**

**ON MOTION** by Fox/Bonnell to introduce Ordinance 2021-1 Amending Chapter 450-4 “Definitions” to Clarify same and to provide more specificity to the Definitions and Regulations therein.

**ROLL CALL**            **AYES:**     Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox  
                              **NAYS:**     None  
                              **ABSENT:** None  
                              **ABSTAIN:** None

**INTRODUCED**

**ORDINANCE 2021-2**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH (PUBLIC WORKS: MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING TECHNICIAN, \$25.00-\$45.00/HOUR)**

**ON MOTION** by Fox/Bonnell to introduce Ordinance 2021-2 Establishing Certain Salaries of Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough of Bradley Beach (Public Works: Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing Technicians, \$25.00-\$45.00/ Hour)

**ROLL CALL**            **AYES:**     Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox  
                              **NAYS:**     None  
                              **ABSENT:** None  
                              **ABSTAIN:** None

**INTRODUCED**



**BOND ORDINANCE2021-3**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$1,161,312 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,106,010 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

ON MOTION by Fox/Bonnell to introduce Bond Ordinance 2021-3 Appropriating \$1,161,312 therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,106,010 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof.

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

**INTRODUCED**

**Communications:**

- **A Letter Appointing Al Gubitosi to the Planning Board.**

ON MOTION by Fox/Weber to memorialize a Resolution appointing Al Gubitosi as a Class III Member of the Planning Board.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

**Resolution 2021-47 Bill List for January 26, 2021.**

**Resolution 2021-48 Authorizing 2021 Agreement with Goose Control Technology.**

**Resolution 2021-49 Authorizing 2021 Agreement with Associated Humane Societies, Inc. for Animal Control Services.**

**Resolution 2021-50 Appointing Debbie Kremen as a member of the Recreation Board.**

**Resolution 2021-51 Appointing Ravi Maruvada as a Full Member and Mary Jo Corkery as a First Alternate Member of the Shade Tree Commission.**

**APPROVED**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 2021-52 A Resolution Recognizing January as School Board Recognition Month.**

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith to Recognize January as School Board Recognition Month.

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

**APPROVED**

**Resolution 2021-53 Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters to Employ Various Members of the Carpenters Union on an as needed basis.**

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith to Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with the Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters to Employ Various Members of the Carpenters Union on an as needed basis.

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

**APPROVED**

**Resolution 2021-54 Support from the Local Governing Body Authorizing the Sustainable Jersey Energy Technical Assistance Application.**

ON MOTION by Fox/Gubitosi to Support the Local Governing Body Authorizing the Sustainable Jersey Energy Technical Assistance Application.

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

**APPROVED**

**Resolution 2021-55 Authorizing a Salary of \$16,000 to Kristie Dickert, Planning and Zoning Board Secretary.**

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith to Authorize a Salary of \$16,000 to Kristie Dickert, Planning and Zoning Board Secretary.

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

**APPROVED**

**Resolution 2021-56 Authorizing 2021 Salary and Hourly Wages for the Public Library Employees.**

ON MOTION by Fox/Gubitosi to Authorize Salary and Hourly Wages for the Public Library Employees.

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

**APPROVED**

**Resolution 2021-57 Authorizing Abraham Heraz to a Full-Time DPW Employee at a Salary of \$35,000 Annually.**

ON MOTION by Fox/Gubitosi to Authorize Abraham Heraz to a Full-Time DPW Employee at a Salary of \$35,000 Annually.

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

**APPROVED**

**Resolution 2021-58 Terminating Lease Negotiations with Caveman Culinarian and rejecting all Responses to Retired Utility Building RFP Due December 6, 2019.**

ON MOTION by Fox/Bonnell to Terminate Lease Negotiations with Caveman Culinarian and rejecting all Responses to Retired Utility Building RFP due December 6, 2019

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

**APPROVED**

**Resolution 2021-28(A) Amendments to the January 1, 2021 Reorganization Appointments Resolution.**

ON MOTION by Fox/to Amend the January 1, 2021 Reorganization Appointments Resolution.

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

**APPROVED**

**Resolution 2021-59 Dedicating and Naming the Bradley Beach Maritime Forest in Honor of Former Mayor Julie Schreck**

ON MOTION by Fox/Weber to Dedicate and name the Bradley Beach Maritime Forest in Honor of Former Mayor Julie Schreck.

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

**APPROVED**

**Resolution 2021-60 Appointing Al Gubitosi as a Class III Member of the Borough Planning Board for Calendar Year 2021.**

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith to Appoint Al Gubitosi as a Class III Member of the Borough Planning Board for Calendar Year 2021.

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

**APPROVED**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Mayor Fox reported the following:

- Advised everyone to remain vigilant during the Pandemic.
- The Tourism Committee are planning several events for 2021.
- Gave a report on the Library.
- Congratulated the Bradley Beach Community Alliance for their continued work.
- The Main Street Task Force have begun an approach to parking in the Borough.
- Cinema Lab Group is progressing on their acquisition with the prior Showroom Theater.

- Senator Vin Gopal has announced restaurant owners can get assistance and apply for a need based grant and encouraged everyone to keep buying take out to support the local establishments.

Councilman Bonnell had no report.

Councilman Gubitosi reported the following:

- Thanked the Mayor and Council for naming the Maritime Forest in honor of former Mayor Julie Schreck.
- Mr. Gubitosi thanked Jim Shissias and Al Modjeski for their work with the Maritime Forest and stated he hopes to have a dedication ceremony as soon as COVID allows.
- Mr. Gubitosi stated the 2019 Audit is still not ready and will be working with the CFO to evaluate the Terminal Leave Liability over the next few months.
- The Finance Committee have been assessing Beach Utility Capital Improvements.
- The Beach Task Force have been assessing beach locker units with the hopes to come up with a solution to minimize the long waiting list.
- Thanked all of the Quality of Life Volunteers.
- Thanked the owners of Cave Bistro in Avon for showing their interest in the retired Utility Building and their efforts to improve the beachfront. Mr. Gubitosi also thanked the residents for their patience during this process.
- Gave a report on the Sylvan Lake Committee
- Gave an update on the Community Center Task Force.
- Thanked DPW and the Borough Administrator for identifying and removing diseased trees.
- Gave an update on the Main Street Task Force.
- Stated beach badges are free for Veterans and active duty service persons and their family members.
- Announced NJAW is upgrading water mains on Fourth and Fifth Avenues.

Councilman Sexsmith reported the following:

- Stated Veterans and Active Duty military persons must have an identification card to gain free access to the beach.
- Gave a Police Activity Report.
- Gave a Fire Department and First Aid Department call reports.
- Congratulated Emma Bernstein on behalf of Chief Zech for passing the EMT Exam.
- Congratulated the Probationary Firefighters for becoming State Board Certified.
- The Fire Department and the First Aid Squad are dedicated to participating in the State Vaccination Program.
- The Fire Department and First Aid Squad are accepting volunteers.
- Mr. Sexsmith and Mayor Fox will be attending the Fire and First Aid monthly meetings.
- Mr. Sexsmith stated there is not a decision for the Memorial Day Parade at this time.

Councilman Weber

- Thanked Mia Mutascio for taking photos of the Governing Body Members for the Borough website.
- Thanked the School Board for doing a great job, especially during the Pandemic.
- Thanked DPW for their hard work.
- Congratulated Ravi Maruvada on becoming a member of the Shade Tree Commission.
- Mr. Weber stated he was pleased to see a price reduction in sewer costs.

- Code Enforcement has issued multiple summonses on an abandoned property in town.
- Thanked the Quality of Life Committee.
- Mr. Weber stated the Environmental Commission received a presentation from a local compost company and are very pleased about the Maritime Forest being named in honor of former Mayor Schreck.
- The Recreation Committee is continuing with virtual fitness classes.
- Stated the beachfront restroom renovation deserved public discussion before the work started..

**Public Comment:**

**Paul Neshamkin, 411 ½ LaReine Avenue, thanked Councilman Gubitosi for mentioning the activity of the Community Center. Mr. Neshamkin urged the Mayor to reinstate the Community Center Task Force Committee and stated he would be happy to discuss the positive aspects of this project.**

**Mayor Fox responded to Mr. Neshamkin and stated he will be meeting with the Borough Administrator and Councilman Gubitosi to discuss the Committee and how to move forward.**

**Rick Bartolomei, 116 Newark Avenue, asked for an update on the Newark Avenue Horseshoe and the Newark Avenue Phase I Road Project.**

**Administrator Brown stated he does not have an update on the Horseshoe at this time due to an issue getting the materials for the project because of the pandemic.**

**Mr. Freda reported in regards to the Phase I Road Improvement Project he is still waiting on approval of contracts. Mr. Freda stated once the contracts are complete a pre-construction meeting will be scheduled and the start of work could possibly start in a month and done by Memorial Day Weekend.**

**Nancy Meadow, stated she is thrilled the Governing Body used volunteer services for the Borough Website photos. Ms. Meadow stated she was grateful for a reduction in her sewer bill and expressed concern on what the Borough is spending money on and requested a ramp on every beach.**

**Shana Greenblatt-Janoff, 414 Monmouth Avenue, asked for an update on the Renewable Energy Program discussed previously.**

**Councilman Weber explained this program is in the hands of the town that took the lead on this Project which is Red Bank and stated the process could take months.**

**Ms. Greenblatt asked if it is allowable to change her energy supplier and still be eligible for this Project when it goes into effect.**

**Mr. Weber stated he would look into this for Ms. Greenblatt.**

**Elizabeth Franks, President of the BOE, thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition earlier this evening. Ms. Franks also recognized the members of the BOE and mentioned various projects they are currently involved in.**

**Julie Nutaitis, 605 Newark Avenue, thanked everyone for the kind words regarding the QOL Committee. Ms. Nutaitis volunteered her services if a parking committee is established and thanked The DPW for their outstanding customer service.**

**Vivian Del Valle, 706 Third Avenue, asked the Governing Body to consider allowing parking at the dead end portion of Third Avenue.**

**Mayor Fox stated he was informed parking is allowed at that location after hours.**

**Ms. Del Valle suggested signage to inform residents of this.**

**Allen Rapaport, 512 Newark Avenue stated it is very important for everyone to state their names and addresses for public record.**

**Kim Januzzi inquired if the Governing Body will consider continuing virtual meetings after the Pandemic for people who are unable to attend in person.**

**Mayor Fox replied the Governing Body will take that into consideration.**

**Councilman Bonnell stated he will strongly consider continuing virtual meetings.**

**Thomas J. Coan, 612 Third Avenue, asked when the workshop Zoning Ordinances will go into effect.**

**Mr. Cannon responded the ordinances will go into effect within the statutory period.**

**Mr. Coan thanked the Governing Body and Administration for lowering the sewer bills.**

**Mr. Coan suggested putting more Workshop items on the Agenda to keep the public informed.**

**ON MOTION by Fox/Gubitosi to go into an Executive Session to discuss Legal and Contractual Matters.**


**The Governing Body and The Administration went into Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. by means of Communication Equipment due to COVID-19 to discuss Legal and Contractual Matters.**

**The Governing Body and the Administration returned from Executive Session at 10:00 p.m.**

**ON MOTION by Fox/Bonnell to return from Executive Session.**

**Fox/Sexsmith moved to adjourn.**

**Adjourned at 10:05 p.m.**

  
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Erica Kostyz, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk