

MINUTES September 13th, 2021

START: 6:00 PM

PRESENT: MAYOR NICOL, COUNCILMEN GARRUZZO, GIANFORTE, GORHAM, NOLAN & VISCEGLIA, ATTORNEY MONTENEGRO & ADMINISTRATOR NOLAN.

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN SHAAK

Mayor Nicol announced that this meeting was being held virtually in compliance with Executive Order No. 103 and was being recorded.

There being no need for a work session, Mayor Nicol then read the compliance statement and the Regular Council Meeting was opened, after a pledge of allegiance to our flag. Mayor Nicol asked for a roll call.

Mayor Nicol then asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 16th, 2021, Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Nolan, all ayes, no nays. Passed. (Councilman Garruzzo abstained)

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 21-99 for Passage of the Consent Agenda.

Resolution:

- A. (See insertion)
- B. To defer any tax/water utility sale until after January 1st, 2022, in compliance with Executive Orders #190, 229 & 246.
- C. (See insertion)
- D. (See insertion)
- E. (See insertion)

Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Gorham seconded by Councilman Garruzzo introduced Resolution 21-100 for Payment of Bills. Be It Resolved that the following bills be paid, and that the Mayor or President of Council be authorized to draw orders on the Chief Finance Officer for payment of the bills of September 13th, 2021, as reviewed by the Finance Committee and as listed on the Resolution and the Computer Bill List amended thereto. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan & Visceglia; all ayes. No Nays. Passed.

Mayor Nicol then announced that the time had arrived for a hearing and further consideration of "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BRIELLE ENTITLED "ZONING".

The hearing was opened on a motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Nolan.

The Administrator explained that the ordinance amended regulated the height and type of fence permitted in a front yard.

There being no comments the hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Garruzzo.

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced resolution 21-101 for passage on final reading of the foregoing ordinance. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Gorham, introduced Resolution 21-102 to authorize publication of passage and adoption in the Coast Star according to law. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan & Visceglia; all aye. No nays. Passed.

The mayor then announced that the time had arrived for a hearing and further consideration of “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER THREE OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BRIELLE ENTITLED “POLICE REGULATIONS”.

The hearing was opened on a motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Gorham.

The Administrator explained that the ordinance amended the timeframe for construction noise and the utilization of power tools during the workweek, Monday through Friday.

There being no further comment the hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Nolan seconded by Councilman Gianforte.

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced resolution 21-103 for passage on final reading. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan & Visceglia; all ayes. Passed.

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Gianforte, introduced Resolution 21-104 to authorize publication of passage and adoption in the Coast Star according to law. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

The mayor then announced that the time had arrived for a hearing and further consideration of “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER NINE OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BRIELLE ENTITLED “BUILDING & HOUSING”.

The hearing was opened on a motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman the

Administrator explained that the ordinance adopted a uniform construction fee as promulgated for the Regional Construction Department, of which Brielle was a member.

There being no further comment the hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Gianforte, seconded by Councilman Garruzzo.

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Gianforte, introduced Resolution 21-105 for passage on final reading. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Gianforte, introduced resolution 21-106 to authorize publication of passage and adoption in the Coast Star according to law. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Mayor Nicol then read a Proclamation re: Hunger Action Month (insert).

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of grave concern in the United States, the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is committed to taking steps to raise awareness about the need to combat hunger; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is committed to working with Fulfill, formerly The Foodbank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties, to educate people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

WHEREAS, more than 215,000 individuals, including 70,000 children in Monmouth and Ocean Counties now rely on food provided by Fulfill and its partners since the beginning of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the unemployment level is the highest it has ever been in the history of the State and the poverty level for a family of four is \$25,926 and 9.2% of families live below that level; and

WHEREAS, since the start of the Pandemic, Fulfill has provided 8.1million meals in Monmouth County residents in need; and

WHEREAS, due to the pandemic, one (1) in every six (6) people in Monmouth and Ocean Counties received “emergency” food from Fulfill and their network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, food banks across the country, including Fulfill, will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and attention to encourage involvement in efforts to end hunger in their local community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Brielle, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, do hereby recognize September as HUNGER ACTION MONTH in the Borough, and call this observance to the attention of its citizens.

The mayor also announced that, due to the resurgence of Covid-19, and the difficulty of maintaining social distance in the Council Chambers, all meetings of the Mayor & Council, and of the Planning Board, would remain virtual pending further announcement.

Mayor Nicol, as Chairman of Brielle Day, thanked all those who participated in making it such a great day; he cited Recreation, Police, the DPW, the Volunteer Fire and First Aid Squads and a special thanks to Municipal Clerk, Carol Baran, for all she does behind the scenes.

The mayor then called for committee reports and recognized Councilman Gianforte who had no report, but he echoed the mayor's sentiments regarding Brielle Day. Once again it had been an outstanding event.

Councilman Nolan praised Recreation for their organization of the Brielle Dash and the Brielle 10-K. He noted that 207 runners had participated in the 10-K Race. Councilman Nolan also noted that 270 participants had signed up for Flag Football. He also reminded the public that the Coaster Derby returns on September 25th.

Turning to the Library, Councilman Nolan advised of the Tween Sign Language meeting tomorrow at 3:30pm, Wellness Wednesday at noon on September 15th, the return of Paint & Sip on the 16th and the Midday Book Club on 9/20. Also, on 9/20 @ 4:30pm Free Yoga. The library will resume Saturday hours on the 18th.

Councilman Garruzzo reiterated the sentiments already expressed on Brielle Day and thanked everyone involved; he also cited Clerk Baran's role.

Councilmen Gorham and Visceglia having no formal reports, the meeting was opened to the public.

The Administrator advised that no written comments on any agenda item had been made either by e-mail or mail prior to the deadline for submission.

There being no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm on a motion by Councilman Visceglia seconded by Councilman Gorham.

Approved: September 27th, 2021

Carol Baran
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.:21-99-A
Date: September 13th, 2021

BOROUGH OF BRIELLE RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Borough of Brielle advertised for bids for Pickle Ball Courts & Improvements to Brielle Park, in the Asbury Park Press on June 11th, 2021, and

Whereas, the Borough of Brielle received bids for the award of a contract for the project on August 5th, 2021, and

Whereas, the lowest responsible bidder was Halecon, Inc. 136 Billian Street, Bridgewater, New Jersey, with a bid of \$134,250.00, and

Whereas, funds for this project have been provided for through the Board of Recreation Trust Account.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that a contract be awarded to Halecon, Inc.

Moved by: Councilman Garruzzo

Seconded by: Councilman Nolan

Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan & Visceglia; all ayes.

None abstained.

Absent: Councilman Shaak. Passed

Certification

The foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Brielle at a meeting held on Monday, September 13th, 2021.

Witness my Hand and Seal of the Borough of Brielle this 14th day of September 2021.

Carol Baran
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.:21-99-C
Date: September 13th, 2021

BOROUGH OF BRIELLE RESOLUTION

Whereas, on August 12th, 2021, the Monmouth County Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 2021-0596 a Resolution Supporting Preliminary Preferred Alternatives for the Monmouth County Three Bridges Scoping Study for Bridge W-7, Bridge W-8, & Bridge W-9 (A.K.A. The Glimmer Glass Bridge) in the Boroughs of Brielle and Manasquan, and

Whereas, the Borough of Brielle is in accord with the individual Alternatives and Variations selected for each of the three aforementioned cited bridges.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Brielle endorses the selections made by the County of Monmouth in their Resolution 2021-0596, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Borough urges the County, the Federal Highway Administration, the New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Inc. and the New Jersey Department of Transportation to move expeditiously to complete the much needed project to ensure the public safety and to facilitate a safe passage between the Boroughs of Brielle and Manasquan.

Moved by: Councilman Garruzzo

Seconded by: Councilman Nolan

Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan & Visceglia; all ayes.

None abstained.

Absent: Councilman Shaak. Passed

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Resolution No.:21-99-D
Date: September 13th, 2021

BOROUGH OF BRIELLE RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Borough of Brielle advertised for bids for the provision of gasoline, in the Coast Star on August 19th, 2021, and

Whereas, the Borough of Brielle received bids for the award of a contract for the project on August 31st, 2021, and

Whereas, the lowest responsible bidder was Taylor Oil 201 Heller Place, Bellmawr, New Jersey, with a bid of 33 cents, above the New Jersey State Treasury posting, and

Whereas, funds for this project shall be provided for in the annual municipal budgets for calendar years 2022 and 2023.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that a contract be awarded to Taylor Oil for the period 1/1/22 through 12/31/23.

Moved by: Councilman Garruzzo

Seconded by: Councilman Nolan

Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan & Visceglia; all ayes.

None abstained.

Absent: Councilman Shaak. Passed

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Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.:21-99-E
Date: September 13th, 2021

BOROUGH OF BRIELLE RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Borough of Brielle advertised for bids for the provision of diesel fuel, in the Coast Star on August 19th, 2021, and

Whereas, the Borough of Brielle received bids for the award of a contract for the project on August 31st, 2021, and

Whereas, the lowest responsible bidder was Taylor Oil 201 Heller Place, Bellmawr, New Jersey, with a bid of 33 cents, above the New Jersey State Treasury posting, and

Whereas, funds for this project shall be provided for in the annual municipal budgets for calendar years 2022 and 2023.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that a contract be awarded to Taylor Oil for the period 1/1/22 through 12/31/23.

Moved by: Councilman Garruzzo

Seconded by: Councilman Nolan

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None abstained.

Absent: Councilman Shaak. Passed

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