

MINUTES: October 24th, 2022

START: 7:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN GORHAM

Mayor Nicol opened the meeting in compliance with the Open Public Act and asked for a salute to our flag, followed by a moment of silent prayer, and a roll call.

The work session consisted of the Administrator's report on the Borough's Best Practice report that would be submitted to the State department of Community Affairs. The Administrator advised that the Borough had scored 32.5 of a possible 36.5 points and would not be subject to any penalty regarding the provision of state aid. The Administrator noted that the areas of deficiency were the failure to include "a not to exceed" clause in professional contracts and the fact that Borough has yet to make any provision to convert to all electric vehicles.

There were no inquiries from either the public or the Council.

Mayor Nicol then asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 10, 2022, Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Visceglia, all ayes, no nays.

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 22-87 for passage of the Consent Agenda.

Resolution:

- A. To authorize the renewal of the Borough's contract with Associated Humane Societies for calendar 2023

Vote: Council Members Garruzzo, Gianforte, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Visceglia seconded by Councilman Shaak introduced Resolution 22-88 For Payment of Bills Be I 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 October 24th, 2022, as reviewed by the Finance Committee and as listed on the Resolution and the Computer Bill List amended thereto. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

The Mayor then called for committee reports and recognized Councilman Gianforte who had no report. Councilman Nolan advised that the Harvest Festival and Chili Cook-off held on Saturday October 15th at Brielle Park was a great success. He added that Borough Engineer Alan

Hilla's chili took home the prize. Recreation also sponsored a Flag Football Under the Lights evident that proved a great success.

Turning to the Library Councilman Nolan they were conducting a host of programs fully detailed on the Library's website.

Councilman Garruzzo had no report., but he reminded the public that this weekend would see the Fire Company's annual Haunted Hayride in Brielle Park.

Councilman Shaak reminded the public that this was clean-up week and bulk collection would coincide with the regular collection dates. He also noted that Leaf Collection had begun and would continue until December 15th. Brush collection had ended and will resume in the Spring.

Councilman Visceglia having no report, the meeting was opened to the public. There being no public comment the public portion was adjourned on a motion by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilman Garruzzo.

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 22-89.

There being no further public comment, Councilman Garruzzo, seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 22-89 to enable an Executive Session.

Whereas, the Open Public Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the Public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and Whereas, the Borough Council of the Borough of Brielle is of the opinion that such circumstances currently exist. Now Therefore Be It Resolved, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Brielle, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, on September 14th, 2015, as follows:

1. The Public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
"Pending Litigation".
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matters will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Vote: Councilman Garruzzo, Gianforte, Nolan, Shaak, Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Shaak then left the meeting due to a possible conflict regarding the topic to be discussed.

The Executive Session began at 7:12 p.m. and ended at 7:42p.m. The session was adjourned on a motion by Councilman Visceglia, seconded by Councilman Garruzzo.

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The meeting was then opened to the public. There being no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Visceglia, seconded by Councilman Garruzzo.

Approved: November 14th, 2022

Carol Baran
Municipal Clerk