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MINUTES MARCH 26th, 2018 WORK SESSION START: 7:30 PM

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN GORHAM

Mayor Nicol announced that any member of the public wishing to audio or video record a Council Meeting must give notice to the Borough Clerk prior to the meeting being recorded.

Mayor Nicol convened the work session in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and recognized the Administrator, who had no formal report.

There being no questions from Council or the public, work session was adjourned at 7:33 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Shaak seconded by Councilman Nolan.

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN GORHAM

Following a moment of silent prayer, a salute to the flag and a roll call, the Minutes of the March 12th, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Councilman Shaak seconded by Councilman Visceglia; all aye; no nays. Passed (Note: Councilman Gianforte abstained)

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan, introduced Resolution 18-37 for Passage of the Consent Agenda.

Resolution:

A. (see insertion)

B. To authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare bid specifications for improvements to Valley Road Phase II

C. To declare an emergency re: water main breaks and repairs at Susan Lane and Municipal parking lot at Higgins Avenue

Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye, No nays. Passed

Councilman Visceglia seconded by Councilman Shaak introduced Resolution 18-38 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 March 26th, 2018, as reviewed by the Finance Committee and as listed on the Resolution and the Computer Bill List amended thereto. Vote: Council members Garruzzo, Gianforte, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia: all aye. No nays. Passed

Mayor Nicol then announced that the time had arrived for a hearing and further consideration of 'AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BRIELLE ENTITLED "SEWER & WATER"'.

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

The Administrator explained that the Ordinance requires homeowners to ensure that a copper guide wire is installed when water/sewer connections are made using PVC Pipe.

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

Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Garruzzo introduced resolution 18-39 for passage and adoption on final reading of the foregoing ordinance. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Nolan, Shaak Visceglia; all aye. No nays. Passed.

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Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced resolution 18-40 to authorize publication of passage and adoption in the Coast Star according to law. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye. No nays. Passed.

Mayor Nicol then announced that the time had arrived for a hearing and further consideration of "CALENDAR YEAR 2018-AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)".

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

The Administrator explained that the ordinance was a tool that permitted the Borough to exceed the CAP by 1% and to establish a CAP Bank for utilization in future budgets; he added that there was a typo in the ordinance, the correct number should be \$71,609.54. The change was not significant and did not require republication. The hearing could proceed.

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

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 18-41 For passage on final reading of the foregoing ordinance. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 18-42 to authorize publication of passage and adoption in the Coast Star according to law. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Visceglia seconded by Councilman Garruzzo introduced Resolution 18-43 (see insertion). Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye. No nays. Passed.

Mayor Nicol then called for committee reports and recognized Councilman Gianforte who had no report.

Councilman Nolan reminded the public that the Library would be conducting the annual Jean Wetzel Scholarship Program. The tentative date for applications was June 1st. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt had been postponed due to weather and the new date was March 31st.

Councilman Garruzzo advised the public that, on Saturday April 28th, from 10:00am to 2:00pm the Police will participate in the 15th National Prescription Drug Take Back Day at Police Headquarters. Medications can be disposed of either in original containers or by disposing directly into the disposal box. Syringes and other sharp instruments are not accepted. The day aims to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means to dispose of prescription drugs and to educate the public concerning the potential abuse of prescription medications.

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Councilman Gianforte interjected that medications could not be flushed as they posed a danger to the environment and the integrity of sewer systems. This was the most effective means of disposal.

Councilman Shaak added that Brielle was not immune to the opioid crisis and the elimination of surplus medications was an essential step in eliminating access to dangerous medications. Councilman Shaak also noted that the DPW would be picking up storm debris throughout the week. Leaf Collection would begin on April 2nd and run through April 23rd. Brush Collection would then begin on April 26th. Grass and leaves could not be mixed in with brush.

On a somber note, Councilman Shaak cited the passing of former Fire Chief Michael Johnston, who suffered a fatal heart attack at age 40. The loss to both family and community was tragic. Chief Johnston had served as a volunteer for over twenty years and been an asset to Brielle and neighboring communities. He would remain in everyone's thoughts and prayers.

Councilman Visceglia having no report the meeting was opened to the public.

Kathleen Serra, 1105 Jeanne Lane, brought to the attention of the Governing Body an issue that had thus far received little publicity in the media. Her concern was with 5G, 5th generation mobile networks and wireless systems. This technology brings with it a surge in cell phone and transmitting towers and while the industry contends that it is safe, the preliminary results of a \$25 million National Toxicology Program study suggests that a link may exist between cell phone radiation and cancer.

Ms. Serra cited a panel of 19 PhDs. And 9 Medical Doctors whose studies demonstrated a need for a closer examination of this issue and she further provided a list of impacts that ranged from effects on genes and protein, genotoxic effects, stress response, neurology and behavior, brain tumors, acoustic neuroma and childhood cancer.

Ms. Serra urged the Council to delve into this matter and make themselves aware of the potential for disastrous impacts. She noted the number of "servers" throughout the Elementary Schools and their potential impacts on our students.

Council thanked Ms. Serra for taking the time to inform them of the issue and, Councilman Shaak & Mayor Nicol, both suggested that the issue appeared to demand a forum beyond the Borough and urged her to share this information with Assemblymen Kean & Thompson and Senator Singer. They also suggested Congressman Smith's Office and the State Board of Public Utilities.

Ms. Serra replied that this was her "first stop" and she intended to get the word out even though Verizon appeared to have purchased the support of the FCC among others.

Ms. Dara Hawthorne 1103 Jeanne Lane asked about the status of the new water tank.

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Mayor Nicol explained that the water situation was under control via the Wall Interconnection and the improvements made to the Old Bridge wells. The Borough was working with S.E.M.M.U.A. to ascertain the possibility of eliminating the tank and relying on a new tank to be constructed in wall. Meantime, improvements were being made to the Union Lane Plant and Ground Level Storage Tank. Ultimately, the Borough could be forced to construct its own tank, but that matter was still under consideration.

Ms. Hawthorne also had an issue with rust in her water and cited the recent replacement of her water filter and the heavy amounts of rust. Councilman Shaak explained that it was a natural occurrence whenever there was a fire or a water main break, but the water was safe and potable. Mayor Nicol added that water filters should be changed every three months.

Ms. Hawthorne asked about the status of the road improvement program and was advised that it was a matter of money. The current projects were for primary arterials and connecting roadways that qualified for NJDOT funding. Streets such as Jeanne Lane and Cedar were dependent on municipal funding and while a certain amount was earmarked each year; it would be a while before they were addressed.

Meantime Councilman Shaak assured her that the DPW would be addressing the pothole situation in the coming weeks.

Jim Stenson, 810 Rathjen Road, thanked Council for the increase in the L.O.S.A.P. and noted that the Fire Department was appreciative.

A representative of Associated Humane Services being present, he advised Council of the Association's feral cat colony containment program. Council was impressed and referred the matter to the Administrator for action.

There being no further comments the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm on a motion by Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Gianforte.

Approved: April 9th, 2018

Thomas F. Nolan
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.:18-37-A
Date: March 26th, 2018

Resolution of the Borough of Brielle

Whereas, the Borough of Brielle is a Municipal Corporation formed in compliance with the applicable statutes, and

Whereas, the Governing Body of the Borough of Brielle has had an opportunity to participate in a series of stakeholder meetings and public forums sponsored by the County of Monmouth regarding the various options regarding the future of County Bridge W9 aka "Glimmer Glass Bridge", and

Whereas, W9 has been closed since early November 2017 and the closure has an adverse impact on the residents of Brielle and the Borough of Manasquan, and

Whereas, the bridge is a primary access for Public Safety Vehicles responding to emergency situations at the Manasquan Beachfront and is also a main component of the Coastal Evacuation Route from Manasquan to points West, and

Whereas, after careful consideration and regardless of any historic or cultural considerations, the Governing Body believes that it is in the public interest to replace the existing bridge with a new structure that means all current NJDOT standards.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Brielle do hereby Petition the Chosen Board of Freeholders of the County of Monmouth to replace County Bridge W9 with a new state-of-the-art structure that can bear the weigh loads as established by current NJDOT Standards.

Certification

The foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Brielle at a meeting held at Borough Hall, 601 Union Lane, Brielle, New Jersey, on Monday, March 26th, 2018.

Witness my Hand and Seal of the Borough of Brielle this 27th day of March 2018.

Thomas Nolan
Municipal Clerk
Resolution No.:18-43
Date: March 26th, 2018

Resolution of the Borough of Brielle

Whereas, the document attached to this Municipal Budget Notice shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2018.

Be It Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2018;

Be It Further Resolved, that said budget be published in the Coast Star in the April 5th, 2018 issue.

The Governing Body of the Borough of Brielle, does hereby approve the following as the budget for the year 2018, and

Notice is hereby given that the budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Brielle, County of Monmouth, on March 26th, 2018. A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Municipal Building, on April 23rd, 2018 at 7:30 o'clock (p.m.) at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2018 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye. No nays. Passed. Absent: None. None abstained.

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Thomas Nolan
Municipal Clerk