

# ***Borough of Brielle***

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MINUTES June 25th, 2018 WORK SESSION START: 7:30 PM

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

ABSENT: NONE

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 asked the Council to add a resolution 18-71-J to the consent agenda to approve the trade name change for the Brielle River House. Council gave their authorization. He also requested authorization to add Resolution 18-71-K to authorize the submission of the application for project funding to NJEIT.

The Chair then recognized Tom McManus of the Brielle Board of Recreation who presented scholarship checks to Caroline Lembo and Abby Kinneally. Both young ladies had earned this designation through their community service and participation in Board of Recreation activities. Normally only one award is made, but in their case, both ladies had earned the award. Ms. Lembo was headed to the University of Virginia while Ms. Kinneally would be joining the distinguished five-year nursing program at the University of Pittsburgh.

Public Safety Commission then recognized Volunteer Firemen Justin North & Andre Bellusci. Councilman Garruzzo cited their dedication of these two young men who had given freely of their time to become trained firefighters by completing the arduous and extensive Fire Academy course. Councilman Garruzzo praised them and all the Fire & EMS volunteers who provided an essential service that made Brielle such a desirable place to live and raise a family. He congratulated Misters North & Bellusci on their successful graduation from the Fire Academy and wished them luck.

There being no questions from Council or the public, work session was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Nolan.

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MINUTES June 25th, 2018 WORK SESSION START: 7:33 PM

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

ABSENT: NONE

Following a moment of silent prayer, a salute to the flag and a roll call, the Minutes of the June 11th, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Councilman Shaak seconded by Councilman Nolan; all aye; no nays. Passed

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 18-71 for Passage of the Consent Agenda.

Resolution:

- A. (see insertion)
- B. (see insertion)
- C. (see insertion) ....HELD
- D. (see insertion)
- E. (see insertion)
- F. (see insertion)

G. (see insertion)

H. (see insertion)

I. To appoint Glenn Miller, 831 Riverview Drive, to the Brielle Planning Board.

J. To approve a change in trade name for Paradise Hospitality, LLC from J.P.'s River House to Brielle River House

K. (see insertion)

Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye, No nays. Passed (Note: Councilman Garruzzo abstained on "A, B, C D F and "J").

Resolution 18-71-E was removed from the agenda for separate discussion at the request of Waypoint 622's Attorney, John Jackson. The consideration was held to the end of the regular meeting

Councilman Visceglia seconded by Councilman Gorham introduced Resolution 18-72 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 June 25th, 2018, 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, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye, No nays. Passed

Mayor Nicol then announced that the time had arrived for a hearing and further consideration of Page 51

"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER SEVEN OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BRIELLE ENTITLED "VEHICLES & TRAFFIC".

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

The Administrator explained that the ordinance extended "no parking provisions" to Osprey Point Lane in response to concerns voiced by residents.

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

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 18-73 for passage and adoption on final reading. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye. Passed.

Councilman Shaak seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced resolution 18-74 to authorize publication of passage and adoption in the Coast Star according to law. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye. No nays. Passed.

Mayor Nicol then announced that the time had arrived for the introduction and passage on first reading of "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER SEVEN OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BRIELLE ENTITLED "VEHICLES & TRAFFIC".

Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Gorham introduced Resolution 18-75 for passage on first reading. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 18-76 to authorize publication in the Coast Star for a hearing to be held on July 9th, 2018 at 7:30pm at Borough Hall. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye. No nays. Passed.

Mayor Nicol then announced that the time had arrive for the introduction and passage on first reading of "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, APPROPRIATING \$95,000.00 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$90,250.00 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF BRIELLE, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY".

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Gorham introduced Resolution 18-77 for passage on introduction and first reading of the foregoing ordinance. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan, introduced Resolution 18-78 to authorize publication in the Coast Star for a hearing to be held on July 9th, 2018, at 7:30pm at Borough  
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Hall in compliance with Local Bond Law. Vote: Councilman Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, 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 begin summer hours on June 22nd 9:00am to 1:00pm on Friday and closed on Saturday. Turning to Recreation, Councilman Nolan cited the upcoming Christmas in July and the beginning of the Summer Recreation Program that this year boasted 225 participants. He also congratulated Ms. Lembo & Kinneally on their achievement.

Councilman Garruzzo advised that the annual Night Out Against Crime would be Tuesday, August 7th. The night was an excellent opportunity for the public to interface with the Police. Food, fun and games would be featured, but perhaps most importantly, residents with children would have the opportunity to take advantage of a variety of technological inventions known as "Chips". Innovations range from finger-printing to digital photos, dental imprints and even DNA samples. All of which contribute to a child's safety in a challenging world.

Councilman Shaak advised that two storm drains on Green Avenue had been repaired and the pot hole repair program was on-going.

Councilman Gorham & Visceglia having no report the meeting was open to the public.

Lynn Schambach, 525 Harris Avenue, addressed the Council to advise them of her concerns over Single-Use Plastic Pollution. Ms. Schambach's letter is incorporated into these minutes. (see insertion).

Janet Hendricks, Leslie Avenue, advised that Councilman Garruzzo had promised a response to her letter voicing concerns over parking on the east side of Green Avenue. Councilman Garruzzo responded that the Parking Ordinance just introduced and scheduled for a hearing on July 9th, was the answer as it addressed her concerns.

There being no further public comment, the resolution, Resolution 18-71-E, that had been removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion was now considered. Due to a conflict, Councilman Garruzzo left the dais and the Council Chamber at this time.

Attorney John Jackson representing Hoffman's Restaurant T/A Waypoint 622, took exception to the proposal to ban exterior amplified music at the Waypoint location. He noted that his client had never violated the decibel level of the noise ordinance and while one summons had been issued it occurred while the new sound system was being tested and the system was now in place and controlled the sound level.

Mr. Jackson pointed out that the adjacent River House had exterior music and while there were  
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limitations on the hours and nature of performance, there was no outright ban. He asked for the same latitude that was extended to his competitor.

Thomas Sturman, Ocean Avenue, asked that the condition remain insofar as the Waypoint had 1000-watt speakers and, as evidenced during the Planning Board hearings, the sound system did not work.

Angie Cardin, 304 Union Lane, advised Council that for two years the neighbors had attended the Planning/Zoning Board hearings on this matter. The Board had finally passed a resolution on April 11th, 2018. That resolution contained a prohibition on exterior amplified music. On June 20th, 2018, the Superior Court denied Waypoint's application for a stay of those conditions. Ms. Cardin hoped that the Council would keep in place the ban on exterior amplified music.

On motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Shaak, the matter was opened for Council discussion.

Councilman Gianforte offered that he had heard nothing in the discussion that would change his opinion.

There being no further comment the matter was put to a vote. Councilmen Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia voted aye on Resolution 18-71-E without modification. No nays. Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm on a motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Gorham.

Approved: July 9th, 2018. \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas F. Nolan  
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.:18-71-A  
Date: June 25th, 2018

**BOROUGH OF BRIELLE RESOLUTION**

Whereas, application has been made for the renewal of liquor license #1308-33-002-010, and  
Whereas, the application is complete, the \$2,225.00 fee due the Borough of Brielle and the \$200.00 fee due to the State of New Jersey, Division Of Alcoholic Beverage Control have been received, and all municipal requirements have been met, and

Whereas, no objections to the renewal of this license have been received.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the application of TCMJ, LLC T/A Sand Bar for premises located at 201 Union Lane, Brielle, N.J., is hereby approved and the Municipal Clerk is authorized to issue the license for the license year July 1st, 2018 through June 30th, 2019, subject to the following conditions hereby imposed by the Governing Body of the Borough of Brielle:

- 1.) The conditions imposed by the Brielle Planning Board Resolution, dated May 6th, 1995 and incorporated into the text of this resolution as Addendum #1 (attached) shall continue to apply to this liquor license and shall be strictly enforced. The license holder shall abandon the area known as the west deck for service and/or consumption of food and alcoholic beverage and any other business purpose. The applicant shall not place any tables, chairs or similar devices on the west deck.
- 2.) No alcoholic beverage is to leave the licensed premises in an open container. The management of the Sand Bar is required to monitor all points of ingress or egress to ensure that this condition is met.
- 3.) All doors and windows of the Sand Bar shall be kept closed after 7:00 p.m. (Prevailing Time) whenever live, canned or amplified music is played.

**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 at Borough Hall, 601 Union Lane, Brielle, New Jersey, on Monday, June 25th, 2018.

Witness my Hand and Seal of the Borough of Brielle this 26th day of June 2018.

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Thomas F. Nolan  
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.:18-71-B  
Date: June 25th, 2018

**BOROUGH OF BRIELLE RESOLUTION**

Whereas, application has been made for the renewal of Liquor License #1308-33-001-008, and

Whereas, the application is complete and the \$2,225.00 fee due to the Borough and the \$200.00 fee due to the State of New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control received, and all municipal requirements have been met, and

Whereas, no objections to the renewal of this license have been received

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the application of Paradise Hospitality LLC for premises located at 1 Ocean Avenue, Brielle, New Jersey, is hereby approved and the Clerk is authorized to renew the license from July

1st, 2018 through June 30th, 2019, subject to the following conditions:

1. Alcoholic Beverage may be sold, served, delivered or consumed on the open exterior deck of the premises from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on Friday.
2. Live entertainment may be permitted on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:30 P.M. to 12:00 a.m. (Midnight). Live entertainment shall be limited to a piano player, a guitar player or a band (not to exceed a duo). A Disc - Jockey shall not be permitted.
3. Controlled Background Music may be permitted in the above-mentioned deck area during the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, providing that said music is in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 3, Sections 3-1.1 through 3.1-11 of the Code of the Borough of Brielle entitled "Noise Control" and is compliance with all other Ordinances of the Borough.
4. A singer shall be permitted to entertain on the deck on Friday and Saturday evenings from 9:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. (Midnight) and on Sunday from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. provided that such activity is in compliance with the provisions of Borough Ordinances.
5. No doors or windows can remain open while any live entertainment or background music is utilized on the deck.
6. On the Sunday prior to Memorial Day & on the Sunday prior to Labor Day, the deck may remain open until 1:00 am. The deck may also remain open until 1:00 a.m. on July 3rd. These exceptions are granted subject to the provisions of this resolution.

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Thomas F. Nolan  
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.:18-71-D

Date: June 25th, 2018

#### BOROUGH OF BRIELLE RESOLUTION

Whereas, application has been made for the renewal of liquor license #1308-33-005-004, and

Whereas, the application is complete, the \$2,225.00 fee due the Borough of Brielle and the \$200.00 fee due to the State of New Jersey, Division Of Alcoholic Beverage Control have been received, and all municipal requirements have been met, and

Whereas, The Governing Body has been made aware of noise concerns at this location and the holders of the license have agreed to the imposition of conditions to address these concerns.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the following conditions are hereby imposed on license #1308-33-005-004, Ship Wreck, LLC T/A Ship Wreck Grill:

1. All doors & windows shall be kept closed whenever any live music is played
2. Regarding the use of the deck area, all conditions imposed by the Brielle Planning Board regarding the limitation of service on the deck, as stated in their resolution (8/9/95) and further memorialized in the municipal resolution 96-46-E which authorized a place-to-place transfer to permit utilization of the deck, shall be incorporated into this resolution as addendum #1

3. In the event there is any modification of the conditions imposed by the Planning Board, the Municipal resolution shall mirror these conditions, but it shall be the applicant's responsibility to advise the Governing Body of any such change to ensure that the exact language is incorporated into addendum # 1.

Now therefore be it resolved, that application of Ship Wreck, LLC T/A Ship Wreck Grill for premises located at 720 Ashley Avenue Brielle, N.J., is hereby approved and the Municipal Clerk is authorized to issue said license for the license year July 1st, 2018 through June 30th, 2019.

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Thomas F. Nolan  
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.:18-71-E  
Date: June 25th, 2018

#### BOROUGH OF BRIELLE RESOLUTION

Whereas, Hoffman's Restaurant, LLC., with premises located at 622 Green Avenue, has made application for the renewal of Seasonal Liquor License #1308-34-003-006, for the license Period May 1st, 2017 through November 14th, 2017 inclusive, and

Whereas, the application being complete, \$1,650.00 fee paid to the Borough Of Brielle, \$200.00 fee due to The State Of New Jersey Division Of Alcoholic Beverage Control having been paid.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to issue said license, subject to the following conditions:

1. Amplified outdoor music shall be prohibited on the Hoffman's Restaurant property. This prohibition shall include both live musicians and DJs.
2. Valet Parking shall be provided when the adjacent parking lot at Hoffman's Marina is utilized.

A violation of these condition may result in suspension or revocation of the license.

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Thomas F. Nolan  
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.:18-71-F  
Date: June 25th, 2018

#### BOROUGH OF BRIELLE RESOLUTION

Whereas, application has been made for the renewal of liquor license #1308-33-011-013, and

Whereas, the application is complete, the \$2,225.00 fee due to the Borough of Brielle and the \$200.00 fee due to The State of New Jersey, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, have been received and all other municipal requirements have been met, and

Whereas, no objections to the renewal of this license have been received

Now therefore be it resolved that the application of CD & CM Holdings, LLC, for premises located at 110 Union Avenue (Route #71), Brielle, New Jersey, is hereby approved and the municipal clerk is hereby authorized to issue said license for the license period July 1st, 2018 through June 30th, 2019.

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Thomas F. Nolan  
Municipal Clerk

Resolution 18-71-G  
Date: June 25th, 2018  
Borough of Brielle Resolution

Whereas, an application for the renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License #1308-33-012-013, has been submitted by Brielle Union Partners, LLC and

Whereas, the applicant has submitted renewal application on-line as required and the form is complete in all respects, the renewal fees for the Borough of Brielle and the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control have been paid, and

Whereas, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions, and

Whereas, no objection to the renewal of this license has been made, and

Whereas, the applicant understands that this renewal is being made subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A.33:1-20 and is being treated as a "conflict" renewal, and the applicant has filed the required form with the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Brielle does hereby approve, effective this date, the renewal of License #1308-33-012-013 for the license year July 1st, 2018 through June 30th, 2019, by the Director of the State of New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Brielle Mayor & Council held on Monday, June 25th, 2018.

Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Brielle this 26th day of June 2018.

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Thomas F. Nolan  
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No: 18-71-H  
Date: June 25th, 2018

Resolution of the Borough of Brielle

A Resolution Urging the Legislature to Amend S-716, S-477 and S-1766

Whereas: While it is commendable that legislation is being considered to provide additional compensation to Firefighters with cancer, S-716 as currently written will prove to be very expensive to municipalities, and

Whereas: While it is also commendable that the statute of limitations is being extended for claims involving sexual abuse, S-477 as currently written would eliminate the statute of limitations entirely leaving officials and volunteers with the near impossible task of defending a claim that is decades old.

Whereas: Under current law family members can already collect substantial compensation for actual losses such as medical bills, lost income as well as loss of companionship.

Whereas: The combined impact of these bills would devastate local government insurance budgets at a time when the local taxpayers are being squeezed because of changes in the Federal Tax code.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Borough of Brielle that:

S-716 be amended to provide that the cancer presumption be limited to types of cancer that scientific evident establishes that Firefighters develop at a higher rate than the general public, and  
S-716 be amended to end the presumption at age 65 when the firefighter becomes eligible for Medicare.  
Alternatively, S-716 should be amended to remove volunteers and establish a special program for them along the lines recently adopted by New York, Connecticut, Michigan, Colorado and Georgia, and  
S-716 also be amended so that the standard to rebut the presumption remains at the current "preponderance of the evidence", and  
S-477 be amended to increase statute of limitation on claims involving sexual molestation against public entities to 7 years, subject to no limitation against the molester, and  
S-1766 be amended to remove public entities subject to Title 59, and

A copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, the legislative delegation in the district, the Governor, the Senate President and the Speaker of the Assembly.

Moved By: Councilman Gianforte

Seconded By: Councilman Nolan

Ayes: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia

Nays: None

Abstained: None

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Thomas Nolan  
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.:18-71-J  
Date: June 25th, 2018

#### BOROUGH OF BRIELLE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Brielle approves the correction of the Trade Name of Paradise Hospitality, LLC. To Brielle Riverhouse.

VOTE: Councilmen Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye. No nays. None  
Absent: None  
Abstained: Councilman Garruzzo.

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Thomas F. Nolan  
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.:18-71-K  
Date: June 25th, 2018

#### BOROUGH OF BRIELLE RESOLUTION

Authorizing submission of application for Project Funding for Brielle Water System Improvements and for identifying the Borough official authorized to execute the Application

WHEREAS, the Borough of Brielle documented the need for infrastructure improvements through the

preparation of the several reports, assessments and inspections, prepared by H2M Associates, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, said assessments recommended various water system improvements; and

WHEREAS, the improvements were identified therein as the most pressing for implementation from utility operations and water quality standpoints; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Brielle intends to file an application with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust for the improvements consisting of the rehabilitation of the Union Lane ground storage tank, the piping and valving arrangement at the Union Lane water plant, and the conversion of the disinfection systems at both the Old Bridge Road and Union Lane water plants.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Thomas F. Nolan, Borough Administrator be authorized to act as the Authorized Representative to represent The Borough of Brielle in all matters relating to the project undertaken pursuant to the above referenced New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Loan to be executed with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust. The Authorized Representative may be contacted at 601 Union Lane, Brielle, NJ 08730. Telephone (732) 528- 6600.

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Thomas F. Nolan

Municipal Clerk

Lynn Schambach 525 Harris Avenue Brielle, NJ 08730

June 25, 2018

Mayor Thomas B. Nicol and Brielle Council

Regarding: Single-Use Plastic Pollution — Request for Consideration of Borough Ordinance to Ban Plastic Bags, Drink Stirrers, Straws & Styrofoam To-Go Containers

Dear Mayor and Council:

Brielle is beautiful town and community. We are so lucky and blessed to live here. The Manasquan River and Atlantic Ocean are natural resources that enhance our lives all year round. We enjoy swimming, surfing, fishing, boating, water sports and access to fresh seafood. The beaches and shoreline are peaceful places for contemplation, relaxation and rejuvenation.

Each and every day, each and every one of us can find single-use plastic water, beverage and even single-shot alcohol bottles along street curbs and in the grass. Plastic bags litter the streets and can be seen hanging in bushes. Plastic straws and drink stirrers add to the plastic pollution that has been accumulating and is now found along every shoreline, beach and water way and throughout the oceans all over the planet. Theoretically, plastic is disposable, yet it is produced with indestructible materials and toxic chemicals.

Styrofoam never degrades. It is time that we all truly understand that when we throw something away, there is no away. Here are some disturbing statistics:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) stated in 2016 that as many as 1 trillion plastic bags are used worldwide each year and an estimated less than 5% of that plastic is recycled;

According to the EPA, in the United States alone, over 380 billion plastic bags and wraps are used each year, approximately 40% of the bags used are single-use plastic bags, and the 380 billion plastic bags require an estimated 12 million barrels of oil to create;

It has been reported that approximately 19 billion pounds of plastic garbage end up in the Earth's oceans each year, which is approximately an area 34 times the size of Manhattan covered in ankle-deep plastic waste.

The EPA has stated that plastic straws are consistently one of the most littered plastic items that end up in waterways and are harmful to fish and wildlife.

According to the documentary "A Plastic Ocean," the most recent science is proving how plastics, once they enter the oceans, break into small particles referred to as micro-plastics and enter the food chain at the microscopic level where they attract toxins like a magnet. The toxins are stored in the seafood's fatty tissues and are eventually consumed by us. This may someday affect local seaside economies.

The EPA 2014 Data Tables regarding Containers and Packaging demonstrate that in 2014, 80 million tons of Styrofoam containers were generated, and less than 5,000 tons were recycled. Styrofoam is the trademarked name for closed-cell extruded polystyrene foam produced for thermal insulation. A May 30, 2018 article in "Science Daily" states that an impartial working-group under the auspices of the World Health Organization and appointed by the International Agency for Research on Cancer has upgraded the warning regarding

styrene, the petroleum based toxic chemical used to produce polystyrene, from "possibly carcinogenic" to "probably carcinogenic."

As Chairperson of the Environmental Stewardship Ministry at St. Mary's-by-the-Sea in Point Pleasant Beach, I am working collaboratively with Peter Ritchings, my employer and the Chair of the Point Pleasant Beach Environmental Commission, to present a public screening of "A Plastic Ocean." This will held on Wednesday, July 18th at 7 PM at the Point Pleasant Beach Municipal Building meeting room. Point Pleasant Beach, Brielle and the Borough of Manasquan share the river, the inlet and the ocean, and we believe it is imperative for our local Mayors, Borough Councils and Environmental Commissions to learn about the extent of plastic pollution that is choking the planet. The Mayors, Borough Councils and Environmental Commissions for Brielle and Manasquan and the Northern Ocean County seaside communities will be receiving an invitation to the screening very soon.

I have attached for your review a copy of the Point Pleasant Beach Ordinance 2018-08 which regulates and limits the use of plastic bags by businesses in the that borough. The ordinance documents some of the grim statistics stated above.

I respectfully request Mayor and Council to attend the screening of "A Plastic Ocean," review the Point Pleasant Beach Plastic Bag Ban and consider writing an ordinance for Brielle that bans the use of plastic bags, and the use of plastic straws, drink stirrers and Styrofoam to-go containers by commercial businesses in the Borough of Bridle. As a town and individually, we need to come together and be the solution to single-use plastic pollution.

Thank you very much for your consideration, and I look forward to addressing you at this evening's Council meeting.

Very truly yours, Lynn Schambach