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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN GORHAM & SHAAK

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 reported on the Best Practice Report for 2018.

The Borough had achieved a score of 87% having answered "no" to eight questions. There would be no loss of state aid. Council had no questions and a resolution to authorize submission of the report to the state appeared on the consent agenda.

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

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN GORHAM & SHAAK

Following a moment of silent prayer, a salute to the flag and a roll call, the Minutes of the October 8th, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Nolan; all aye; no nays. Passed

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 18-119 for Passage of the Consent Agenda.

Resolution:

- A. To authorize the hiring of Austin Reed Saito, 1007 Cedar Lane, as a Laborer/Driver for the Department of Public Works, with an effective date of October 22nd, 2018.
- B. To appoint Corinne McCann Trainor, 504 Borrie Avenue, to the Brielle Planning Board.
- C. To authorize the renewal of the animal service provider agreement with Associated Humane Societies, Inc.
- D. To authorize the submission of the Best Practice Worksheet to the Department of Community Affairs/Division of Local Government Services.

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

Councilman Visceglia seconded by Councilman Gianforte introduced Resolution 18-120 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 October 22nd, 2018, as reviewed by the Finance Committee and as listed on the Resolution and the Computer Bill List amended thereto. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Nolan & Visceglia; all aye, No nays. Passed

The Administrator explained that the Finance Committee had met before the meeting and it had been

determined that it was not prudent to go forward with the ordinance at this time.

Mayor Nicol then called for Committee Reports and recognized Councilman Gianforte who had no report.

Councilman Nolan advised the Chili Cook-Off had been a great success and congratulated Councilman Garruzzo on his victory; he also cited "Sara D" excellent treats and her write-up in the press.

Councilman Nolan advised that the Library would hold Educator's Night for Teachers K through 8 on October 25th for Teachers, Librarians and reading Specialists, the event was sponsored by BookTowne.

Councilman Nolan reminded the public that on Wednesday, October 31st, the Library would host "Group Trick or Treat".

Councilman Garruzzo advised that Saturday October 27th would be National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. The Lobby will be open at Police Headquarters between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm for disposal of medications. Liquids and syringes cannot be taken. The day addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. In 2016, 6.2 million Americans misused controlled prescription drugs. The bulk of these drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from home medicine cabinets. This event is an opportunity for every resident to prevent drug addiction and death from overdose.

Councilman Garruzzo also informed the public that on Wednesday, October 31st, the Police Department would once again participate with the Brielle Elementary School Halloween Parade. Officers will be walking with students in the parade and distributing a candy bar at the end of the route.

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

Mr. Fera 512 Longstreet Avenue asked about the bond ordinance that had been held and the Administrator advised that purchasing a truck was a lengthy process and that it appeared to be in the taxpayers' interest to minimize debt service until there was a date certain to initiate the purchase process.

Mr. Fera also asked who would pay for the fire truck? The Administrator explained that the Borough would make the purchase and hold title to the equipment. Mr. Fera asked if the Fire Company paid anything toward the purchase?

Councilman Visceglia interjected that the Fire Company had recently purchased a vehicle with their own funds and turned the title over to the Borough, but historically the Borough has purchased and owned all firefighting apparatus.

Ms. Corinne McCann Trainor was recognized, and she thanked Council for her appointment to the Planning Board. Mayor & Council welcomed her and Mayor Nicol and Councilman Garruzzo stated that they looked forward to working with her on the Board.

Ms. Gizelle Droboniski, 612 Cedarcrest Drive, informed the Council that she had written to them concerning a problem with her neighbor dumping snow on her property and damaging her flower beds. She noted that Millstone Township had an ordinance to address this problem and she urged the Governing Body to enact a similar ordinance.

The Administrator explained that a reply to her letter was in the mail, but in essence the Borough had no ordinance and he was unaware of any local communities that had one, but he would obtain a copy of the Millstone ordinance. However, her best course of action was to file a nuisance complaint against her neighbor and resolve the issue in municipal court.

Attorney Montenegro concurred with the recommendation, but it subsequently came out in conversation that the area in question was on the municipal right-of-way. The Attorney offered that this made the situation problematic, but he would review the matter further. Councilman Gianforte suggested that there could be a public safety issue i.e. line of sight.

There being no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm on a motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Nolan.

Thomas F. Nolan
Municipal Clerk