

Borough of Brielle

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

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN GORHAM & VISCEGLIA

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 report but asked to add a resolution to the consent agenda to add to appoint Gary Olsen as First Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. Council gave their authorization.

Mayor Nicol observed that whenever he encountered the Police Chief of another jurisdiction, he stated that he was honored to meet the Chief of the Second-Best Police Department in New Jersey. Brielle was number one and he was proud of Chief Palmer and the men and women of the Department and of all their accomplishments.

The Chair then recognized Public Safety Chairman Garruzzo who announced the promotion of Lieutenant Gary Olsen to the rank of Captain and Sergeant Michael Mechler to the rank of Lieutenant.

Councilman Garruzzo reviewed the careers of both men and noted that Captain Olsen has been with the department since 1991. He started as a Dispatcher, became a Class II Special and worked his way through the ranks, becoming a Sergeant in 2012 and a Lieutenant in 2016.

Along the way Captain Olsen served as canine handler, Drug Recognition Expert, Terminal Agency Coordinator and liaison to the Regional Domestic Violence Response team. In 2014, he was appointed the Department's Accreditation Manager and he worked closely with Chief Palmer to restructure and reimplement all of the agency's Policies & procedures, Rules & Regulations, Training and any area required to meet or exceed the strict accreditation standards promulgated by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police.

In addition, to him being a graduate of the Monmouth Police Academy, he has completed the New Jersey Association of State Chiefs of Police West Point Command and leadership courses. Most recently he attended Session 273 of the FBI National Academy in Quantico Virginia. Less than 1% of law enforcement officers, worldwide, are extended this honor and privilege. Captain Olsen is married (spouse Shannon) and has two children (Zachary and Kiersten).

Chief Palmer stated succinctly that he wouldn't have recommended the promotion if he did not think that Captain Olsen had the ability to lead the Department and be the next Chief.

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Captain Olsen thanked the Mayor & Council for their continued support and he noted that no governing body had a better relationship with their police department than Brielle.

Captain Olsen thanked his family and friends for their support and cited his wife Shannon's patience during his two months at Quantico. He thanked his classmates from the school who were in attendance along with members of his Masonic family who had come to this event from all over the state.

He thanked his colleagues in the Police department calling them "the best of the best" and he thanked his mentor, boss, and friend Chief Palmer. He cited the Chief's commitment to the department, the community and for all his good council and advice.

Councilman Garruzzo then spoke about Lieutenant Mechler who began his career as a Class II Special in 1998 and became a Patrolman in 2000. For eleven years, he served as the DARE Officer along with being the

juvenile officer and a member of the Traffic Safety Bureau. In 2012, he reached the rank of Sergeant and became the Supervisor of Traffic safety with jurisdiction over all traffic related issues and the investigation of serious motor vehicle accidents.

In 2017 he became the Accreditation Manager and with the assistance of Captain Olsen implemented all new directives, policies and procedures and developed training programs to meet all applicable accreditation standards. Lieutenant Mechler is a graduate of Monmouth University and has an M.A. in Emergency management & Administration, He has also graduated from the NJSACOP Command & Leadership Academy. Lieutenant Mechler is married (spouse Lisa) and has two daughters (Sophia & Stella).

Chief Palmer offered that Lieutenant Mechler was an asset to the department and, along with Captain Olsen, a vital contributor to the re-accreditation of the department in 2019. Chief Palmer believed that both men were well qualified to continue the innovative programs such as family Night Out and Trunk a Treat that had done so much to build a sense of community and foster a relationship between the department and the citizens it serves.

Lieutenant Mechler thanked his parents and family and most importantly his wife Lisa and their two daughters. He thanked his colleagues and the residents of Brielle who came out tonight to support him.

Councilman Garruzzo observed that he would be remiss not to note the pending retirement of Chief Palmer on December 1st after a thirty-eight-year career with the Borough. He transformed the department into a state-of-the-art institution and his dedication to the community and effect policing have been incomparable.

Chief Palmer noted that he had been caught off-guard, but he thanked the Mayor & Council and pointed out that during his tenure he had built a trust between the governing body and the police department and that is important.

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There being no questions from Council or the public, work session was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Nolan.

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MINUTES November 13th, 2018 WORK SESSION START: 7:33 PM

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN GORHAM & VISCEGLIA

Following a moment of silent prayer, a salute to the flag and a roll call, the Minutes of the October 22nd, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Visceglia; all aye; no nays. Passed

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Visceglia introduced Resolution 18-126 for Passage of the Consent Agenda.

Resolution:

- A. (see insertion)
- B. (see insertion)
- C. (see insertion)
- D. (see insertion)
- E. To appoint Gary Olsen as First Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator

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

Councilman Shaak seconded by Councilman Garruzzo introduced Resolution 18-127 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 November 26th, 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 & Shaak; 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 ORDINANCE NO. 1065 "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES & COMPENSATIONS OF THE VARIOUS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF BRIELLE".

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

The Administrator explained that the Ordinance established ranges for salaries for all municipal employees. Salaries may be less than the top number, but no salary can exceed the range established for the position.

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

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Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 18-128 for passage and adoption on final reading. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Nolan & Shaak; all aye. Passed.

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Gianforte introduced resolution 18-129 to authorize publication of passage and adoption in the Coast Star according to law. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Nolan & Shaak; all aye. No nays. Passed.

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

Councilman Nolan advised that the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting would take place at Brielle Park on Sunday, December 2nd @ 6:00pm. Councilman Nolan advised that the Library would host Anthony J. Tata in conversation with historian Jim Fagen at 6:30pm, on November 29th. A forum on understanding hearing loss would take place that day from 11:00am to noon.

Councilman Garruzzo advised that tickets for the Centennial Celebration would be sold during the Tree Lighting. He also reiterated his congratulations to the newly promoted officers.

Councilman Shaak noted that the recent wind storms had necessitated the continuation of brush collection; it was a challenge that the DPW was striving to meet. He also noted that some flooding at occurred due to storm drains being clogged by leaves. That problem was also being addressed. Finally, leaf collection would end on December 14th. No leaves would be collected after that date. Leaves impede snow plowing and cannot be placed at the curb after the December 14th date.

Turning to Fire & First Aid, Councilman Shaak cited the return of the alert siren. Despite modern technology, both the Fire Company and First Aid believed that it remained an effective tool in communicating with the respective volunteer companies. The siren would be operational between the hours of 6:00am and 11:00pm in consideration of the public.

The meeting was open to the public. Janice Hendricks, 615 Leslie Avenue, asked about the depression in the N.J. Transit RR. Tracks on Green Avenue. When would it be fixed?

Councilman Shaak advised that he had been in touch with Assemblyman's Thompson's office and N.J. Transit had sent out a representative to inspect the area; he anticipated hearing back in the near future, but he would continue to press for remediation.

There being no further comments the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm on a motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Nolan.

Approved: November 26th, 2018

Thomas F. Nolan
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.: 18-126-A
Date: November 26th, 2018

Resolution of the Borough of Brielle

Whereas, the Public Safety Committee, after a detailed review process in conjunction with Lieutenant Gary Olsen of the Brielle Police Department, has determined that Michael Palmer, 2904 Grant Avenue, is the most viable candidate to fill the position of Patrolman, and

Whereas, the Brielle Police Department is an accredited department and is required to comply with strict policy procedures and directives, and

Whereas, the Public Safety Committee of the Borough Council has, in compliance with Chapter 2-6.4 of the Code of the Borough of Brielle, been delegated the authority to promulgate rules and regulations for the Police Department and the Committee has endorsed and participated in the rigorous accreditation procedure that governs the Police Department, and

Whereas, a review of the procedures indicates that there is no conflict arising from the fact that the prospective employee is related to the Chief of Police.

Now Therefore be It Resolved, that Michael Palmer is hereby appointed a Police Patrolman with an effective hire date of December 1st, 2018.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Brielle Mayor & Council held on Monday, November 26th, 2018.

Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Brielle this 27th day of November 2018.

Thomas F. Nolan
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.: 18-126- B
Date: November 26th, 2018

Resolution of the Borough of Brielle

Whereas, Lieutenant Gary Olsen has demonstrated the ability and qualifications required to be promoted to the rank of Captain,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that Gary Olsen is appointed as Captain for the Borough of Brielle, Department of Police, effective as of December 1st, 2018.

Vote: Council members Garruzzo, Gianforte, Nolan & Shaak; all aye. No nays. Passed.

Absent: Council Members Gorham and Visceglia

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Resolution No.: 18-126- C
Date: November 26th, 2018

Resolution of the Borough of Brielle

Whereas, Sergeant Michael Mechler has demonstrated the ability and qualifications required to be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that Michael Mechler is appointed as Lieutenant for the Borough of Brielle, Department of Police, effective as of December 1st, 2018.

Vote: Council members Garruzzo, Gianforte, Nolan & Shaak; all aye. No nays. Passed.
Absent: Council Members Gorham and Visceglia

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Resolution No.: 18-126-D
Date: November 26th, 2018

Resolution of the Borough of Brielle

WHEREAS, there are Escrow Accounts that can be closed out due to work associated with them having been completed, and

WHEREAS, the following accounts can now be closed, and balances refunded:

1. Block 29.01, Lot 8,513 Harris Ave, owned by Mark & Joan Mimnaugh, refund \$3,223.54
2. Block 90, Lot 1, 847 Riverview Drive, Manasquan River Golf Club, refund \$4,750.00
3. Block 104, Lot 31, 10 North Tamarack Drive, owned by Jeffery & Anne Nissim, refund \$3,040.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above accounts be closed out and refund checks issued in the appropriate amounts.

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