

MINUTES May 11th, 2020

START: 6:00 PM

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

ABSENT: NONE

Mayor Nicol announced that this was a virtual meeting and is being recorded, as the Administrator had no report and there was no other work session business, the Regular Council Meeting was opened in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Mayor Nicol asked for a roll call.

Mayor Nicol then asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 27th Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Shaak, all aye, no nays. Passed.

Mayor Nicol announced that the time had arrived for a hearing on the 2020 Municipal Budget.

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

Councilman Visceglia advised that the Budget called for \$6,989,704.20. The budget represents a half-penny increase to the Tax Rate. He thanked his colleagues on the Finance Committee for a job well done.

There being no questions from Council or the Public, the hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan.

Councilman Visceglia seconded by Councilman Garruzzo introduced Resolution 20-46 for the adoption of the 2020 Municipal Budget. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia: all aye. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 20-47 for Passage of the Consent Agenda.

Resolution:

A. (see insertion)

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

Councilman Visceglia seconded by Councilman Gorham introduced Resolution 20-48 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

May 11th as reviewed by the Finance Committee and as listed on the Resolution and the Computer Bill List amended thereto. Vote: Council Members Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia: all aye. No nays. Passed

The Mayor announced that the time had arrived for a hearing and further consideration of ‘BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT APPROPRIATING \$705,000.00 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$465,500.00 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”

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

The Administrator explained that the ordinance permitted the Borough to implement the 2020 Capital Budget.

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

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Gorham introduced resolution 20-49 for passage on second and final reading of the foregoing bond ordinance. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye. No nays. Passed

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan Introduced Resolution 20-50 to authorize publication of passage and adoption, in compliance with Local Bond Law, in the Coast Star. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye. No nays. Passed.

The Mayor then announced that the time had arrived for a hearing and further consideration of “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER TWENTY OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BRIELLE ENTITLED “LAND USE”.

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

The Administrator explained that it is basically a “housekeeping” change to the Planning Board application process. A digital copy of the submission was now required to facilitate the review by interested parties. All plans had to be filed twenty-one days prior to a hearing.

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

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan Introduced Resolution 20-51 for passage on final reading. Vote: Councilman Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Gianforte introduced Resolution 20-52 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.

Prior to calling for committee reports the Mayor read the following Proclamation (see insertion).

WHEREAS, on average, 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; approximately 70% of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

WHEREAS, today's life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than styles of years past and deserve a fresh look by today's boating public.

Therefore, Mayor and Council, do hereby support the goals of the North American Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim May 16-22, 2020, as National Safe Boating Week and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating.

In Witness Thereof, I urge all those who boat to "Wear it." and practice safe boating habits.

The Mayor then called for committee report. Councilman Gianforte having no report, Councilman Nolan advised that he had been pleased that, with the reopening of the parks, residents had adhered to social distancing. Councilman Nolan also cited the success of the May 9th delivery of flowers by John Devereux and members of the Recreation Commission to benefit the First Aid Squad.

Councilman Garruzzo having no report, Councilman Shaak stated that Bulk Clean-up had been postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and there was no date certain at this time. He also reported on the Green Avenue bridge closing by the County. The repairs were necessary, but the two-week project was certain to adversely affect area residents who used it during their perambulations.

Councilman Gorham and Visceglia having no reports, the meeting was opened to the public.

There being no public comment was adjourned on a motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Gorham at 6:18 pm.

Approved: May 26th, 2020

Thomas F. Nolan
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.:20-46
Date: May 11th, 2020

Resolution of the Borough of Brielle

Be It Resolved, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Brielle, County of Monmouth that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated and the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$6,989,704.20 for municipal purposes.

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

Certification

The foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Brielle Mayor & Council held on Monday, May 11th, 2020.

Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Brielle this 12th day of May 2020.

Thomas F. Nolan
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.: 20-47-A
Date: May 11th, 2020

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BRIELLE

**AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO PROCESS THIRD QUARTER
“ESTIMATED” TAX BILLS, DUE AUGUST 1, 2020**

WHEREAS, in light of the disruption caused by the coronavirus outbreak, the State delayed the adoption of the State Fiscal Year 2021 Budget to September 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) cannot certify State Aid allocations to municipal budgets until State Aid Appropriations are known; and

WHEREAS, the DLGS cannot approve municipal budgets and the County Board of Taxation cannot certify taxes until long after the June 30, 2020 deadline to process third quarter tax bills due August 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, without an adopted 2020 Municipal Budget and without a 2020 Certified Tax Rate, the Tax Collector cannot process the final 2020 Tax Levy; and

WHEREAS, the DLGS “*strongly recommends*” under Local Finance Notice 2020-07 “*that municipalities prepare to issue estimated property tax bills for 2020;*” and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer, computed and certified an estimated Tax Levy necessary to bill third quarter taxes due August 1, 2020

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Brielle, in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey on this 11th day of May, 2020 that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to process estimated tax bills for the third quarterly installment of 2020 taxes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the third quarterly installment of 2020 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10, 2020 or the twenty-fifth (25) calendar day after the date the estimated tax bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

Moved by: Councilman Gianforte

Seconded by: Councilman Nolan

Vote: Ayes: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak and Visceglia

Nays: None

Abstain: None

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