

MINUTES FEBRUARY 22nd, 2021

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 meeting was being held virtually in compliance with Executive Order No. 103 and was being recorded. There being no need for a work session the Mayor began the Regular Meeting.

Mayor Nicol read the compliance statement and the Regular Council Meeting was opened, after a pledge of allegiance to our flag. Mayor Nicol asked for a roll call.

Mayor Nicol then asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 8th, 2021 Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Gorham, all aye, no nays. Passed (Note: Councilmen Nolan and Visceglia abstained).

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Visceglia introduced Resolution 21-34 for Passage of the Consent Agenda.

Resolution:

- A. To approve a Special Event Permit for “The Future of Blue Run/Walk, April 18th, 2021 in Brielle Park and to waive any fees.

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

Councilman Visceglia seconded by Councilman Gorham, introduced Resolution 21-35 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 February 22nd, 2021, as reviewed by the Finance Committee and as listed on the Resolution and the Computer Bill List amended thereto. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. Passed

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

Councilman Nolan advised that the design for the new pickle ball court and the upgrade of the basketball courts was nearing completion and would be bid in time for usage in late Spring. All other recreation programs were temporarily on hold due to Covid-19.

Councilman Nolan also announced the resignation of Leslie Naughton as Librarian. Ms. Naughton had been an integral part of the Library's success and would be missed. Councilman Nolan was actively participating in the process to find a successor.

Councilman Garruzzo cited the appointment of Tiffany Brahn as a Patrolman on November 16th. He noted that Ms. Brahn had begun her police career as A Class I Special in Spring Lake (2015-2019), and she had obtained her Class II certification in May 2019. She then continued as a Class II Officer in Neptune Township and proceeded to graduate from the Monmouth County Police Academy Waiver Class on February 17th, 2021, with a Class "A" Certification. Patrolman Brahn holds a BA Degree in Sociology from Moravian University. Ms. Brahn resides with her parents, Donald & Marjorie Brahn, in Spring Lake. He added that Patrolman Brahn was a great asset and a wonderful addition to the force.

Councilman Garruzzo also reminded residents of a recent series of car burglaries currently under investigation. He urged residents to remove key fobs and lock their vehicles.

Councilman Shaak applauded the DPW for their outstanding work during the two recent snow events. He also thanked the Mayor for his work in obtaining road salt. The Borough's supplier had experienced a shortage of salt that had impacted the County and the State DOT. The Mayor had been able to find an alternate source and obtained 100 tons for the Borough. The subsequent arrival of the scheduled materials left the Borough in excellent shape to meet any remaining winter challenges.

No other members of Council had reports.

Prior to opening the public portion, the Administrator advised that no public comments had been received by either regular mail or e-mail prior to the published deadline.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm on a motion by Councilman Shaak seconded by Councilman Gianforte.

Approved: March 8th, 2021

Carol Baran
Municipal Clerk