

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2020 at 7:30 pm

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach was held in the Meeting Room, 701 Main Street, Bradley Beach, New Jersey on the above date.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Engelstad opened the meeting with a salute to the flag.

Sunshine Law

The meeting has been noticed publicly according to the Open Public Meetings Act requirement for the "Annual Notice", and posted on the official bulletin board.

**ROLL CALL 7:30 pm**

Present: Council: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad  
Borough Attorney  
Deputy Municipal Clerk Erica Kostyz

**BID OPENING:** Volley Ball Leagues and Clinics

Meghan Blair (Great American Volley Ball, Inc.) offered a bid amount of \$115.00 per session for lease of space for the operation of Volley Ball Leagues and Clinics on the Oceanfront/Cliff Avenue Beach.

**NO OTHER BIDS OFFERED**

ON MOTION by Mayor Englestad to award the Volley Ball Leagues and Clinics contract to Meghan Blair (Great American Volley Ball, Inc.)

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**BID OPENING:** Second Avenue Concession

**THERE WERE NO BIDDERS \*TABLED\***

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Bonnell to approve the February 11, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**APPROVED**

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Bonnell to approve the February 11, 2020 Executive Session Meeting Minutes  
ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**APPROVED**

ON MOTION by to enter into Executive Session to discuss Contracts and Personnel Matters  
ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Engelstad  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

ON MOTION by \_\_\_\_\_ to reopen the Regular meeting no action taken  
ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Engelstad  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

William Psiuk of 110 Fifth Avenue inquired in regards to Ordinance 2020-4 what type of work is being done on Newark Avenue.

Mayor Engelstad responded there is not a clear definition on what will be done, however he will get the information for him.

Mr. Psiuk also inquired if the new Chief Financial Officer will be full-time or part-time and what her salary will be.

Mayor Engelstad responded full-time and the salary is lower than the former CFO.

**BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH  
BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-02**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF,  
AND PAYMENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE FOR, CERTAIN  
REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 319 LAREINE  
AVENUE BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH,  
IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY;  
APPROPRIATING \$1,500,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING  
THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,425,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE  
BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

ON MOTION           by Engelstad/Bonnell to open public hearing on Bond Ordinance 2020-2  
ROLL CALL           AYES:       Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad  
                      NAYS:       None  
                      ABSENT:   None  
                      ABSTAIN: None

**Public Hearing:**

Thomas Coan 612 Third Avenue stated he is excited about this bond, however has concerns about inspections on the building.

Mayor Engelstad responded a number of inspections have taken place and there is a time period after approval to pull out if any issues arise.

ON MOTION           by Engelstad/Bonnell to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance  
                          2020-2  
ROLL CALL           AYES:       Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad  
                      NAYS:       None  
                      ABSENT:   None  
                      ABSTAIN: None

**ADOPTED**

**BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-3**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NORTH END OF THE BOARDWALK (A BEACH UTILITY IMPROVEMENT), BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$490,000 THEREFOR (INCLUDING A GRANT FROM THE MONMOUTH COUNTY OPEN SPACE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$210,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$280,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Bonnell to introduce Bond Ordinance 2020-3  
ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**INTRODUCED**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-4**

CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR NEWARK AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE I), BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$300,000 THEREFOR (\$15,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND A \$285,000 GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION) TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF

ON MOTION by Bonnell/Engelstad to introduce Capital Ordinance 2020-4  
ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**INTRODUCED**

**Communications**

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Weber to allow for bicyclists to pass through Bradley Beach for the MS: Coast to Coast on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> an Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Bonnell to approve the Consent Agenda

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 2020-58 Authorizing the 911 Shared Service Agreement with Monmouth County  
Resolution 2020-59 Authorizing the LEAP Challenge Grant  
Resolution 2020-60 Authorizing the project completion of Sylvan Lake Park  
Resolution 2020-61 BILL LIST 2-25-20

**APPROVED**

**Approved the Following:**

Allow for bicyclists to pass through Bradley Beach for the MS: Coast to Coast on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Resolution**

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Bonnell to Authorize the appointment of Sandra Rice as Chief Financial Officer through December 31, 2023

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

2020-62 Authorizing the appointment of Sandra Rice as Chief Financial Officer through December 31, 2023

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilman Weber stated the budget introduction Mr. Monzo presented was phenomenal and helpful. He and Mr. Sexsmith met with the Code Enforcement Officer regarding 501 Park Place. He stated 211 Ocean Avenue is slated for demolition, however the process will take time as this building is connected to another building on the adjoining property. He stated a tree was planted in the tree well the pavers being redone in front of QuikChek are being paid for by the convenience store. He and Mr. Sexsmith also met with Dick Johnson to discuss the beach budget for the year.

Councilman Sexsmith stated DPW planted a tree in front of QuikChek to prevent trucks from driving back and forth on the sidewalk pavers. He and Mr. Weber met with the Police Administration to discuss the Capital Budget needs.

Councilman Gubitosi stated the following

- The purchase of the Methodist Church is a momentous occasion for the Borough and thanked the Mayor, current Council members, Mr. Goldfarb, Dr. Cotler, Paul Neshamkin and TJ Coan.
- Commended DPW for the repairs in front of QuikChek.
- Main Street Task Force was awarded a grant that will provide conceptual rendering project for Main Street.
- Sylvan Lake and Fletcher Lake Committees will be meeting to discuss various ideas.
- Letters have been drafted for short term rentals within the Borough regarding compliance.

Councilman Bonnell stated the tree well in front of QuikChek looks great and encouraged everyone to take a look at it.

Mayor Engelstad announced the following:

- Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a Community Clambake event to raise funds for the church renovations that will be needed.
- The hiring of a new Chief Financial Officer and he thanked council for the vetting of the candidates.
- A Special Meeting will take place tomorrow evening to interview candidates for Borough Administrator
- Literary night taking place at the Elementary School this evening.
- Read a letter commending the Code and Construction Departments
- Stories of New Jersey Diners will take place at the Library Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
- Thanked Kelly Barrett for her many years of work at the Borough and as Administrator.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Paul Neshamkin thanked the Mayor and Council past & present for the funding of the church. He has incorporated a Non-profit group to donate monies, services and get grants. He has received offers from volunteers for architectural and engineering services and hopes the Borough will be able to coordinate with these services.

Mayor Engelstad asked the Borough Attorney if the Borough would be allowed to accept free services.

Mr. Cannon responded it is possible to accept free services that would not require insurance.

Eileen Shissias of 112 Fourth Avenue expressed concerns about Main Street and Memorial Day Parade and asked that the buildings be brought up to code to make a positive impression for that day.

Thomas Coan of 612 Third Avenue commended Mr. Monzo for the Budget Introduction. He stated more trees on Main Street will be good. He asked for business administrator’s report on future meeting agendas.

Paul Neshamkin announced there will be a Salute to the Bradley Beach Police Department on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm honoring past and present members of the Police Department.

Sandy Rice the newly appointed Chief Financial Officer introduced herself and thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to work with Bradley Beach.

ON MOTION            by Engelstad/Bonnell to enter into Executive Session to discuss  
Contracts and Personnel Matters

ROLL CALL            AYES:            Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Engelstad  
                              NAYS:            None  
                              ABSENT:        None  
                              ABSTAIN:       None

Engelstad/Bonnell moved to adjourn  
ADJOURN 8:30 pm

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Erica Kostyz  
Deputy Municipal Clerk