

BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2020 at 6:30 pm

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach was held by means of communication equipment, N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b), to include streaming services and other online meeting platforms and formal action will be taken on the above date.

Mayor Engelstad requested a moment of silence to remember the 9508 New Jersey Residents who have passed from the COVID-19 crisis.

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 6:30 pm

Present: Council: Bonnell (6:41 pm), Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad
Borough Administrator David G. Brown II
Chief Financial Officer Sandra Rice
Borough Attorneys Gregory Cannon and Andrew Sobel
Deputy Municipal Clerk Erica Kostyz

The Department of Public Works Supervisor, Biagio Cafone, commended his department for their dedication and teamwork during the COVID-19 crisis. He also commended Andrew Neaves the Forman of the Sanitation Department and Assistant Supervisor Patrick Allan. He stated he is proud to be a part of Public Works and a part of the town.

Sanitation Forman, Andrew Neaves commended his supervisors Biagio Cafone and Patrick Allan for their leadership and his sanitation crew for their hard work and dependability.

The Department of Public Works Assistant Supervisor, Patrick Allan, commended his department for their hard work and thanked the Mayor and Council for providing DPW with the proper equipment needed to perform their jobs. He also thanked the DPW Secretary, Dana Maikitis for her hard work in the office.

Mayor Engelstad thanked the Department of Public Works for doing an excellent job and keeping the town safe during a very difficult time.

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Gubitosi to approve the Budget Workshop Meeting
Minutes of April 22, 2020
ROLL CALL AYES: Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Bonnell
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Gubitosi to approve the Regular Meeting
Minutes of April 28, 2020
ROLL CALL AYES: Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Bonnell
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

Public Comment on Agenda items:

Julia Rand, 1 Atlantic Avenue, asked if the public will be able to participate in discussion during the Workshop items on the agenda and if the DPW workers are being protected as she noticed they are not wearing masks while they are performing their duties.

Mayor Engelstad replied yes to the public participation during the Workshop discussions and stated the DPW are taking all necessary precautions to stay safe while working.

Thomas Coan, 612 Third Avenue, inquired about an item on the Bill List for a painting company and asked why DPW did not perform this task in-house.

Mayor Engelstad replied in-house work is the decision of the DPW Supervisor.

Mr. Coan also asked for clarification on Resolutions 2020-114 and 2020-118.

Administrator Brown gave Mr. Coan clarification on both Resolutions.

MaryAnn Spilman, 902 Ocean Avenue, asked how she can see the meeting minutes before they have been approved.

Administrator Brown explained the meeting minutes by law are not public documents until they are approved by the Governing Body.

Ms. Spilman also inquired if the Zoning Ordinance changes being proposed during the workshop this evening will affect the current zones or permitted uses.

Mayor Engelstad stated the changes are being discussed to better clarify the existing ordinance.

Borough Attorney, Greg Cannon also stated the changes will not affect any district regulations or boundaries.

Shana Greenblatt-Janoff stated she had questions and comments regarding the Shade Tree Ordinance and Beach Access workshop items. She decided to wait until the public comment section of each for further discussion.

Workshop Discussions:

a. Proposed Shade Tree Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 24: COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES” AND CHAPTER 270: “LAND DEVELOPMENT” AND CHAPTER 398: “STREETS AND SIDEWALKS” AND CHAPTER 450: “ZONING” OF THE BOROUGH’S REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES TO RE-ESTABLISH THE BOROUGH’S SHADE TREE COMMISSION AND PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE PLANTING OF TREES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH

Borough Attorney, Greg Cannon, gave an explanation of what this ordinance entails with revisions to the previous ordinance proposed last year. He stated the principal change in the new ordinance will put the purview of shade trees under a Certified Arborist and within a statutorily based and authorized Shade Tree Commission as opposed to the Zoning Officer. Mr. Cannon also stated the ordinance includes the following:

- Shade trees on public property (rights of way, parks, municipal facilities and lands) would require a Shade Tree Arborist’s approval to maintain any of the trees on Borough controlled property.
- In terms of private properties the ordinance regulation only extends to the removal of trees and determine the opinion of a Certified Arborist in some cases (ex. If the tree is diseased or falling down).
- The removal of trees in regards to private property has expanded from the Planning Board to the Shade Tree Commission in some cases. (Ex. Building a deck that requires removal of trees).

Mr. Cannon also explained it is easier to remove items from a draft ordinance than it is to add items which is the reason for the Workshop Discussion this evening.

Councilman Weber thanked the Borough Attorney and Councilman Gubitosi for the effort they have put into this draft. Mr. Weber commented the only change he recommends is in regards to the planting strip, walkway and street.

Councilman Sexsmith stated his approval that this ordinance prioritizes preservation of old canopy trees. He also stated his concern that the Shade Tree Commission will have to hire a professional (ex. attorney, arborist or planner) to support it and the cost.

Councilman Gubitosi applauded the efforts that went into the creation of this draft. He gave the following suggested edits:

- The use of a Tree Expert or Arborist.
- Change Tree Expert or Arborist to part-time instead of full-time to better manage that expense.
- Adjustment to Tree Replacement Fees
- Reimbursement for replacing trees tied to hourly rates of the Department of Public Works and/or the Arborist.
- Reinstating previous definitions that were eliminated and expand the new list of definitions.

Councilman Bonnell stated a portion of the fees incurred by the Arborist or Tree Expert should be the resident's responsibility when removing a full grown tree.

Mayor Engelstad stated he approves of the finite period of time the Shade Tree Commission would have to make a decision with regard to any tree action in town.

Public Comment on Proposed Shade Tree Ordinance:

Rich Despina trees add appeal to the streets. He suggested the ordinance should include heavy growth of vines on trees should be removed by owners as this could be a hazard to the tree itself or a building or passerby.

Councilman Weber asked **Mr. Despina** to clarify in regards to vines on trees if he meant on private properties or commercial properties.

Mr. Despina responded on all properties.

Shana Greenblatt, 414 Monmouth Avenue, is very appreciative of the new ordinance being discussed. Ms. Greenblatt suggested the Mayor and Council keep in mind the Tree Expert or Arborist is going to be a time consuming job. She asked if a property is under demolition if the demolition permit will include existing foliage.

Borough Attorney Greg Cannon responded the Land Use Application would require compliance with the new section in the ordinance.

Councilman Bonnell added a proper Demolition Plan will include changes to landscaping.

Ms. Greenblatt expressed the importance of communication, oversight and accountability must be addressed in this ordinance.

Julie Nutaitis, 605 Newark Avenue, stated she agrees the Tree Expert or Arborist should be a seasonal position Ms. Nutaitis asked who will be responsible for the ivy clean up on trees and if the ordinance includes shrub maintenance.

Mr. Cannon responded the Shade Tree Commission would be responsible for the ivy clean up and maintenance of shrubs will remain under Code Enforcement.

Kathleen Martin, 410 Bradley Boulevard, inquired if the ordinance will address tree roots growing into a neighbor's yard.

Mr. Cannon replied the ordinance does not address those types of private property situations.

Thomas Coan, 612 Third Avenue, requested the following be reviewed; fee schedule, subdivisions, transfer of ownership and tree size.

Eileen Shissias, 112 Fourth Avenue, inquired if this ordinance could include prohibiting bamboo planting and artificial turf in the Borough.

Councilman Weber responded it is his hope to craft a future ordinance to address invasive species of plants.

In regards to artificial turf, Mr. Cannon responded artificial turf is grandfathered into the ordinance for the homeowner that has artificial turf.

Julia Rand, 1 Atlantic Avenue stated she is not in favor of artificial turf in town.

Lauren Egbert, 404 ½ Brinley Avenue, suggested the following; include the height and types of trees allowed, replacement and removal fees should be reviewed, using shared services for the Tree Expert or Arborist.

Mr. Cannon stated he will review all the council and public comments, suggestions and edits with Councilman Gubitosi.

b. Proposed Zoning Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 5: "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT" AND CHAPTER 450: "ZONING" OF THE BOROUGH'S REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES TO CLARIFY THE ADMINISTRATION OF ZONING PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND TO LOCATE SUCH PROVISIONS IN A MORE INTUITIVE AND READILY ACCESSIBLE LOCATION WITHIN THE CODE FOR APPLICANTS.

Borough Attorney Greg Cannon stated the revision to this ordinance is to make it easier to find for the applicant and clarify the Zoning Permit process. He also stated all fees will remain the same.

Councilman Gubitosi asked if this ordinance revision also addresses fines and penalties.

Mr. Cannon replied yes.

Councilman Sexsmith stated anything that makes the permit process easier on the applicant is appreciated.

Public Comment on Proposed Zoning Ordinance:

Thomas Coan, 612 Third Avenue, stated this revision will better assist the public and professionals and asked if this will move to the Planning Board for review after this evening.

Mr. Cannon responded yes it will.

MaryAnn Spilman, 902 Ocean Avenue asked for clarification with regards to the Administration and Purpose section of the draft.

Mr. Cannon gave Ms. Spilman an explanation and reiterated there are no changes to the ordinance itself.

Mayor Engelstad thanked Zoning Officer George Waterman for his hard work on this.

c. Beach Access, Rules and Parking

Mayor Engelstad stated him and the Council, the Borough Administrator, The Chief of Police, Borough Attorney, have been in discussion over the last few weeks as to when and how to open the beaches and businesses this year with the main factor being Public Safety.

Administrator David Brown prepared a draft referring to COVID-19 guidelines for Workshop discussion. These guidelines include:

- **Beach and Boardwalk Use and Access**
- **Badge and Parking Sales**
- **Lifeguard and Badge Checkers**
- **Fletcher Lake Foot Bridge**
- **Transient Guests or Seasonal Guests**
- **Fourth of July Fireworks**

Mr. Brown explained this document has only been given to the Governing Body and Administration at this time, however he will go through each guideline for the public's information.

Mayor Engelstad confirmed with Mr. Brown the State is under a Governor's State of Emergency until June 5th.

Mr. Brown confirmed this and stated the guidelines he prepared are based on local ordinances and primarily Executive Order 133 which pertains to park status and standards for state parks.

1. Beach and Boardwalk Use and Access Discussion

Administrator Brown listed the following guidelines for discussion:

- **Beach staffing as of Saturday May 23rd**
- **Prohibiting swimming at dusk on May 25th when the beach is not staffed on a daily basis**
- **The opening of the 2020 Summer Season on June 18th with staffing**
- **All beach access points**
- **Proactive cleaning of the boardwalk, pavilions and restrooms**

- **Beachgoers and boardwalk participants wearing face masks**
- **Limited available parking**
- **Items allowed on the beach**
- **The practice of social distancing on the beach**
- **Organized or contact activities remaining cancelled (Bocce Courts, Mini Golf, Volley Ball and Surf Camp)**
- **Prohibited gatherings of individuals**
- **When the beach is accessible**
- **Locker rentals and social distancing when they are in use**
- **Beach showers**
- **Water fountains**
- **Prohibited use of boardwalk benches**
- **Bicycles being banned from use on the boardwalk**

Mayor Engelstad expressed concern regarding the utilization of the beach during the time it is not staffed and the cost impact to staff the beach on a daily basis as of May 25th.

Councilman Weber stated he is not in favor of prohibiting swimming during this time. He also stated that while he understands the Mayor's concern of staffing the beach during the weeks of May 25th to June 18th, he suggested using signage stating no lifeguards on duty, swim at your own risk.

Councilman Bonnell stated he agrees with Councilman Weber and swimming was not prohibited prior to the pandemic.

Administrator Brown explained the prohibiting of swimming is part of the Executive Order and pandemic situation and to provide further safety for the beaches.

Police Chief Guida stated with regards to swimming and all other discussions, the Borough is trying to stay as close to the Governor's Executive Order as possible.

Councilman Gubitosi stated he is not in favor of banning swimming, and suggested placing wording in the guidelines that would require social distancing while in the water.

Chief Guida stated while the Governor gave municipalities the right to waive the swimming order, the Executive Order is not to be taken lightly.

Councilman Sexsmith stated agrees with his fellow Councilmembers and is not in favor of a restriction on swimming.

Councilman Weber stated there is a cost to staffing the beaches during the weeks prior to June 18th is a risk when the Borough does not know what kind of revenue will be generated yet.

Mayor Engelstad asked if there will be any additional guidance from Trenton prior Memorial Day Weekend regarding this issue.

Administrator Brown responded the Governor is supposed to issue guidance right before Memorial Day Weekend, however this does not give the Borough enough time to put policies in place and introduce a solid budget.

Further discussion ensued between the Mayor, the Council and the Administrator regarding limited parking.

Councilman Gubitosi inquired if there is going to be consideration to beach employees regarding social distancing and mask requirements.

Administrator Brown responded yes, that in discussion with the Beach Manager and Administration.

Councilman Gubitosi also inquired if people will be allowed to sit socially distanced on the beach.

Administrator Brown responded yes.

Further discussion ensued between the Mayor and Council, the Administrator and the Police Chief regarding the following:

- **Passive recreational activities.**
- **Markers at concession stands with respect to social distancing and concession workers wearing face masks.**
- **Mini Golf and Surf Camp (after the State Emergency is lifted)**
- **Enforcing beachgoers wearing face masks on the boardwalk.**
- **Limiting when the beach is accessible from dusk to dawn**
- **Usage of the beach showers.**

2. Badges and Parking Sales

Administrator Brown listed the following guidelines for discussion:

- **Seasonal Beach Badges for sale via the Viply Application on the Borough Website and by cashier at the Brinley Avenue Tag Booth and by cash at the Third and Cliff Avenue Tag Booths.**
- **Maximum badge sale limits that anticipates utilization of seasonal badges and maximum beach badge sales for all days.**
- **When online seasonal beach badge sales will end.**
- **Monitoring each beach day capacity.**
- **Pay Station operations and Parking Meters.**

Mayor Engelstad inquired if daily badge sales will only be sold through the Viply Application or will the Borough also allow cash sales at the tag booths.

Administrator Brown responded cash sales will be allowed in addition to Viply sales.

Mayor Engelstad stated he would prefer all daily badge sales go through the Viply Application to get a finite number of daily badges allowed for each day and minimize contact between the cashiers and the general public. The Mayor also requested to see language with regards to the limit of people allowed on the beach for the day to determine if it is an appropriate number.

Administrator Brown replied all sales can be done through Viply if that is the consensus of the Governing Body.

Councilman Gubitosi stated concerns on the following:

- **More clarity in regards to the locations badges will be sold.**
- **A defined limit of maximum attendance on the beach.**
- **A limited allocation of daily badge sales in addition to seasonal badge sales.**

Councilman Weber agreed with a limited number of daily badges until the State of Emergency is lifted and is in favor of only selling daily badges through Viply to avoid contact. Mr. Weber also requested not using the option of purchasing a badge through the parking meters for the time being.

Councilman Sexsmith suggested adding more specificity in reference to the sale of daily badges.

Administrator Brown stated he will work on more specific language with the Council, the Chief of Police and the CFO.

Councilman Bonnell stated he is in favor of selling daily badges, even if the number is limited during the State of Emergency.

3. Lifeguards and Badge Checkers

Administrator Brown stated Lifeguards and Badge Checkers will be directed to follow the Best Practices for re-opening the beach operations.

4. Fletcher Lake Foot Bridge

Administrator Brown requested the bridge remain open to pedestrians crossing the bridge. No stopping or social gathering is allowed and it is recommended that cloth masks are worn and requested DPW put signage in place to reflect that.

5. Transient Guests or Seasonal Tenants

Administrator Brown stated he and the Chief of Police recommend and anticipate Certificate of Occupancies start being issued again May 26th.

Councilman Gubitosi inquired if this is consistent with the Executive Order regarding the issuance of CO's.

Administrator Brown responded the Executive orders give restrictive powers to the municipality.

Police Chief Guida stated the Borough can choose whether or not to do this.

Councilman Gubitosi stated he feels the Borough should extend the prohibition on short-term rentals and add a statement to the guideline if residents do not comply with the restrictions.

6. Fourth of July Fireworks

Administrator Brown stated the decision to proceed with the Fourth of July Fireworks will be determined no later than Friday, June 26th.

Public Comment on Beach Access, Rules and Parking:

Don Greenberg, 302 Park Place Avenue, made statements and inquired about the following:

- **Mandate wearing masks on the boardwalk.**
- **How social distancing will be enforced on the beach.**
- **Keeping a record of a badge purchased on a cell phone instead of picking up a badge physically.**
- **Agrees with the Council regarding the sale of daily badges**
- **Suggested adding a zero price badge on the Viply App and/or issuing an actual badge to keep track of those who do not need to pay to get onto the beach (small children & veterans)**
- **Is the banning of bicycles permanent or do they have to be off the boardwalk by 10:00 p.m.**

Mayor Engelstad responded the ordinance regarding bicycles states they are not allowed on the boardwalk after May 15th.

Councilman Weber also responded the ordinance states bicycles are not allowed on the boardwalk at certain times after May 15th.

Chief Guida stated there is no mandatory mask law and the police department will be proactive with enforcing social distancing.

Councilman Sexsmith read the regulations of the bicycle ordinance for clarification.

Mr. Greenberg thanked everyone for their answers and stated he appreciates all of the hard work the Borough is doing during this crisis.

Paul Neshamkin, 411 ½ LaReine Avenue, inquired who will be enforcing all of the regulations.

Administrator Brown responded the Police Department along with the Specials will be enforcing the regulations.

Mr. Neshamkin asked how many Specials & Police Officers will there be.

Chief Guida responded it varies and ensured proper manpower will be available at all times.

MaryAnn Spilman, 902 Ocean Avenue, stated the following:

- **Swimming should not be banned during the weeks leading up to it being fully staffed,**
- **Does not agree with turning off the beach showers**
- **Is in favor of setting a quota on daily beach badge sales**

Ms. Spilman also asked if seasonal beach badges sales will be expanded after May 22nd.

Administrator Brown responded yes.

Cindy (last name & address not given), stated she is in support of the Governing Body's decisions, the term passive recreation must be clearly defined, and enforcement on all regulations is vital this year.

Julia Rand, 1 Atlantic Avenue, stated bathroom attendants must follow strict guidelines on wearing masks.

Administrator Brown responded that is a personnel matter currently being discussed.

Ms. Rand expressed concerns of overcrowding on the beach after 5:00 p.m. and inquired how this will be handled.

Mayor Engelstad responded handling these situations will be a learning process and the Administration and Governing Body will handle these situations as they come along.

Ms. Rand suggested using strongly stated signage about wearing masks since this cannot be mandated.

Thomas Coan, 612 Third Avenue, stated he is in favor of selling daily badges and staffing the beach before June 8th.

Eileen Shissias, 112 Fourth Avenue, stated the Borough should consider signage for the beach showers that states no shampooing.

Julie Nutaitis, 605 Newark Avenue, expressed concerns regarding the short-term rental ban and suggested implementing a plan to control the number of rentals that will be allowed.

Councilman Weber stated the draft being discussed this evening are part of the plan.

Administrator Brown stated he and the Police Chief will be further discussing how to handle the short-term rentals to include different factors that came out of this evening's discussion.

Councilman Weber also stated the Borough has engaged in a third party firm to assist with the compliance of short-term rentals.

Nancy Meadows suggested the Borough put a plan in place to handle overcrowding on the beach.

MaryAnn Spilman, 902 Ocean Avenue, inquired how will the Police will be able to determine if a group of people on the beach is a family or a gathering with regards to social distancing.

Administrator Brown stated the Borough will have to rely on the training and expertise of the Police and the Specials to determine the difference.

Frank Luna, JCP&L area manager for Bradley Beach, encouraged everyone to stay positive during this crisis.

Nancy Meadow, inquired if residents may sit on the beach and asked if the Police Department is capable of recognizing who is a family and who is not in order to social distance.

Administrator Brown replied yes to sitting on the beach.

Administrator Brown stated he will work with the chief along with all of the input from this evening and get another draft to the Governing Body before the guidelines are finalized.

Communication(s) N/A

CONSENT AGENDA:

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Gubitosi to approve the Consent Agenda
ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 2020-111 BILL LIST for 5-12-20

Resolution 2020-112 Authorizing a tax title lien redemption in the amount of \$2,492.50 for 707 Ocean Avenue, Apt. B (Block 38, Lot 16.04)

APPROVED

RESOLUTIONS:

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Weber to Approve Patricia Megill, CMCA an Annual Salary Increase of \$15,000 for the Additional Responsibilities of the Allenhurst Courts.

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

2020- 113 Approving Patricia Megill, CMCA an Annual Salary Increase of \$15,000 for the Additional Responsibilities of the Allenhurst Courts.

APPROVED

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Sexsmith to Approve Amy Hall a Stipend of \$15,000 for the Additional Responsibilities of COVID-19 Related Communications from May 15th through August 15th, 2020.

Councilman Gubitosi clarified the primary focus of this role is to assist the Mayor and the Administrator in communications related specifically to COVID-19.

Mayor Engelstad confirmed Mr. Gubitosi's statement.

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

Resolution 2020-114 Approving Amy Hall a Stipend of \$15,000 for the Additional Responsibilities of COVID-19 Related Communications from May 15th through August 15th, 2020.

APPROVED

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Sexsmith to Approve and Authorize a consent letter with Verizon Wireless for certain modifications to equipment mounted upon the Monopole Tower located on a portion of the Borough's properties at 721-723 Main Street.

Mayor Engelstad stated this is not an additional rental of the site, it is equipment modification.

Councilman Gubitosi asked if the modifications are obtrusive in any way to the public.

Borough Engineer Gerry Freda replied no.

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

Resolution 2020-115 Approving and Authorizing a consent letter with Verizon Wireless for certain modifications to equipment mounted upon the Monopole Tower located on a portion of the Borough's properties at 721-723 Main Street

APPROVED

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Bonnell to Authorize the Department of Public Works to hire Summer Seasonal Employees.

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

Resolution 2020-116 Authorizing the Department of Public Works to hire Summer Seasonal Employees

APPROVED

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Gubitosi to Authorize the Support of Innovative Ecological Conceptual Approach for Sylvan Lake Restoration.

Councilman Gubitosi stated this plan is environmentally constructive and cost effective with regards to the restoration of Sylvan Lake.

Mr. Freda gave an explanation of the NJDEP's involvement with this plan and stated this plan could enhance the condition of Sylvan Lake.

Councilman Gubitosi added that the NJDEP are exploring resources for funding this project should it materialize.

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

Resolution 2020-117 Authorizing the Support of Innovative Ecological Conceptual Approach for Sylvan Lake Restoration

APPROVED

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Gubitosi to Authorize a Resolution correcting Resolution 2020-108 appointing Erica Kostyz, RMC as Municipal Clerk effective April 28, 2020.

Borough Attorney Greg Cannon explained the reason for this correction is because Ms. Kostyz has her Registered Municipal Clerk License, by statute, she must be appointed the Municipal Clerk.

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

Resolution 2020-118 Authorizing a Resolution correcting Resolution 2020-108 appointing Erica Kostyz, RMC as Municipal Clerk effective April 28, 2020

APPROVED

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Weber reported the following:

- **Gave a definition of passive recreation.**
- **Regarding the removal of ivy on the tree by the Recreation field, the borough needs to determine if the tree is located on Borough property or the neighboring private property.**
- **Regarding the inquiry with the bill list item in question earlier, the DPW decided to hire the contractor as is their decision to do so if the a reasonable price is quoted.**
- **Mr. Weber stated he was in favor of closing the east end of Ocean Avenue to parking to create more space.**
- **The Environmental Commission applied for and will receive a Fellow (Master Student) through the Environmental Defense Fund to work with the Borough over the summer on energy related items.**
- **Community Development is researching plans to enable restaurants to use more space. He is in favor of waiving the Outdoor Cafés License fee for this purpose so businesses can increase their distance.**
- **He reminded everyone under the Beach Management Plan with the NJDEP to be mindful of different bird species on the beach.**

Councilman Sexsmith reported the following:

- **Reminded everyone Plastic Film Recycling day is Wednesday, May 13th.**
- **There will be a Bulk Trash Pickup day Thursday, May 14th.**
- **Encouraged everyone to keep their yards nice as the weather starts getting nicer.**
- **Thanked everyone who participated in this evening's meeting.**

Councilman Bonnell thanked all participants in this evening's meeting and suggested a possible plan for a cardboard pick-up day.

Councilman Gubitosi reported the following:

- **Thanked all participants in this evening's meetings.**
- **Is in favor of a cardboard pick-up day.**
- **The broken valve in Sylvan Lake has been fixed.**
- **Feedback collected from the April 23rd Planning Board Meeting regarding the beach concession/Salt Restaurant will be shared with the Mayor and Council.**
- **Commended Mr. Neshamkin for doing a great job getting the Community Center Committee organized.**
- **Suggested to the Mayor and Council discussing the repairs needed for the UMC building at future Council Meetings.**
- **The Main Street Task Force Committee will be working with a group from Rutgers to revision Main Street.**

Mayor Engelstad reported the following:

- **Announced the Bradley Beach Community Alliance will waive membership dues for all small businesses in town for the remainder of 2020 and credit businesses and non- profit members in 2021. The Alliance will launch a membership drive and dues will be dedicated to supporting small businesses and the creation of new programs in town.**
- **Encouraged residents make a donation to the food pantry.**
- **The Borough will still honor Roy Christensen as the Grand Marshall for Memorial Day by parading Mr. Christensen around town Saturday, May 23rd.**
- **Encouraged everyone to keep the Eighth Grade Class in their thoughts being their school trip to Washington was cancelled due to the pandemic.**
- **Commended Administrator Brown for doing a great job and making a difference in town.**

Public Comment:

Paul Neshamkin, 411 ½ LaReine Avenue, announced the Bradley Beach Historical Society will be holding a virtual event on Zoom Sunday, May 17th at 3:00 p.m.

Jim Shissias, 112 Fourth Avenue, recommended Mr. Weber connect the Environmental Commission Fellow intern with JCP&L to research programs the Borough can benefit from. He also stated there is no funding involved with the Sylvan Lake Restoration Project.

Don Greenberg, 302 Park Place Avenue, suggested looking into an opt-out green energy program and offered to get the information for Councilman Weber.

Rich Despina, announced the Bradley Beach Library will be having a Photo Contest on Monday, June 1st and there will be a virtual Zoom meeting Wednesday, May 13th for Photography Beginners.

Mayor Engelstad encouraged everyone to continue supporting the restaurants in town.

Engelstad/Sexsmith moved to adjourn
ADJOURNED 10:00 P.M.


Erica Kostyz, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk