

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2019 at 6:30 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 6:30 pm

**Present:** Council: Goldfarb, Bonnell, Cotler  
Mayor Gary Engelstad  
Borough Attorney Marguerite Schaeffer  
Borough Clerk/Administrator Kelly Barrett  
Chief Financial Officer Gail Krzyzczuk

**Presentation:** Frank Luna, JCP&L Representative presented a \$1,000. donation to the Borough for the Holiday Lighting Ceremony.

The Environmental Commission thanked the governing body for collaborating with SC Johnson for the collection of Plastic Film.

Mayor Engelstad presented Amanda Wheeler, Chairwoman of the Environmental Commission a certificate thanking her for her years of service to the borough. He wished her well in the future and on her relocation to Arizona.

ON MOTION by Bonnell/Goldfarb approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2019

ROLL CALL AYES: Goldfarb, Bonnell, Cotler  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Weber  
ABSTAIN: Engelstad

### APPROVED

#### **Ms. Barrett, Borough Administrator provided the following updates:**

- After being delayed by the State the Municipal Audit is now underway. The audit process once complete, will be presented to the governing body and a resolution to follow certifying the audit.
- The Code Officer has begun the inspections of Main Street properties and several violation notices have been issued.
- The Borough Engineer has presented Change Order No. 1 to the Ocean Park Avenue Improvement project decreasing the contract amount by \$49,000. The decrease is a result of the material costing less than anticipated.

- The borough is continuing discussions with Altice in reference to a non-residential location for the placement of the fiber cabinet box.
- The bathrooms on Third and LaReine Avenue will remain open through the middle of November.
- The campaign educating the residents on the Plastic Film Collection has started and the collection is to begin on November 13, 2019.
- Judge Thornton rendered a decision in favor of the borough relating to the Planning Board Appeal of 217 McCabe Avenue.
- The renovations to the library will be funded by the library capital budget.

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Cotler to add the request from St. Theresa of Calcutta to conduct a Raffle on October 25, 2019 to the consent agenda

ROLL CALL AYES: Goldfarb, Bonnell, Cotler, Engelstad  
 NAYS: None  
 ABSENT: Weber  
 ABSTAIN: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Thomas Coan, 612 Third Avenue, commended the DPW on their collection of brush. He requested an update on the appointment of a conflict zoning officer.

Ms. Barrett responded that Mr. Doolittle from Neptune City will be acting as the conflict zoning officer. He will be acting as a conflict zoning officer on a reciprocal basis and does not believe it was necessary to formally appoint Mr. Doolittle as conflict zoning officer.

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Goldfarb to approve the Consent Agenda

ROLL CALL AYES: Goldfarb, Bonnell, Cotler, Engelstad  
 NAYS: None  
 ABSENT: Weber  
 ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 2019-171 Authorized the removal of Veterans Deduction at 318 Brinley Avenue (Blk 41 Lot 20)

Resolution 2019-172 BILL LIST

Resolution 2019-173 Authorized Dogs in Riley Park for the Fall Festival on Sunday, October 27, 2019 from 12:00– 2:00 pm

Resolution 2019-174 Authorized a curfew from October 30, 2019 through November 1, 2019 from 8:00 pm to 6:30 am

Resolution 2019-175 Authorized the 2020 SCAT Agreement with Monmouth County at a daily rate of \$155

Resolution 2019-176 Authorized various appointments to the Board of Adjustment

Resolution 2019-177 Authorized the 2020 Gazebo rental fees: \$150. Deposit and \$500. Rental fee

Resolution 2019-178 Authorized Change Order No. 1 to Fiore Paving for Improvements to Ocean Park Avenue, decreasing the contract amount by \$49,300.92

**APPROVED**

Raffle License(s) 2019-8 & 9

St. Theresa of Calcutta 50/50 & Merchandise (on prem) raffle on October 25, 2019

## **AUTHORIZED**

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilman Goldfarb provided the following report:

- The Fire, First Aid Squad and Police responded to a fire on Main Street on October 13, 2019 which was brought under control without injury or damage to the property.
- He thanked Amada Wheeler for her hard work and volunteerism and stated she will be missed.
- He expressed concerns regarding the sincerity the of “Altice” in finding an alternate location for the fiber cabinet.

Councilman Bonnell stated that the Fish Fry was a huge success. He expressed concerns regarding the lack of volunteerism for the Fire and First Aid. He suggested the borough investigate the LOSAP program which may encourage volunteerism. The LOSAP allows for a pension type program to Fire and First Aid volunteers

Councilman Cotler suggested that the town offer tax abatements to the volunteers and wished to encourage young people to join as volunteers. He expressed concerns regarding EMF fields in close proximity to homes. The National Institute of Health reported EMF exposure leads to cancer. He announced the month of October is National Anti-Bully month and would like an Anti-Bullying resolution passed.

Mayor Engelstad thanked Ms. Paula Gavin, Volunteer Strategic Plan Facilitator and all of the task force committee members on their hard work. All of the town volunteer organizations will be honored on “Make A Difference Day” on October 26<sup>th</sup> at the library. Assemblymen Arnone will be scheduling a meeting to discuss volunteerism. He reminded the candidates running for Council not to place signs on public property.

Joseph Kulick, Monmouth Avenue, requested an update on the paving of Monmouth Avenue and the RFP of the retired utility building on Ocean Avenue.

Ms. Barrett responded, Monmouth Avenue is scheduled to be paved this fall. The RFP for the retired utility building is in the process of being revised.

Don Greenberg, 302 Park Place Avenue, expressed concerns regarding the plastic film buckets not having lids.

Mike McCarthy, 604 McCabe Avenue, questioned when the Plastic Film collection will begin.

Ms. Barrett responded that the collection will begin on November 13, 2019.

Julia Rand, 1 Atlantic Avenue, suggested contacting the Main Street businesses to see if they would be interested in joining the First Aid squad as they are around during the day time hours.

Thomas Coan, 612 Third Avenue, expressed concerns regarding the authorization for “Altice” to place a Fiber Cabinet Box in a residential area. He commented that there are sandwich board signs on Main Street which is a violation of the ordinance.

Ms. Barrett responded, she was confident that “Altice” and the borough would come to an amicable agreement for the location of the box. In reference to the sandwich board signs: Mr. Curry the previous code officer exercised discretion and allowed the sandwich board signs on Main Street as long as it did not impede pedestrian traffic.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Engelstad/Cotler moved to adjourn

ADJOURN 7:20 pm

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Kelly Barrett, RMC CMR  
Municipal Clerk