

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 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: Weber, Goldfarb, Bonnell, Cotler
Mayor Gary Engelstad
Borough Attorney's Office Gregory Pasquale
Borough Clerk/Administrator Kelly Barrett
Chief Financial Officer Gail Krzyzczuk
Deputy Municipal Clerk, Erica Kostyz

CEREMONIAL

Mayor Engelstad recognized and thanked Councilman Harold Cotler and Councilman Norman Goldfarb for their years of dedicated service to the Borough. He stated that these two men are true gentleman and have done a good job for the town they love. They are leaving the Borough in a much better place than when their service began. He thanked their wives and families for sharing them with the Borough.

Councilman Cotler thanked the residents for their support and allowing him to serve. He was proud of the Council's accomplishments of decreasing debt, saving money, healthy surplus and much more. He thanked the staff for all of their hard work and accomplishments.

Councilman Goldfarb stated that it was an honor and privilege to serve the residents and was thankful for the opportunity. He thanked the Borough staff for doing such a wonderful job.

Mayor Engelstad recognized and thanked Ray Bloetjes, Assistant Vice-President of Kearny Bank for serving the Borough residents. He stated, Ray is a true leader and friend to Bradley Beach. He wished Ray and his family well in his retirement.

Ray Bloetjes stated it has been an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Bradley Beach. It has been a true joy to work in Bradley Beach.

Mayor Engelstad provided the following update: 301 Main Street project is under new leadership, Mark Sangiorgi. He has been communicating with Borough officials to resume the project. The Borough is excited about someone with the experience and caliber of Mr. Sangiorgi taking over the project.

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Cotler to approve the Regular Meeting
Minutes of November 26, 2019
ROLL CALL AYES: Weber, Goldfarb, Bonnell, Cotler, Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Public Comment

Thomas Coan, 612 Third Avenue, expressed concerns regarding a resolution on the Consent Agenda, "Certifying the 2018 Audit" when it is not on the website for the public to view. He questioned if funds were available for the retirement payouts?

Ms. Barrett responded that the 2018 Audit is currently posted on the Borough website listed under Finance. She continued, the Borough budgets annually to cover any contractual retirement payouts.

Communication:

Raffle License No. 2019-11 - Monmouth County USBC, 14 Sophia Drive, Hazlet, NJ, on Premise 50/50
February 9, 2020 9:30 am, 12 pm and 2 pm

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Weber to move the Raffle License to the Consent Agenda
ROLL CALL AYES: Weber, Goldfarb, Bonnell, Cotler, and Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

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

Consent Agenda

- Resolution 2019-201 Certified the 2018 Municipal Audit
- Resolution 2019-202 Authorized the cancellation of sewer utility charges at 403 Ocean Avenue (Blk 52 Lot 20)
- Resolution 2019-203 BILL LIST
- Resolution 2019-204 Authorized the Assistant Chief Financial Officer to pay bills through 12/31/19
- Resolution 2019-205 Authorized Stern & Dragoset Appraisal Group to appraise 319 LaReine Avenue in an amount of \$2,000.
- Resolution 2019-206 Authorized the Borough Council meeting dates for 2020
- Resolution 2019-207 Authorized the Trash/Recycling Lot to accept bulk trash at no cost with exceptions

- Resolution 2019-208 Authorized the Kaleidoscope of Hope Walkathon, Saturday, September 26, 2020 from 6:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Fifth Avenue Gazebo and beachfront promenade
- Resolution 2019-209 Authorized the Borough to participate in the NJ Tree Recovery Campaign
- Resolution 2019-210 Authorized the appointment of Class II Special Off to the BBPD
- Resolution 2019-211 Authorizing a retirement payout of unused sick time to Theodore Bianchi, Lieutenant of the Bradley Beach Police Department in three equal installments of \$63,952., January 1,2020, \$63,952., January 1, 2021 and \$60,952., January 1, 2022
- Resolution 2019-212 Authorized a retirement payout of unused sick, vacation time, etc. to Gail Krzyzczuk, CFO and Tax/Sewer Collector in an amount of \$82,342.59
- Resolution 2019-214 Authorized the Borough Attorney to negotiate with the Camp Meeting Association for the purchase of 319 LaReine Avenue through December 24, 2019

APPROVED

Raffle License No. 2019-11 - Monmouth County USBC, 14 Sophia Drive, Hazlet, NJ, on Premise 50/50 February 9, 2020 9:30 am, 12 pm and 2 pm

AUTHORIZED

Mayor Engelstad announced the retirement of Gail Krzyzczuk, Chief Financial Officer and Tax/Sewer Collector. He thanked Ms. Krzyzczuk for her years of service to the Borough. He continued that the Chief Financial Officer position is crucial and made a motion to hire a recruitment firm to fill the position.

Councilman Cotler stated that the Borough should hire through the normal process by advertising in the League of Municipalities employment website. He continued, individuals with the proper credentials and experience go to the League of Municipalities website for employment opportunities. If the Borough is unable to find the right candidate through the normal process we should then consider retaining the services of a recruitment company. He expressed concerns regarding the exorbitant fee of \$12,500. for recruitment services.

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Weber to enter into an agreement with Jersey Professional Management for recruitment services at a fee of \$12,500.

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

2019-213 Authorized the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Jersey Professional Management for recruiting services at a fee of \$12,500.

APPROVED

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Bonnell to go into an executive session to discuss real estate and personnel matters

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

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Goldfarb to reopen meeting

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

Mayor Engelstad stated action was taken regarding real estate and personnel issues.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Weber stated that the Rec event “Snowy Weather Get Together” was a success. He commented that the new employee contracts regarding sick payouts have been capped. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season

Councilman Goldfarb thanked his wife for putting up with him when he served on Council. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Councilman Bonnell wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Councilman Cotler stated that it is hard sitting up on the dais doing the work and the new Council will do the work. He was happy that he would be leaving the town in good shape and in a good fiscal position. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Engelstad thanked Gail once again for her years of service and stated “her shoes will be tough to fill”. The strategic plan process and committees are entering the final stage and thanked everyone involved. He invited everyone to the re-organization meeting on January 1st and to the Fire and First Aid members’ swearing in ceremony. He reminded everyone of the Menorah lighting on December 22nd. He announced December 11th is the second day of Plastic Film collection. He wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Thomas Coan, 612 Third Avenue, requested the borough allow for residents to use additional plastic film containers. He requested an update on 306 Monmouth Avenue and the status of the zoning permits.

Ms. Barrett responded that the Borough has not received new plans to date.

Councilman Weber requested additional stickers be placed on top of the Plastic Film containers located in the Borough buildings so they are more clearly identified as Plastic Film.

Paul Neshamkin, President of the Historical Society, thanked the governing body for considering the purchase of the Unite Methodist Church.

Thomas Coan, 612 Third Avenue offered his services to the Borough free of charge as realtor for the purchase of the United Methodist Church, 319 LaReine Avenue.

Engelstad/Bonnell moved to adjourn

ADJOURN 7:50 PM

KELLY BARRETT RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk/Administrator