

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 14, 2018

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gary 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 Engelstad
Borough Attorney Marguerite Schaffer
Municipal Clerk/Administrator Kelly Barrett
Chief Financial Officer Gail Krzyzyczuk
Deputy Municipal Clerk Erica Kostyz

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Goldfarb approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2018

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

MINUTES APPROVED

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Weber to appoint Marguerite Schaffer as Borough Attorney

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

Resolution 2018- 116 Appointment of Marguerite Schaffer as Borough Attorney through December 31, 2018

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nestor Winters stated that his law firm has been in Bradley Beach for over 75. He wished to speak regarding Bond Ordinance 2018-21, there is a parking crisis on Main Street and the businesses on Main Street need additional parking. Adopting Bond Ordinance 2018-21 which will allow for the purchase of 811 Main Street is for the betterment of the borough. The installation of a parking lot would do well on Main Street. The parking lot will help the businesses on Main Street, create revenue for the borough with meters in the lot and allow for a view of the firehouse. He continued that the purchase would be the best thing for Bradley Beach.

Henry Machos, 209 Third Avenue, mentioned several businesses on Main Street that offer off street parking for their patrons. He stated that he did not think tax payers should be responsible for

providing parking for businesses. He continued that if the borough purchases 811 Main Street the impact would not only be the cost of the purchase but the loss of tax revenue.

Thomas Coan, 612 Third Avenue, questioned if the resolution authorizing a retirement payout was budgeted. He commented that he agreed with Mr. Winters by purchasing the property 811 Main Street for parking. He but did not agree with a down payment of only 5% and the borough should utilize surplus.

Mayor Engelstad responded that there were funds budgeted to address retirement payouts.

James Dougherty, 217 Brinley Avenue, disagreed with the purchase of 811 Main Street as it will not benefit the residents.

Richard Despina, 600 Third Avenue, stated that he did not believe the residents would utilize a parking lot on Main Street. However, a parking lot at 811 Main Street may assist in the future when the parking problem gets worse and the borough will keep control of that area.

BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018-21

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION, IMPROVEMENT AND THE PAYMENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 811 MAIN STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH, BY AND IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$850,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$807,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Bonnell to open Public Hearing on Ordinance 2018-21

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

Public Hearing:

Mayor Engelstad stated that purchasing any property on Main Street is expensive. The center of town is where additional parking is needed, people will not walk from a parking area located at the far north or far south of town. He commented that he has only received positive feedback from Main Street as it is thriving and strong.

Councilman Bonnell stated that he was distributing a parking plan for Main Street similar to what he had provided to the governing body in 2014. He disagreed with the idea that people would not walk a few blocks to the center of town. His plan allows for up to an additional 50 parking spaces on one end and an addition 25 spaces at the opposite side of town.

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Weber to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2018-21

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

Councilman Cotler stated that it was not fiscally responsible to purchase 811 Main Street and he was voting no.

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Weber to approve Bond Ordinance 2018-21
ROLL CALL AYES: Weber, Engelstad
NAYS: Goldfarb, Bonnell, Cotler
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Communications added to the Consent Agenda

Approved the request from Isabel Clarke to hold a wedding on Brinley Avenue beach on 9/16/18 for sixty (60) people and use of four folding tables/chairs and a 10X10 tent.

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

- Resolution 2018-117 Tax Title Lien Redemption
- Resolution 2018-118 BILL LIST
- Resolution 2018-119 Authorizing the award of the Sylvan Lake Bank Stabilization Project to Precise Construction, 1016 Hwy 33, Freehold, NJ, 07728, in an amount of \$286,670
- Resolution 2018-120 Authorizing the payout for accumulated sick time for retired Police Officer Michael Ricciardi in the amount of \$83,810.79

ADOPTED

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Weber thanked Ken Pringle, Esq for his assistance as interim Borough Attorney. He congratulated Ms. Schaffer on her appointment as Borough Attorney. He advised that the Environmental Commission will be reaching out to businesses in reference to contributing towards the reusable bag campaign, purchase bags with Bradley logo on the front and business logos on the back. He commented that the growth of Main Street is now and the parking issue will grow.

Councilman Goldfarb stated that the purchase of 811 Main Street was too expensive and the borough should look into alternate options for parking. He provided the Fire Department report and commented on the success of the “National Night Out” held for the first time at the beachfront.

Councilman Cotler commented on the great success of “National Night Out”. He provided the First Aid Squad report and thanked all volunteers for their service. He stated that the entire beach staff has done an excellent job.

Mayor Engelstad stated that changes have been made to the PBA contract to limit retirement payouts. He advised that recycling enforcement will be strictly enforced and the proper collection of recycling is a nationwide problem, market is an influx.

The poor weather and inaccurate forecasts has greatly impacted the beach revenues. He stated he was concerned that we will be unable to meet the anticipated revenues. He commented that Riley Park looks beautiful and thanked Kelly Barrett for her hard work on the project and announced the reopening of Riley Park rescheduled for Saturday, August 25th. He mentioned that he had received an award from the American Littoral Society.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Thomas Coan 612 Third Avenue, thanked Councilman Cotler for keeping Bond Ordinance 2018-21 alive at the last meeting as the borough now has a baseline for parking spaces. He stated that surplus should not be used to balance a budget.

Eileen Shissas, 112 Fourth Avenue, provided a handout depicting problem areas at the beachfront.

Paula Gentempo, 103 Fourth Avenue requested the waiting list for lockers be displayed for public view at borough hall.

Jack Gentempo, 103 Fourth Avenue, expressed concerns regarding the gate guards leaving early and the borough is losing revenue. He was displeased that Bond Ordinance 2018-21 failed for adoption. He requested future beachfront events not be held at Fourth Avenue.

Julie Nutaitis, 605 Newark Avenue stated that she liked Councilman Bonnell's idea for parking. She expressed concerns regarding the yellow striping on her driveway not being done and she continues to have a problem backing out of her driveway on Newark Avenue.

Terrence Wright, 406 Madison Avenue, stated you look around and the borough looks good. The borough has come a long way and it looks the best it has in years. The complainers in town only look at what is wrong with the town rather than what is right. In reference to the purchase of 811 Main Street the borough should not be in the real estate business and the tax payers should not be responsible to pay for a parking lot for the businesses.

Ann Polito, 512 Bradley Blvd., stated that the light poles along Sylvan Lake work intermittently and JCP&L trucks respond and they sit idle for forty five minutes.

Councilman Bonnell responded that JCP&L was assessing the area.

Richard Despina, 3600 Third Avenue, stated that he has a contact with the weather channel and will reach out regarding announcing weather forecasts

ON MOTION

by Engelstad/Bonnell moved to adjourn

Adjourn: 8:00 pm

Kelly Barrett, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

