

REGULAR MEETING
December 13, 2016

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach was held in the Carmen Biase Center, 719 Main Street, Bradley Beach, NJ on the above date.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gary Englestad 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 6:40 pm

Present: Council: Volante, Goldfarb, Galassetti,
Mayor Engelstad
Interim Business Administrator Anthony Muscillo
Borough Attorney Michael DuPont
Chief Financial Officer Gail Krzyzczuk
Acting Municipal Clerk Kelly Barrett

Mayor Engelstad announced that this was the last meeting of the year and Councilmen Volante and Galassetti's last meeting as they did not seek re-election. He continued by stating that these gentlemen have been life-long residents of Bradley Beach and thanked them on behalf of the governing body and the residents of Bradley Beach for their dedication and hard work. He presented them with plaques and their respective street signs signed by the employees and residents wishing them well in the future.

Councilman Goldfarb stated that he was thankful to Tom and Sal for all of their help over the years. They know much of the history of Bradley Beach as they grew up here, their family and roots are here. They are dedicated civil servants of Bradley Beach and he will be forever be indebted to them. They will be missed as members of the Council.

Councilman Volante stated he was honored to be a Bradley Beach Police Officer for 28 years and on the Council for two (2) terms. He continued that the current Administration is the best he has worked with, Mayor Engelstad is doing a great job, and Norman Goldfarb is a true leader. He also stated that Sal will be around and that he may be back someday.

Councilman Galassetti stated that he was born on McCabe Avenue in Bradley Beach and has been a life-long resident. He continued that he was pleased to see how amazing Bradley Beach is today. He stated jokingly that he wasn't on Council for the money it was for the love of the town. He thanked the Mayor and Council for all of their hard work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION by Englestad/Volante to approve the regular minutes of 10/25/16
ROLL CALL AYES: Volante, Galassetti, Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Cotler
ABSTAIN: Goldfarb

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION by Englestad/Volante to approve regular meeting minutes of 11/22/16
ROLL CALL AYES: Volante, Goldfarb, Galassetti, Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Cotler
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Thomas Coan, 612 Third Avenue, requested clarification of item A on the consent agenda (Authorizes Chapter 159). Mayor Engelstad responded that this allows money to be moved from one account to another (change in text and title) to assist in payment of the HVAC unit in the Bradley Beach Firehouse.

Vincent LePore, 33 Ocean Terrace, Long Branch expressed concerns regarding the hiring of a Borough Administrator for Bradley Beach, more specifically Adam Schneider. Mayor Engelstad responded that we have not made any decisions at this time and we are back to square one in hiring a Borough Administrator.

Harvey Rosenberg, Chairman of the Memorial Day Committee, wished to advise the Council that the Memorial Day Committee would be turning the reigns over to the First Aid for Sponsorship of the Memorial Day Festival, and Operations would be done by “Sparks Marketing”. Sparks is a marketing company that has run numerous successful events and they have been heavily vetted for this project. The Memorial Day Committee would continue to donate to Bradley Beach and Sparks will pay for the expense of the parade.

Mayor Engelstad agreed that Sparks was well vetted and the Committee did their homework in hiring the company.

ON MOTION by Englestad/Volante to add the Memorial Day Festival May 27-29, 2017 to the agenda
ROLL CALL AYES: Goldfarb, Volante, Galassetti, Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Cotler
ABSTAIN: None

Thomas Coan, 612 Third Avenue, expressed concerns regarding the addition of the Memorial Day Festival to the agenda. He stated that it should not be done as time of the essence was not an issue. He stated that 72 hour notice was not given and he was looking for transparency in government. Mr. DuPont, Borough Attorney commented that the governing body has the right and authority to add to the agenda. Mayor Engelstad commented that “Sparks” was strongly vetted and the right company to go with.

ON MOTION Engelstad/Galassetti motion to approve consent agenda
ROLL CALL AYES: Volante, Goldfrab, Galassetti, Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Cotler

ON MOTION Goldfarb/Engelstad to remove item D from the consent agenda (2017 meeting dates) Mayor Engelstad amended the motion if needed to allow for a change for the first regular meeting in February 2017).

ROLL CALL AYES: Volante, Goldfarb, Galassetti, Engelstad
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Cotler

CONSENT AGENDA

- Resolution 239 Authorizes Chapter 159
- Resolution 240 Authorizes Tax Lien Redemption(s)
- Resolution 241 BILL LIST
- Resolution 242 Authorizes Mayor and Council meeting dates for 2017 (amend day of meeting in February if needed)
- Resolution 243 Authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to pay bills through December, 2016
- Resolution 244 Authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to make any necessary transfers and to cancel 2016 Budget Appropriations at year end 2016
- Resolution 245 Determines the interest rate to be charged on delinquent taxes, assessments, and sewer charges for 2017
- Resolution 246 Appointment of Kelly Barrett as Municipal Clerk and Assessment Search Officer effective December 13, 2016 through December 12, 2019
- Resolution 247 Appointment of Anthony Muscillo Interim Borough Administrator, not to exceed twenty (20) hours per week, effective December 13, 2016
- Resolution 248 Appointment of Dorothy Reibrich as Acting Municipal Court Administrator effective January 1, 2017
- Resolution 249 Appointment of Patricia White as Deputy Court Administrator of the Municipal Court effective January 1, 2017
- Resolution 250 Authorizes Community Development Block Grant Representatives for 2017 Gary Engelstad and Alternate Representative Kelly Barrett
- Resolution 251 Authorizes a Joint Purchasing System Agreement with the Borough of Neptune City for Police Department equipment training

ADOPTED

Mayor Engelstad announced that the shared service agreement for the Municipal Court with the Borough of Neptune City was expiring on December 31, 2016. After meeting with Neptune City we were informed that the new agreement would be doubling our current price. We advised Neptune City that the new agreement would no longer be financial beneficial to Bradley Beach. At this point we have money available in the bond from the Phase I building renovations, and the majority of the work will be completed by the Department of Public Works. In addition, we established a new shared service agreement for the Municipal Court with Avon by the Sea.

Councilman Volante again wished the new Council well and thanked the current administration for their hard work and assistance.

Councilman Goldfarb once again thanked Sal and Tommy and wished all a Happy Holiday Season.

Councilman Galassetti stated it was tough to leave the Council. He had been here many years, however, he would stick around to watch over Bradley Beach. He thanked the girls in the front office and wished the new Council members well.

Mayor Engelstad stated that the bonfire held the day after Thanksgiving was a great success. He continued that the Tree lighting was unbelievable and there were beautiful pictures displayed in the Asbury Park Press. He thanked the DPW and Michele Whille for working hard on the events.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Weber, 313 LaReine Avenue, provided an update on the Environmental Commission: we will be receiving a letter stating that Bradley Beach has become a "Sustainable Jersey Town". He thanked Michele in the front office for her help in the sustainable town process. He also stated, the Local Surf rider Foundation will be doing dune grass planting on January 28th and 29th, the weekend before the super bowl and we are looking for volunteers.

Vincent LePore, 33 Ocean Terrace, Long Branch stated that he attends many council meetings along the Jersey Shore. He continued that he has concerns regarding Adam Schneider as a possible candidate for the position of Bradley Beach Borough Administrator. Mayor Engelstad responded that he does not discuss personnel matters in public, however the, borough administrator position is currently unfilled and we are back to square one in our search for an administrator. Mr. Muscillo, Interim Administrator is doing an amazing job.

Thomas Coan, 612 Third Avenue, expressed concerns regarding the manipulation of the agenda, and he is requesting transparency in government. Mayor Engelstad responded my job is to listen to public comments. You and I have had conversations about the town in the past. If you have any questions you may pick up the phone and call me. Mr. DuPont clarified that the Mayor and Council have the right to add items to the agenda.

A resident commented that it is admirable of the Council to add items to the agenda as they come up. She did not think adding items to the agenda is a big problem.

Councilman Goldfarb stated that adding the Memorial Day Festival resolution to the agenda is necessary as it takes quite some time to make arrangement and plan the event.

ON MOTION by Engelstad/ Goldfarb moved to adjourn

ADJOURN 7:15 pm

KELLY BARRETT
Municipal Clerk