

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 28, 2017

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 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 6:30 pm

Present: Council: Weber, Bonnell, (Cotler 6:35 pm)
Mayor Engelstad
Borough Attorney (Firm) William McGovern
Interim Borough Administrator, Anthony Muscillo
Chief Financial Officer, Gail Krzyzczuk
Municipal Clerk, Kelly Barrett

PRESENTATION:

Assemblyman Dave Rible attended the Council Meeting and applauded the Mayor and Council for the fine job they are doing for Bradley Beach. He advised that the DOT would be in Bradley Beach tomorrow to address the crosswalks and apologized for the delay. He continued that he was keeping an eye out for Bradley Beach regarding the school funding and municipal aid and they are currently working on a formula that is more equitable throughout the state for school funding. Councilman Weber stated that the proposed budget of the Trump Administration will cut funding for water testing that will affect millions of people. He asked Mr. Rible if he would lead the charge for adequate funding to test the waters in New Jersey. Mr. Rible responded that he will bring the request to Bob Martin the gentleman in charge. Mayor Engelstad agreed that the proposed cuts are terrible and the ocean has come a long way since the 80's and 90's. Councilman Cotler questioned if we would be seeing any funding for the dredging our lakes. Mr. Rible responded he anticipates funding as it is coming from the Transportation Trust Fund.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION by Englestad/Weber to approve Budget Workshop Meeting minutes of March 7, 2017

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Communication

Clean Ocean Action Spring Beach Sweep event on Saturday, April 22, 2017 & Fall Beach Sweep on Saturday, October 21, 2017. Councilman Weber explained the importance of the beach sweeps, which compiles data for pollution prevention and changes in packaging. He encouraged all to participate.

Councilman Cotler stated a correction of the Town Wide Yard Sale dates: Saturday, April 22nd & Sunday, April 23rd.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Resolution 74 Authorizing a tax refund in the amount of \$1, 454.89 for 604 McCabe Avenue (Blk 31 Lot 15)
- Resolution 75 BILL LIST
- Resolution 76 Authorizing the Bradley Beach Fire Department 5K Walk/Race on Saturday, August 19, 2017 (7:00 am – noon) at the beach front promenade with free beach access for participants
- Resolution 77 Authorizing the MS Society Bike Ride on Saturday, May 20, 2017 (9:00 am – 10:30 am) on Ocean Avenue
- Resolution 78 Authorizing the American Littoral Society a 5K Lobster Run on Saturday, April 15, 2017 (9:00 am – 10:15 am) on the beachfront promenade
- Resolution 79 Appointment of Gustavo Lopez as Class I Special Officer effective March 28, 2017
- Resolution 80 Appointment of Class I Special Officer(s) effective May, 2017
- Resolution 81 Authorizing an Executive Session to discuss use of public funds/ contract negotiations

ADOPTED

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Weber stated that the school budget is in the hands of the county and will be adopted at the last meeting in April.

Councilman Bonnell stated that he has been reviewing the sewer budget with the Department of Public Works. The DPW has started to rehab the fountain and the determined it is best to rebuild the fountain from scratch. The Recycling Center at the North End of town is coming along well and will be open soon.

Councilman Cotler stated that the Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a Town Wide Yard Sale on April 22nd & April 23rd. He continued that the First Aid is looking for volunteers and they offer free training. The Fire Department will hold a Fish Fry on Friday, April 7th and proceeds help fund the volunteer fire department.

Mayor Engelstad stated on Sunday a dedication ceremony was held for the new handicapped accessible Library. He encouraged all to go check it out, as it now allows individuals to visit the library that were unable to do so in the past.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Julie Nutaitis, Newark Avenue, Chairman of the Quality of Life Committee, stated that there is an opening at the QOL and they are looking for a motivated individual. She continued that the committee wishes to be a point of contact for residents and they operate as cohesive unit that brings ideas together.

Mayor Engelstad suggested that the Quality of Life Committee look into “Make a Difference Day” , volunteers getting together to repair the homes of residents that are unable to do so themselves.

Gustavo Lopez, thanked the Chief of Police, Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve as a Special Police Officer.

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Bonnell move to an executive session to discuss use of public funds/contract negotiations

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

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Bonnell to re-open the meeting

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

ON MOTION by Engelstad/Bonnell moved to adjourn

ADJOURN 7:10 PM

KELLY BARRETT, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk