

October 27, 2015

**BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-209
A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE MONMOUTH COUNTY
ASSESSMENT DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM (ADP)**

Mayor Engelstad offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, as a result of an act of the NJ State Legislature, the Monmouth County Board of Taxation has instituted a pilot program for the management of Tax Assessments in the County and thereafter mandated a methodology for the implementation by local municipalities of a Monmouth County Assessment Demonstration Program (ADP); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bradley Beach was mandated by the County Board of Taxation to implement the ADP program and has, in reliance on that mandate, been compelled to expend large sums of moneys for reassessment and review by contractors who met the bid qualifications for services under the ADP program promulgated by the County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of a broad range and thorough review of the implementation and management of the ADP program by the Asbury Park Press, it has come to the attention of the general public that the ADP program is resulting in gross inequalities in the reassessment process and the implementation of safeguards that were granted to property owners by statute and practice in the Tax Courts and procedures for appeals; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the same investigation, it has become a matter of public record of the troubling interlocking relationships between the County Tax Board and contractors and subcontractors who have a familial, and local tax assessment responsibilities and business relationships that were not disclosed to the general public in a transparent manner of the time that the ADP was adopted; and

WHEREAS these troubling revelations cast the pall of interlocking familial, professional and business interests that are to be avoided in public policy initiatives and has caused the public to express its dissatisfaction with the legitimacy of the mandate from the County Tax Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Bradley Beach resolves the following:

1. Requests the County Tax Board to exercise its authority in suspending the implementation of the program immediately.
2. Request that Senator Singer and Assemblypersons Kean and Rible support legislative efforts to terminate the program immediately.

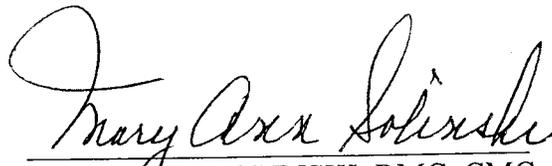
3. Request that the State Attorney General investigate the adoption and implementation of the program and its execution of same and allotment of contracts to participating entities.
4. The Borough will immediately withhold its participation under the ADP program until a determination is made by the Office of the Attorney General.
- * 5. Authorize the Borough Attorney to advise all contractors under the ADP program that it will withhold any participation until further direction from the Attorney General's Office.

Seconded by Councilman Cotler and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Cotler	X			
Mr. Volante	X			
Mr. Goldfarb	X			
Mr. Galassetti				X
Mayor Engelstad	X			

CERTIFICATION

I, Mary Ann Solinski, Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bradley Beach, Monmouth County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council at the October 27, 2015 meeting.


 MARY ANN SOLINSKI, RMC, CMC
 Municipal Clerk