

June 24, 2014

RESOLUTION 2014-

Mayor Engelstad offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2171/Assembly Bill No. 1596 would authorize any county of the fifth or sixth class (Atlantic, Cape May, Monmouth and Ocean Counties) to assume complete responsibility for the operation and control of the beaches that border the Atlantic Ocean within the county by ordinance or resolution; and

WHEREAS, shore communities have a long standing tradition of providing for the public health, safety and welfare of beach goers in their communities; and

WHEREAS, shore communities have the ability to provide a seashore experience in keeping with the lifestyle and character of its own design; and

WHEREAS, the communities have had ability to sell beach badges since the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, revenues from beach badges sales have been dedicated to the cleaning and maintaining of beaches and public restrooms along with the provision of seasonal lifeguards and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, seasonal beach operations provide jobs for high school and college students and senior citizens in the community; and

WHEREAS, beach badge fees are user fees created to offset the cost directly to the taxpayers and are enforced during seasonal beach-going hours only, all other times beaches are 100% free; and

WHEREAS, many municipalities welcomed and accepted legislation to allow for free or reduced beach badges for active members of the Armed Forces and Senior Citizens; and

WHEREAS, Federal beach re-nourishment is primarily a means of protection through dune stabilization to local homes and businesses from storm surges; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation does not consider the tax impact to shore communities if beach badge revenues are lost; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach strongly oppose any legislation that would regionalize the provision of beach management and operations while putting the burden of beach public health, safety and welfare onto the taxpayers of all the municipalities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Chris Christie, the President of the New Jersey Senate, the Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly, the members of the Monmouth County Legislative Delegation, the sponsors of the aforesaid bills, all County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Mayors of all Monmouth County municipalities.

Seconded by Councilman Cotler and adopted upon 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 June 24, 2014 meeting.

MARY ANN SOLINSKI, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk