

**REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 8, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach was held in the council chamber 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 “Annual Notice”, and posted on the official bulletin board.

Roll Call 6:30PM

Present: Council: *Cotler, Volante, Goldfarb, Galassetti
Mayor Engelstad
Business Administrator Wilkins
Borough Attorney: Ed Washburn
Secretary: Municipal Clerk Mary Ann Solinski
*Cotler arrived at 6:38

Moment of Silence

Mayor Engelstad requested a moment of silence in memory of Former First Lady Nancy Reagan and Former Councilman Patrick D’Angelo and extended the Borough’s condolences to their families.

Ceremonial

The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Christopher Hingston. Officer Hingston thanked the Mayor and Council along with Chief Guida, the members of the Police Department, his family and Coast Guard members for their support.

Item added to Agenda

On motion by Cotler/Volante to add communication from the BB First Aid Squad to sell Glow Necklaces on the beachfront during the July 3, 2016 Fireworks Display.

Discussion Items

Engineer Freda gave his monthly report:

- LaReine Avenue Phase I Road Project the contractor is expected to continue the project after March 21st and anticipated to complete the road before Memorial Day as there was some delays in order for NJ American Water to replace their main line from Fletcher Lake Avenue to Ocean Avenue
- NJ American Water Company continues to replace water mains with the LaReine Avenue Phase II Road Project

- Ocean Avenue Handicap ramps and curbing project should be completed by early April in anticipation of the County Road Improvement Project
- Design plans and specifications for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project were delivered to NJEIT on March 2nd.

**ORDINANCE
INTRODUCTION**

ORDINANCE 2016-9 TABLED

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 270 “LAND DEVELOPMENT” BY ADDING DEFINITION OF NATURAL GRASS AND TO REPEAL AND AMEND SECTION 270-25A SHADE TREES AND GRASS PLANTING STRIPS

ON MOTION by Cotler / Volante moved to table introduction at this time for further review.

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

TABLED ORDINANCE

INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE 2016-10

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH SALARY ORDINANCE CHAPTER III, PERSONNEL AND MORE PARTICULARLY SECTION 3-9.1 OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES PAID A SPECIFIC SALARY

ON MOTION by Engelstad / Galassetti moved to introduction.

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

PENDING ORDINANCE

Communications

The following action was taken as part of the consent agenda

ON MOTION by Engelstad/ Galassetti to approve the BB First Aid Squad’s request to sell Glow Necklaces on the beachfront during the July 3, 2016 Fireworks.

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

APPROVED MOTION

Consent Agenda

ON MOTION by Engelstad / Galassetti moved to adoption

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

Resolution 54 **AUTHORIZES CANCELLATION OF SEWER UTILITY CHARGES FOR BLOCK 71 LOT 28.02**

Resolution 55

AUTHORIZES PAYMENT TO LIENHOLDER(S)

Resolution 56

BILL LIST

Resolution 57

AUTHORIZES THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NJ TRANSIT FOR THE 2016 BEACH SERVICES PROMOTION

Resolution 58

AUTHORIZES THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

Reports

Councilman Cotler gave the First Aid Squad's monthly report. Mr. Cotler also extended his condolences to the D'Angelo family. The councilman also congratulated Officer Hingston. Councilman Goldfarb gave the Fire Department's monthly report. Mr. Goldfarb noted former Councilman D'Angelo's real commitment to the residents of Bradley Beach having volunteered in the community for many years.

Councilman Galassetti fondly remembered Councilman D'Angelo while noting that he was not afraid to speak his mind and that his services will be sorely missed in the community. Mayor Engelstad remarked how Mr. D'Angelo was a very compassionate person and father figure for many people in town.

Public Comments

Library Director Janet Torsney thanked those who had participated in the Dr. Seuss's event.

Mr. Bonnell stated that he believes the borough could replace damaged artificial turf in the borough's right-of-way for considerably less than having to replace any damaged area with artificial turf.

Mr. Coan had a question regarding the Ocean Avenue Project and the Engineer stated that the county intends to have the public crosswalks highly visible.

Mayor Engelstad stated that as the regular business has ended early that the Executive Session scheduled for this evening will be conducted around 7:30pm or at the end of the workshop meeting and that the Council will now open the Budget Workshop Meeting.

ON MOTION

by Engelstad / Galassetti at 7:09PM to proceed with the budget workshop session and resume the regular meeting to continue with the executive session immediately following the workshop around 7:30pm. Council returned to the regular meeting at 7:50pm.

Resolution 59

RESOLUTION TO RETIRE INTO CLOSED SESSION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY FOR DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE LITIGATION AND/OR CONTRACTUAL MATTERS.

ON MOTION

by Engelstad/ Galassetti moved to adoption.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Cotler, Volante, Goldfarb, Galassetti, Engelstad

NAYS: None

ADOPTED RESOLUTION.

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Council retired into Executive Session at 7:52pm

Attorney Washburn attended the meeting with Attorney DuPont via telephone during session.

Mayor Engelstad asked the Tax Assessor to update council regarding Monmouth County's Pilot Program.

The Tax Assessor gave a brief overview and purpose of the Monmouth County Pilot Program.

Council questioned the performance of the company performing the annual reassessment process under the program and a report regarding the number of appeals since the implementation of the program as the Council is trying to make a determination whether to continue in this program. The Assessor noted that although the company is currently under investigation the company was contracted to start the annual 20% reassessment during the month of July had not started until October 2015.

Attorney DuPont advised council that an analysis of potential liability exposure will need to be determined as several other communities have encountered legal action over nonpayment for services rendered.

Council agreed not to take no action on this matter and returned to open session at 8:35 pm.

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Council returned to open session at 8:37pm.

Mayor Engelstad announced that no formal action will be taken.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION by Engelstad / Galassetti the meeting was adjourned at 8:38PM.

Mary Ann Solinski, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
Tuesday, March 8, 2016

A budget workshop of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach was held in the council chamber on the above date.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gary Engelstad opened the meeting with a salute to the flag.

Sunshine Law

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Roll Call 7:11PM

Present: Council: Cotler, Volante, Goldfarb, Galassetti
Mayor Engelstad
Business Administrator Wilkins
Borough Attorney: Ed Washburn
Secretary: Municipal Clerk Mary Ann Solinski

2016 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Administrator/CFO Wilkins reviewed the changes made in accordance with the previous workshop meeting.

A brief discussion ensued regarding this year’s school budget and council requested that the administrator invite the Board of Education to the next regular meeting in order that they may make a presentation on this year’s school budget to council.

Councilman Galassetti noted that even though public works actively maintains their equipment to keep in mind that the loader and both the 1994 and 1997 vehicles are not being replaced this year, council should consider replacement of their equipment year as the department utilizes both on a steady basis. A brief discussion ensued regarding financing resources and leasing options. Council also discussed the new roof at the public works building and the ability of members of the department to perform the work.

Public Comment

Mr. Bonnell commented that the Capital Budget should not be a wish list but rather a six-year program plan for the local officials to follow and assure funding is in place for needed improvements such as the lakes, buildings etc.

Councilman Cotler proposed that council should consider a one cent tax increase in order to be fiscally responsible.

Mayor Engelstad asked if everyone was in agreement to request that the formal budget document be prepared with the current information for introduction at the next council meeting scheduled for March 22nd. The majority of members were in favor of proceeding with this process except for Councilman Cotler.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION

by Engelstad / Galassetti to adjourn at 7:50PM and to return to the regular meeting in order to continue with the executive session.

Mary Ann Solinski, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk