

**REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

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 6:33PM

Present: Council: Cotler, Volante, Goldfarb, Galassetti
Mayor Engelstad
Borough Attorney: DuPont
Secretary: Municipal Clerk Mary Ann Solinski

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Engineer Freda gave his monthly Project Report

- Roadway Improvements to LaReine Avenue Phase I the contractor is scheduled to resume construction work by the week of September 14th
- Roadway Improvements to LaReine Avenue Phase II the CME will address the DOT comments prior to advertising for bids on the project
- Beach Handicap Ramp at Brinley Avenue Beach a preconstruction meeting is to be scheduled with Bird Construction
- Main Street (Route 71) Crosswalks the status of this work has not been determined by DOT
- Ocean Avenue ADA Ramps and Curb Improvements bid opening is scheduled for September 24th

The Engineer also reported that he and Administrator Wilkins will be attending a meeting concerning the NJ Infrastructure Trust Fund Grant/Loan in order to submit an application to fix the sewer system at the end of town.

Mayor Engelstad added that Avon will attend a meeting on September 10th to find out about re-applying for a Sylvan Lake Grant. Councilman Cotler asked if the borough will have a back-up plan for funding and asked if there are any estimated cost for the replacement of the flume. He expressed concern that applying for dredging is not recognized as a preventive to flooding and that perhaps submitting for the flume would be a good consideration for the grant. Mayor Engelstad asked the engineer to also check the blow holes on the beach by Fletcher Lake.

Council discussed the Dedicated Bench Program and established the benches will be placed throughout the town at the beachfront, Sylvan and Fletcher Lake at a cost \$750.00 each in accordance with the engineer's layout plan. The spots will be given on a first come first serve basis and ordered in lots of 25 at one time.

The Joint Sub-Committee submitted a proposal for consideration of Zoning Determination Review Procedure and fee for property research. Bryant Curry explained that if someone is selling a house they want to know details about the property including whether it is conforming or if it can be converted into a single family or two family home. Research could take anywhere from an hour to a week.

Public Comment

Mr. Coan questioned Item A on the Consent Agenda. Collector Wilkins answered his question.

Mr. Desmond asked if the borough can control the cost of Monmouth County engraving services on the benches. Ms. Wilkins explained that the cost at present may increase over subsequent years.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following action was taken as part of the consent agenda

ON MOTION by Engelstad/ Cotler to approve Raffle Licenses
Bradley Beach First Aid Squad RL 11-15 and RL 12-15
ROLL CALL AYES: Cotler, Volante, Goldfarb, Galassetti, Engelstad
NAYS: None

APPROVED MOTION.

CONSENT AGENDA

ON MOTION by Engelstad / Cotler moved to adoption
ROLL CALL AYES: Cotler, Volante, Goldfarb, Galassetti, Engelstad
NAYS: None
Resolution 173 **AUTHORIZES A PROPERTY TAX REFUND FOR B22 L12
DUE TO OVERPAYMENT**
Resolution 174 **BILL LIST**
Resolution 175 **ESTABLISHES A DEDICATED MEMORIAL BENCH
PROGRAM**
Resolution 176 **REQUEST FOR DCA APPROVAL OF A DEDICATION FOR
THE MEMORIAL BENCH PROGRAM**
Resolution 177 **AUTHORIZES THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO
ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE ENGRAVING OF
THE MEMORIAL BENCH PROGRAM**

ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

Reports

Councilman Cotler suggested budgeting some of the beach utility surplus revenue for the purchase of mobi mats, lifeguard shed, benches and some funds to move the ramp on Newark Avenue. The councilman read a letter from the owner of the Tea Room on LaReine Avenue praising how the concerts in Riley Park increased her business during the events. Mr. Cotler gave the First Aid Squad's monthly status report and thanked the volunteers for their dedication and services. Councilman Cotler again proposed using organic pesticides in all borough properties. Council discussed how this issue was on the ballot and defeated a few years ago. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mayor Engelstad stated that further discussion on this matter will be carried to the meeting scheduled in October at which time, speakers will be present to discuss the pro and cons of using organic pesticides in the borough.

Councilman Volante thanked borough workers for their hard work and volunteers for making it a fantastic summer season.

Councilman Goldfarb reminded the public that beach lockers must be emptied by September 13th.

Councilman Galassetti agreed with Councilman Volante and thanked everyone for making the summer a banner season and the volunteers for their services.

Mayor Engelstad said he invited Deacon Coscarelli to attend tonight's meeting to offer thanks for an outstanding beach season as the beach budget is always a gamble with mother nature having the final say. This year, however, the weekend weather was largely sunny and rain free making it an ideal beach season. The Mayor also said that in addition to improving the lifeguard station including additional bathrooms, he would like to get a beach badge vendor who would accept credit cards in order to reduce the long lines during the summer. The Mayor announced that he will be participating in the Challenge to Pound the Pavement on October 24th and anyone interested can sign up. Information will be posted on the Borough website.

Public Comment

Rich Despina asked the status of the sewer system sale to a private company as recommended by a resident during a prior meeting. Council responded that they had entered into early discussions and researched this matter to no avail at present.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the use of pay station options for the purchase of beach badges and providing an option to pay by credit card. Council requested that the administrator look into the matter.

Kathy Martin asked council to consider placing radar speed display signs along with pedestrian crossing signs similar to those on Lake Terrace on Bradley Boulevard.

Mr. Coan thanked members of council for planning a bench dedication program and requested that Main Street be included in the project. He also thanked council and the joint-subcommittee of the planning and board of adjustment for consideration of implementing a zoning determination procedure and fee. He also recommended that council check Manalapan's procedure for liens placed on properties which require the department of public works to perform property maintenance duty.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION by Engelstad / Cotler the meeting was adjourned at 7:43PM.

Mary Ann Solinski, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk