BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH, MONMOUTH COUNTY

RESOLUTION 2020-209

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK TO SERVE AS LEAD MUNICIPAL AGENCY AS PART OF THE SUSTAINABLE MONMOUTH ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM

Mayor Engelstad offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bradley Beach (the "Borough") strives to be a sustainable community by initiating and supporting environmental efforts aimed to preserve and maintain clean land, air and water; and

WHEREAS, the Borough supports efforts to improve and increase the renewable content ("cleaner energy") of our electricity supply; and

WHEREAS, the Borough supports efforts to both lower residents' electricity bills and reduce the environmental impact of their electrical usage, and

WHEREAS, the Government Energy Aggregation Act, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:3-93.1 *et seq.* governs the establishment of a government energy aggregation program, which is a government-operated purchasing cooperative through which multiple energy consumers purchase energy together under the auspices of a government aggregator; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU") has promulgated rules (N.J.A.C. 14:4-6) for the implementation of government energy aggregation programs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Government Energy Aggregation Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 *et seq.*, the Borough seeks to participate in a Government Energy Aggregation Program ("Program") for the purpose of obtaining cleaner energy at as low a cost as possible for residential and business participants in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is participating in a coalition of Monmouth County municipalities, the Sustainable Monmouth Alliance ("SMA"), for the purpose of pooling purchasing and negotiating power for better energy pricing and improved environmental attributes; and

WHEREAS, the SMA committee is comprised of representatives from all involved municipalities, who, on behalf of their respective municipalities, shall make decisions regarding the Energy Aggregation Program, with each municipality having a single vote thereupon; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Red Bank has agreed to be the Lead Agency in the Program, meaning it will establish and manage the Program, including drafting the RFP for engaging the energy management consultant, and a rubric to assess responses to it; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's member(s) of the SMA will present the Bradley Beach Mayor & Council with the SMA's recommendation(s) for the energy consultant, who will prepare ordinances, issue the required notifications, get the necessary approvals, and draft the bidding documents to solicit third-party energy suppliers pursuant to the statutory requirements of Government Energy Aggregation Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 *et seq*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach as follows:

- (1) The Borough of Bradley Beach is hereby authorized to participate in a Government Energy Aggregation Program through the Sustainable Monmouth Alliance; and
- (2) The Borough of Bradley Beach agrees to designates the Borough of Red Bank as the Lead Agency in the Sustainable Monmouth Alliance Government Energy Aggregation Program; and
- (3) The Borough Administrator and the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Bradley Beach may execute such document(s) as necessary to fulfill the intent of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk, Sustainable Monmouth Alliance, and the Borough of Red Bank.

Seconded by Councilman Weber and adopted upon the following vote:

AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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CERTIFICATION

I, Erica Kostyz, Municipal Clerk of the 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 August 11, 2020 meeting.

Erica Kostyz, RMC, CMR

Municipal Clerk