

**BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH
COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 22, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, PUBLIC MEETINGS MAY BE HELD IN PERSON OR BY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT TO INCLUDE STREAMING SERVICES AND OTHER ONLINE MEETING PLATFORMS (N.J.S.A. 10:4-8b).

THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN-PERSON AND THROUGH THE ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM, BEING BROADCAST FROM BOROUGH HALL, 701 MAIN STREET, BRADLEY BEACH, NJ 07720. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THIS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2023 WAS AVAILABLE IN PERSON OR THROUGH THE ZOOM LINK POSTED TO THE WEBSITE. DUE TO A CHANGE IN THE START TIME OF THE MEETING, THE MEETING WAS NOTICED IN THE NEW COASTER AND THE COAST STAR ON FEBRUARY 9, 2023. THE REMAINDER OF COUNCIL MEETINGS (RESOLUTION 2022-265 ADOPTED DECEMBER 13, 2022) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023 WAS ADVERTISED IN THE NEW COASTER, THE COAST STAR, AND THE ASBURY PARK PRESS ON DECEMBER 15, 2022.

WITH ADEQUATE NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN, THE MUNICIPAL CLERK IS DIRECTED TO INCLUDE THIS STATEMENT IN THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach was held in the Meeting Room, 701 Main Street, Bradley Beach, New Jersey on the above date.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fox opened the meeting with a salute to the flag.

Sunshine Law was read.

The meeting has been noticed publicly according to the Open Public Meetings Act requirement for the “Annual Notice” and posted on the official bulletin board in the Borough Office.

ROLL CALL AT 6:00 P.M.

Present at the February 2, 2023 Council Business Meeting:

**Councilwoman DeMarco (arrived at 6:25 p.m.), Councilwoman DeNoble, Councilman Gubitosi, Councilman Weber, Mayor Fox
Borough Administrator, Kimberly M. Humphrey
Municipal Clerk: Erica Kostyz
Deputy Municipal Clerk: Michele Whille (ZOOM operator)
Front Office Administrative Assistant, Todd Gardiner (ZOOM operator)
Borough Attorney Alternate: Christina Malamut, Esq.**

Mayor Fox:

We as a Council decided in January to start the last Council meeting with a message of a “new day.” Although we should welcome disagreement because it helped us think of things from different perspectives- our voice should be a constructive one. We agreed to be on a new journey for a brighter Bradley Beach and asked you to join us in our new vision and rules of engagement. I ask everyone to gauge their tone going forward, we are all neighbors. I know that some of our rules of engagement were stretched, hopefully we will do better tonight.

Thank you all for coming tonight. I have been out of town, but not out of touch. Thanks to Council President Demarco and Municipal Clerk, Erica Kostyz for covering for me at the February 8th meeting during the technical difficulties. We have several topics to cover tonight. Welcome back to our Borough Administrator Kim Humphrey who returned to work a few weeks ago.

We have a few important workshop topics tonight. I am confident the Short-Term Rental Ordinance will be ready for our March 8th meeting. I asked Councilman Gubitosi and Councilwoman DeNoble to work with Paul Murphy and Ms. Humphrey to take the inputs from our previous Council Meeting so we can continue moving forward on the Short-Term Rental Ordinance.

Kevin Settembrino will be cover two important Workshop topics; the Biase Roof repair, that has generated a lot of very varied discussion and the and the DPW North Yard Building.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS:

Biase Center Roof Repair Project – Presented by Kevin Settembrino of Settembrino Architects:

Mr. Settembrino presented the scope of work in person for the Biase Center Roof Repair using a set of construction documents. The following key points were presented for discussion:

- Replacement of the entire roof
- Demolition of the roof.
- Removing the entire roof membrane.
- Re-mounting of the exhaust fan.
- Replacement of the insulation.
- Roof materials (TPO roof, metal culling).
- Replacement and redirection of the storm drains.
- Changing gutters from four inches to six inches to accommodate any leaks.
- Usage of Batt Insulation.
- Benefits of using PRAVCO (no bid requirement).
- Two-year maintenance bond.
- Twenty-five-year warranty from the manufacturer.

Mayor Fox inquired about possible current insulation damage.

Mr. Settembrino stated there is currently insulation damage that will be replaced with new insulation.

Councilman Weber inquired about the current State requirements for insulation.

Mr. Settembrino gave a detailed explanation of what is currently required for a new roof.

Councilman Gubitosi inquired about the roof slope, solar panels, a second story, costs, and competitive bidding.

Mr. Settembrino responded to Councilman Gubitosi's inquiries in detail and what would and would not be beneficial with this project and stated the costs could possibly exceed the present cost proposed.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Settembrino and Mr. Gubitosi regarding costs for alternative roof materials.

Ms. DeNoble inquired if the Borough could advertise for bids to get a lower price.

Mr. Settembrino responded yes, however there is a possibility of less qualified roofers that will charge higher prices than PRAVCO and not have a State contract.

Public Comments on the Biase Center Roof Repair Workshop:

In Person:

Thomas J. Coan, 612 Third Avenue, inquired about the insulation and the metal framing.

Mr. Settembrino answered Mr. Coan's inquiries.

Ms. Humphrey pointed out a Bond Ordinance was done in 2021 that included this project.

Rich Despina, 600 Third Avenue, inquired about the drainage.

Linda Duffy, 312 Brinley Avenue, expressed concerns regarding proper ventilation.

Eileen Shissias, 112 Fourth Avenue, requested the Council use caution when making a final decision for the Biase Center.

ZOOM:

Allen Rapaport, 512 Newark Avenue, inquired about the insulation replacement materials and the best outcome for this building over the next several years.

Mr. Settembrino addressed Mr. Rapaport's inquiries.

Paul Neshamkin, 411 ½ LaReine Avenue, suggested making the Biase Center into a new Community Center.

Julia Sandra Rand, 1 Atlantic Avenue, also suggested making the Biase Center into a new Community Center.

Councilman Gubitosi inquired if Mr. Settembrino could provide estimate costs for alternative for the larger scale projections for this building and adding a second story and what would be the time frame of completion.

Mr. Settembrino did not have costs for the estimates or adding a second story and the time frame would be approximately one month.

DPW North Yard Building – Presented by Kevin Settembrino of Settembrino Architects:

A scope of the work to be performed was presented in person using a set of construction documents and a 3-D model. The following points were presented for discussion:

- A building for offices, restrooms, and a locker room approximately 2500 square feet.
- A DPW garage with eight bays approximately 11,000 square feet with tool storage.
- Both buildings would be pole barn (wood frame) infrastructures.
- Benefits of pole barn infrastructures.
- Roofing materials.

Mr. Settembrino stated the firm has not done a line item estimate for this project to date.

Councilman Gubitosi inquired about adequate storage space for the DPW vehicles.

Ms. Humphrey addressed Mr. Gubitosi's inquiries.

Councilwoman DeNoble inquired about the placement of the recycling yard.

Mr. Settembrino explained this is a preliminary plan currently.

Councilman Weber inquired about the square footage costs for the buildings.

Mr. Settembrino responded approximately 6 million dollars.

Councilwoman DeMarco inquired how long it will take for the construction from start to finish.

Mr. Settembrino responded approximately twelve months.

Public Comments on the DPW North Yard Building Workshop:

In Person:

Linda Duffy, suggested building a second level to the DPW building for the Code and Construction Department.

Cindy Lukenda, 218 Fourth Avenue, inquired about costs for the new proposed space and the current space for the DPW building.

Councilman Weber stated the roof at the current DPW building needs repair and Ms. Humphrey added there is limited space for vehicles and equipment.

Jeanne Leahy, Park Place Avenue, feels the Biase Center roof project should be addressed first.

Mayor Fox responded this workshop is informational presently.

Eileen Shissias, 112 Fourth Avenue, expressed concerns regarding additional offices being placed in the Biase Center before addressing the roof repair.

ZOOM :

Julia Sandra Rand, 1 Atlantic Avenue, inquired what will become of the Evergreen Avenue DPW location.

Paula Gentempo, 103 Fourth Avenue, feels the amount for a new DPW building should be used for the 319 LaReine Avenue Church.

Beach Lockers:

Mayor Fox:

Last year, associates in the Administration came forward with an outline of improvements we could make in this process. They have put together a pretty good set of positive changes and efficiency improvements.

Key points addressed for this Workshop via slideshow:

Background Statistics

- **Eleven Beaches with approximately six hundred lockers.**
- **Current new lease rate: \$535.00**
- **Current renewal rate: \$165.00**
- **Waiting List – 321 patrons, list currently closed due to capacity. Goal is 100 patrons on the waiting list.**
- **Average of ten new locker leases per year across the entire beachfront.**
- **The longest current wait is four years.**
- **Evergreen Avenue and Ocean Park Avenue have the longest waiting lists with 43 patrons each.**

Prior, current, and proposed locker fees:

- **2019 through 2022 – New Lease \$565.00, Renewal \$165.00**
- **Proposal for 2023 - New Lease \$575.00, Renewal \$180.00**
- **Proposal for 2024 – New Lease \$600.00, Renewal \$200.00**

Comparative Costs with other towns: Sea Bright, Asbury Park, Avon by the Sea, and Long Branch.

Renewal Process:

- **Notifications (email to past lessees)**
- **Renewals submitted online by April 13th.**
- **Payments – in addition to cash/check in person, also offer online debit card, credit card, or electronic check.**
- **Assignment – Randomly via Community Pass.**
- **Assignment – Locker assignment emails by May 20th.**
- **Summary – Current Process (manual), new process (online options and 3 lockers for disabled persons per beach).**
- **Summary of benefits – lessens manual process and frees up resources, no longer waiting in line, eliminates manual mailing, 33 disabled persons lockers available on a first come – first served basis.**

Online Process using Community Pass:

Phil Rogers of Community Pass gave a presentation of the Community Pass Program via ZOOM. Mr. Rogers explained Community Pass is an online registration system used by several Municipalities. Patrons that wish renew their lockers online would register an account and choose their locker locations and would be able to pay online.

Once registration for lockers closes, the Administrator would then notify Community Pass to assign locker numbers randomly to current lessees.

Councilman Weber inquired if Community Pass is a competitor of Viply, the system currently used for beach badges.

Administrator Humphrey stated there is a financial question with Viply and will most likely not be used next year.

Councilman Weber expressed concerns about patrons not being able to pay manually.

Mr. Rogers responded patrons would still be able to do face to face transactions, however that would be the decision of the Municipality.

Further discussion ensued regarding pros and cons and costs of using another form.

Councilwoman DeNoble suggested a seniority list versus assigning lockers at random. Ms. DeNoble also confirmed with Mr. Rogers Community Pass is also used in other Municipalities.

Councilman Gubitosi stated he was not aware of this new process before this evening and requested more Council awareness in the future. Mr. Gubitosi confirmed Mr. Rogers Community Pass would be able to maintain the waitlist.

Councilman Gubitosi asked Mr. Rogers if Community Pass the waitlist could be published on the website for the public to see where they are on the waitlist.

Mr. Rogers responded no, that is not possible due to confidentiality reasons, but there may be a way for a person to check where they are on the waiting list through Community Pass.

Mr. Rogers further explained different options for patrons that are elderly or not comfortable registering online.

Public Comments on the Beach Locker Workshop

In Person:

Eileen Shissias, 112 Fourth Avenue, expressed concern Community Pass will be able to manage the demand.

Mayor Fox and Ms. Humphrey confirmed Community Pass can handle the demand.

Cindy Lukenda, 218 Fourth Avenue, inquired about the fees for Community Pass and Viply.

Ms. Humphrey addressed this inquiry.

Ms. Lukenda inquired how many people on the waitlist are residents versus non-residents.

This was confirmed later to be 50 percent resident and 50 percent non-resident.

Further discussion ensued between Ms. Lukenda, Ms. Humphrey and Mayor Fox regarding the CAFRA permit and the permitted number of lockers allowed.

Rich Despina, 600 Third Avenue, inquired about the dates assigned for renewing lockers and the date the locker number will be assigned.

Mayor Fox addressed this inquiry.

Nancy Meadow, 805 Beach Avenue, expressed her disappointment with this system.

Linda Duffy, 312 Brinley Avenue, inquired about random locker assignments.

Mayor Fox confirmed it is a random assignment on the beach selected.

Eileen Shissias, 112 Fourth Avenue mentioned the number of residents versus non-residents have lockers.

304, Fourth Avenue, suggested handicapped lockers are installed correctly

Thomas J, Coan, 612 Third Avenue, requested the ordinance be adjusted to state an exact day for renewal and registration.

Mr. Coan inquired if there is a user fee for Community pass & the current rate with credit card companies.

Mr. Rogers and Ms. Humphrey addressed these inquiries.

Brigitte McGuire, 610 Brinley Avenue, inquired about the renewal process for a current lessee.

Mayor Fox addressed this inquiry.

John Palladino, 501 McCabe Avenue, suggested a seniority list and a resident discount.

ZOOM:

Shauna Greenblatt-Janoff, 414 Monmouth Avenue, gave suggestions regarding locker locations, random assignments, priority to residents and a higher rental rate for non-residents.

Julia Sandra Rand, 1 Atlantic Avenue, inquired about the renewal process and suggested doing a lottery.

Mayor Fox addressed this inquiry.

Don Greenberg, 302 Park Place Avenue, mentioned the legality of charging a higher rental rate to non-residents.

Chapter 5 Proposed Amendments (Tabled Workshop from February 8th)

Councilman Gubitosi gave an overview regarding the requested revisions to this Borough Code Chapter.

Borough Attorney Alternate Christina Malamut addressed the following revisions:

- **Section 5-19 (C) (1) with regards to the Borough Engineer Appointment**
- **Section 5-9 (A) regarding changing the meeting agenda process to an open agenda process and posting for the public to view 72 hours prior versus 48 hours.**
- **Section 5-9 (H) Regarding committee appointments.**
- **Section 5-9 (D) Announcement of Borough Employees present in the meeting after Council roll call.**
- **Section 5-22 (1) Regarding changes to costs for purchases.**

Discussion ensued amongst the Governing Body and Ms. Malamut regarding State Statutes under the Faulkner Act form of Government and the State Statutes governing Local Contract Laws. Also discussed, was the deduction in the bid threshold and, the open agenda process.

Public Comment on the Chapter 5 Proposed Amendments Workshop:

In Person:

Thomas J. Coan, 612 Third Avenue, requested the Agenda be posted for public view on Friday.

ZOOM: None

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Fox presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Council President Meredith DeMarco for her service as Chairwoman on the Environmental Commission.

Councilwoman DeMarco thanked Councilman Weber for bringing her on the Environmental Commission seven years ago.

MINUTES APPROVAL

ON MOTION by Fox/Weber to approve the Council Business Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2023.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeMarco, DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

In Person:

Thomas J. Coan, 612 Third Avenue, expressed complaint regarding the New Hire Memo.

Email Public Comment:

Tim Sexsmith, 500 LaReine Avenue

This is a question for the Borough Attorney concerning Resolution 2023-76 Non-Payment for unauthorized Professional Services. In your opinion, is this resolution legal and/or enforceable? Is it in conflict with any state statutes or purchasing/QPA regulations?

Ms. Malamut stated the resolution is not enforceable and more of an advisory to the current Professionals.

ZOOM: None

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION(S): None

ORDINANCE ADOPTION(S): None

COMMUNICATIONS:

- **New Hire Memo for the Borough Hall Administrative Office - Allison Gavin and the Finance Department – Yvette Mooney.**
- **Library Board of Trustees Memo – Barb Johnston.**
- **Shade Tree Commission Appointments Memo – Caroline Davidson, First Alternate and Noelle Weinberg, Second Alternate.**

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS: None

INDIVIUAL RESOLUTIONS:

2023-77 Bill List for February 22, 2023.

Councilman Gubitosi inquired about older invoices on the bill list.

Mayor Fox and Ms. Kostyz gave several reasons for older invoices appearing on the bill list (ex. vendor signature on the purchase order, receiving the invoice recently, etc.).

Councilman Weber questioned charges for laptops, Mercantile module software, and legal invoices.

Ms. Kostyz and Mayor Fox answered the inquiries.

ON MOTION by Fox/DeMarco to adopt the remainder of Resolution 2023-77.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeMarco, DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ADOPTED

2023-78 Authorizing the Appointments for Edward J. Hagerman and Christopher J. Sandgren as Probationary Firefighters for the Bradley Beach Fire Department.

ON MOTION by Fox/Weber to adopt Resolution 2023-78 .

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeMarco, DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox

NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ADOPTED

2023-79 Authorizing the Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division to conduct aerial Mosquito Control Operations within the Borough of Bradley Beach.

ON MOTION by Fox/Weber to adopt Resolution 2023-79 .

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeMarco, DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ADOPTED

2023-80 Approval for Mary's Place by the Sea to conduct their 5K Walk/Run for Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (pass through only walk/run).

ON MOTION by Fox/DeMarco to adopt Resolution 2023-80 .

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeMarco, DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ADOPTED

2023-81 Authorization to Award the Ocean Park Avenue Stormwater Outfall Emergency Repair Contract to George Harms Construction.

Councilwoman DeNoble stated she is pleased George Harms Construction will be performing the work for this job as they have a great reputation.

ON MOTION by Fox/DeNoble to adopt Resolution 2023-81 .

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeMarco, DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS TABLED FROM THE FEBRUARY 8, 2023 COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING:

2023-72 Authorizing the Administrator/Qualified Purchasing Agent to obtain cost estimates for alternative options to address the leaking roof at the Biase Center.

Discussion ensued amongst the Governing Body regarding the decision to table this resolution pending the proposal from Settembrino Architects or to withdraw the resolution.

Councilman Gubitosi made a motion to table Resolution 2023-72, seconded by Mayor Fox.

ON MOTION by Fox/Gubitosi to Table Resolution 2023-72.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeMarco, DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION TABLED A SECOND TIME PENDING THE OUTCOME OF COST ESTIMATES FROM SETTEMBRINO ARCHITECTS.

2023-73 Authorizing the Administrator/Qualified Purchasing Agent to Advertise for bids for the Biase Center Roof Repair.

ON MOTION by Fox/Gubitosi to withdraw Resolution 2023-73.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeMarco, DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

2023-76 A Resolution announcing payment restrictions on Professional Services rendered for which the Borough Council has not been apprised or was unaware.

Councilman Gubitosi gave the reason he requested this resolution and stated concern the 2022 Professionals that were not re-appointed at this time and are in a hold over state will continue to work.

ON MOTION by Gubitosi/Weber to adopt Resolution 2023-76.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber
NAYS: DeMarco, Mayor Fox
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ADOPTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Ms. DeNoble asked inquired if the positions in the new hire memo are new positions or replacements.

Mayor Fox stated the positions filled were replacements for employees that left.

Councilwoman DeNoble:

- **Thanked everyone for their input regarding the Short Term Rental Ordinance. Ms. DeNoble stated she and Councilman Gubitosi have had discussions the Code Inspector, Paul Murphy and Borough Planner Christine Bell and are in the process of redrafting the ordinance.**
- **Commended Robyn Flipse for her Asset Management presentation and suggested doing a vehicle assessment.**
- **Announced there will be a tree planting in April and stated she looks forward to working with the new members appointed to the Shade Tree Commission.**
- **The Bradley Beach Elementary School PTA will be holding their Gift Auction on March 19th and the Music program will be performing at the N.J. Devils Hockey game on March 21st.**
- **Ms. DeNoble mentioned School Spirit week was a success and the school celebrated “Kindness Month.”**
- **Ms. DeNoble attended the N.J. School Board Association meeting to discuss the Strategic Planning discussion that included determination, dream, and destiny by design.**
- **Stated Vin Gopal is going to assist with getting State funds for the school.**
- **Recently met with local elected officials.**
- **Attended the NJLM Orientation for Newly Elected Officials.**

Councilman Gubitosi:

Requested the following statement be placed in the minutes:

“I want people to know”

There are ongoing disagreements between members of the Council. You have witnessed some “legal maneuvering” by members of the Council tonight and in our last two meetings. “Why all this talk about changes to our Ordances?”. “Why are resolutions tabled, then not revisited in later meetings?” Legally speaking, it’s complicated. But what is important for people to know is that I will continue to challenge this Council to do what is right for Bradley Beach.

We must:

- 1. Control spending by positioning the Council to be better “custodians” of taxpayer dollars.**
- 2. Provide clarity regarding the length of our Professionals’ contracts, and the authority to begin new projects, in order to protect our Professionals.**
- 3. Give the public at least 72 hours’ notice so residents who are interested can prepare adequately for Council meetings.**
- 4. Improve Council collaboration when appointing Professional Services firms like lawyers and Engineers, to serve the Borough.**

5. **Require Borough Professionals to keep the entire Council informed of their project work.**
6. **Give the entire Council authority to authorize the spend on any Professional Services contracts that exceed a reduced bid threshold.**

Ultimately, I want people to know that we are a Council of five “equal” voices. We should all be guided by State Statutes and Local Ordinances and serve our residents with consistency and transparency.

- **Presented the weekly Police Activity Report.**
- **Conversed with the Police Chief regarding security cameras.**
- **Updated the public about the Sylvan Lake Bulkhead Repair.**
- **Will be looking into beach badges for Fire and First Aid Volunteers.**
- **Stated he is researching improvements to access to Borough venues for handicapped individuals.**
- **Welcomed the newest Shade Tree Commission members.**
- **Congratulated the newest Probationary Firefighters.**

Councilwoman DeMarco:

The Land Use Board memorialized five resolutions at the February 16th meeting and starting an application hearing for the bulk variances for a dwelling on an undersized lot to be discussed at the March 16th LUB meeting.

Councilman Weber:

- **Congratulated the newest Probationary Firefighters.**
- **Gave the Fire Department and First Aid Squad weekly activity reports.**
- **Councilman Weber stated he has located where AED machines are within the Borough.**
- **Gave an update on the Fletcher Lake Commission (bridge replacement and adding security cameras).**
- **Mentioned the various changes at the Biase Center over the past year.**
- **Mentioned Anonymous OPRA requests have started again.**

Mayor Fox:

Our two Outfall Repair projects are moving. We had a pre-construction meeting with all parties today on the McCabe/Ocean Park Avenue project. Great participation and I am very impressed with the team. We are scheduling the Sylvan Lake pre-construction meeting with the engineering team, Avon, and the Borough.

As part of the Mayors Wellness Campaign, a mental Health Initiative, generously supported by The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey, is offering a Youth Mental Health First Aid training session. This is very exciting. What I am gratified about is that Cynthia Becker, Library Program Coordinator of our library staff has volunteered to participate. This training is for adults who work with or interact with young people in your community.

The Tweenhearts Dance, on February 17th was a big success. Grades 5 through 8 had a blast! DJ, games, pizza slices. and more made a nice evening.

Ms. Humphrey mentioned the need to exit the Biase Center. I want to mention and recognize a small team that makes people’s lives better five days a week. Our Meals on Wheels Team, headed up by Barbara Anderson, supports seven area communities each day with a solid breakfast and lunch for those who struggle to get out and are housebound. Pre-Covid, their daily deliveries were over 80 homes. Now they are at about 55 per day, Monday through Friday. Between this team and the Bradley Food Pantry, we are blessed with the opportunity to serve the citizens of Bradley Beach and Monmouth County

LaReine Avenue Church; cost to raze the site is in, appraisals are in process, and more to come hopefully at our next meeting. We took the additional step of Professional Land Surveying & Engineering Services anticipating the need for that data.

Police Chief Guida commended the Police Department and stated the Department is in the process of promotions.

Public Comment:

In Person:

Nancy Meadow, 805 Beach Avenue, expressed complaints about beach lockers, not charging non-residents for town events, the Biase Center, the website, and the Administration.

Linda Duffy, 312 Brinley Avenue, thanked Police Chief Guida for the recent presentation to senior citizens regarding scams. Ms. Duffy gave suggestions regarding the placement of employees and the Biase Center.

Brigitte McGuire, 612 Brinley Avenue, read a statement that included back pay to Borough Employees, items that have been tabled this year, and plans for the DPW yard.

ZOOM:

Julia Sandra Rand, 1 Atlantic Avenue, thanked the Governing Body members that attended the Ellis Island production and thanked Chief Guida for providing protection during the performance.

Kristen Mahoney, 200 LaReine Avenue, agreed with Ms. McGuire's center regarding the DPW yard.

Paul Neshamkin, 411 ½ LaReine Avenue, stated he was disappointed the Historical Society was not notified about the mold situation at the Biase Center and expressed concerns about having access to the building to get archived items needed for the Historical Society Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION :

Resolution 2023-82 Retire into Executive Session to discuss an Employment/Personnel Matter.

- **Borough Administrator Position.**

ON MOTION by Fox/Gubitosi retire into Executive Session at 10:30 p.m. to discuss an Employment/Personnel matter.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeMarco, DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ON MOTION by Fox/Gubitosi to return from Executive Session at 10:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeMarco, DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ADJOURNMENT:

ON MOTION by Fox/Weber to adjourn at 10:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeMarco, DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:45 P.M.


Erica Kostyz, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk