

BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 14, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.

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

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 6:30 pm

Present: Council: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
Borough Administrator, Kimberly M. Humphrey
Municipal Clerk, Erica Kostyz
Borough Attorney Greg Cannon

Councilman Bonnell made a motion to move the Executive Session scheduled at the beginning of the meeting to the end and that all future Executive Sessions remain at the end of the meeting. Councilman Bonnell stated this is against protocol and recited State Statute 10:4-13F and feels it is unfair to make the public wait to begin the Council Meeting while the Governing Body and Administration is in an Executive Session.

Mayor Fox stated due to meeting space constraints because of the pandemic this evening’s meeting was placed at the beginning because it was being held in the Firehouse which does not allow any activity after a certain time. Mayor Fox also stated future Executive Sessions will not be an issue as usage of the Biase Center which does not have a time constraint is where the Executive Sessions will be held after the Business Meeting.

A discussion ensued between the Governing Body, the Borough Administrator and the Borough Attorney for several minutes as to where and when to hold the Executive Session and the legality as to whether the Executive Session can be held in the beginning of the Business Meeting.

It was decided by the Governing Body to have the Executive Session at the Firehouse after the Business Meeting.

Mayor Fox gave the following OEM statement:

Our Office of Emergency Management requests that everyone conform to the latest CDC guidelines for vaccinated/non-vaccinated persons, social distancing, and indoor meeting density.

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2021.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Gubitosi

APPROVED

Councilman Bonnell felt the minutes were vague and asked if there were more notes for the Executive Session Minutes and felt.

Clerk Kostyz stated there were no additional notes to add to the minutes.

Councilman Bonnell read the summary of the Executive Session minutes.

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2021.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Gubitosi

APPROVED

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2021.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Gubitosi

APPROVED

Public Comments/Questions on Agenda Items:

Thomas J. Coan, 612 Third Avenue, inquired about several resolutions pertaining to DPW vehicle purchases and equipment repair.

Mr. Coan also requested to remove public comments regarding Ordinance Introductions being allowed only at the second set of Public Commentary.

Nancy Meadow, 805 Beach Avenue, commented on the following:

- **Thanked Councilman Bonnell for his earlier comments**
- **Resolution 2021-309 (Meeting Schedule) and 2021-292 (2022 Fireworks)**
- **Environmental issues in town.**
- **Several items on the Bill List.**

William Psiuk, 110 Fifth Avenue, inquired about the resolutions pertaining to the DPW vehicle purchases and suggested using a Public Utilities Grant to purchase electric vehicles.

Administrator Humphrey stated she is currently looking into these Grants.

Mr. Psiuk inquired about Resolution 2021-311.

Administrator Humphrey explained the contents of this resolution to Mr. Psiuk.

Ordinance Introduction(s):

ORDINANCE 2021–32

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND REPEALING ANY AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

Discussion ensued between Administrator Humphrey, Councilman Gubitosi and the Borough Attorney regarding the amounts in the salary schedule.

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith to introduce Ordinance 2021-32.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Gubitosi

INTRODUCED

ORDINANCE 2021-33

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 201: “FENCES AND HEDGES” OF THE BOROUGH’S REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES TO MAKE SAME CONSISTENT WITH LATER REVISIONS AND UPDATES TO CHAPTER 450: “ZONING” OF THE BOROUGH’S REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES.

Councilman Weber confirmed with the Borough Attorney a resident will still need to apply for a permit before installing a fence.

ON MOTION by Fox/Weber to introduce Ordinance 2021-33.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

INTRODUCED

ORDINANCE 2021-34

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 425: “TREES” OF THE BOROUGH’S REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES TO PERMIT THE BOROUGH’S CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO ISSUE SUMMONSES FOR VIOLATIONS OF SAID CHAPTER.

ON MOTION by Fox/Weber to introduce Ordinance 2021-34.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

INTRODUCED

ORDINANCE 2021-35

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 450: “ZONING” OF THE BOROUGH’S REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES TO PERMIT THE BOROUGH’S CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO ISSUE SUMMONSES FOR VIOLATIONS OF SAID CHAPTER.

Councilman Weber confirmed with the Administrator Humphrey and Mr. Cannon this amendment authorizes the Code Enforcement Officer to issue summonses for violations.

ON MOTION by Fox/Sevsmith to introduce Ordinance 2021-35.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sevsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

INTRODUCED

Ordinance Adoption(s): None

Communications:

- **Community Development Memo**
- **Finance Department Resignations Memo.**
- **Recreation Board Resignation Memo.**
- **Police Department Memo for Full-Time Dispatcher**

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution 2021-284 Bill List for December 14, 2021.

Resolution 2021-285 Approving the Mayor's Wellness Campaign Walk Dates for 2022.

Resolution 2021-286 Authorizing an Escrow Balance Refund for 103 Park Place Avenue.

Resolution 2021-287 Authorizing a one-year Lease Extension for the 2022 Surf Camp.

Resolution 2021-288 Authorizing a one-year Lease Extension for ATM Machines.

Resolution 2021-289 Approving a Street Opening Permit Deposit refund in the amount of \$500.00 for 900 Beach Avenue.

Resolution 2021-290 Authorizing the cancellation of Tax Liens and Redemptions and Payments of Third-Party Liens.

Resolution 2021-291 Authorizing the cancellation of Tax and Sewer Payment Amounts under or Below \$10.00.

Resolution 2021-292 Authorizing the 2022 Fireworks Display Contract with Garden State Fireworks.

Councilman Gubitosi questioned the following items on the Bill List:

- **Wellington Group Workshop**
- **Holman Frenia Allison**
- **Web Alliance International**

Administrator Humphrey answered Councilman Gubitosi's inquiries and stated the Bill List will be amended to not process payments for Holman Frenia Allison and Web Alliance due to incomplete tasks.

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith to approve the Consent Agenda with the amendments to the Bill List (Resolution 2021-284).

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

RESOLUTIONS:

2021-293 Transfer of Budget Appropriations for the Current Fund.

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith to approve Transfer of Budget Appropriations for the Current Account.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

2021-294 Transfer Budget Appropriations for the Sewer Utility Fund.

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith approve Transfer Budget Appropriations for the Sewer Utility Fund.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

2021-295 Transfer of Budget Appropriations for the Beach Utility Fund.

ON MOTION by Fox/Weber approve Transfer Budget Appropriations for the Beach Utility Fund.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

2021-296 Authorizing the cancellation of Unexpended Balance of Capital Outlay for the Beach Utility Operating Fund.

ON MOTION by Fox/Weber to Authorize the cancellation of Unexpended Balance of Capital Outlay for the Beach Utility Operating Fund.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

2021-297 Approving Consent Letter for Verizon Wireless for modifications to Monopole located at 725 Main Street.

Councilman Gubitosi inquired if the Engineer's report was shared with the Governing Body confirming the modifications will not have any impact on the residents.

Councilman Gubitosi requested confirmation the Lease Agreement for the Monopole is for 25 years.

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith to approve a Consent Letter for Verizon Wireless for modifications to the Monopole located at 725 Main Street.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

2021-298 Authorizing the Purchase of a 2021 Ford F-350 Pickup Truck via a State Cooperative Contract.

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith to Authorize the Purchase of a 2021 Ford F-350 Pickup Truck via a State Cooperative Contract.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

2021-299 Authorizing the Purchase of a 2022 Ford Explorer Interceptor via State Cooperative Contract.

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith to Authorize the Purchase of a 2022 Ford Explorer Interceptor via State Cooperative Contract.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

2021-300 Authorizing the Purchase of a Pro Plus Snowplow via State Cooperative Contract.

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith to Authorize the Purchase of a Pro Plus Snowplow via State Cooperative Contract.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

2021-301 Authorizing the Purchase of a 2022 Ford f-250 Crew Cab Vehicle via State Cooperative Contract

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith to Authorize the Purchase of a 2022 Ford F-250 Crew Cab Vehicle via State Cooperative Contract.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

2021-302 Emergency Procurement for Evergreen Avenue Sewer Plant Equipment Repair.

Councilman Gubitosi confirmed with Administrator Humphrey this is a pump replacement.

Councilman Bonnell asked the status of purchasing a third pump.

Administrator Humphrey explained the procedure involved before purchasing another pump.

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith to Approve an Emergency Procurement for Evergreen Avenue Sewer Plant Equipment Repair.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, GubitosiSexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

2021-303 Authorizing a Deferred Compensation Plan with Equitable Life Insurance Company.

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith to Authorize a Deferred Compensation Plan with Equitable Life Insurance Company.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, GubitosiSexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

2021-304 Authorizing a Special Item of Revenue, Chapter 159 “Believe in Reading”.

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith to Authorize a Special Item of Revenue, Chapter 159 “Believe in Reading”.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

2021-305 Authorizing a Special Item of Revenue, Chapter 159 “Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries”.

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith to Authorize a Special Item of Revenue, Chapter 159 “Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries”.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

2021-306 Authorizing a Special Item of Revenue, Chapter 159 “NJSL + Partners Literacy Grant Project”.

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith to Authorize a Special Item of Revenue, Chapter 159 “NJSL + Partners Literacy Grant Project”.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

2021-307 Appointing Anthony Mannino as Chief Financial Officer.

Councilman Gubitosi confirmed with Administrator Humphrey this appointment is for a stipend Amount is \$5000.00 and the remainder of the fees is for the firm that employs Mr. Mannino.

ON MOTION by Fox/Weber to Appoint Anthony Mannino as Chief Financial Officer

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

2021-308 Appointing Anthony Mannino as Certifying Officer for all Pension Funds.

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith to Appoint Anthony Mannino Certifying Officer for all Pension Funds.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

2021-309 Approval of the 2022 Standing Committee Workshop Meetings and Council Business Meetings.

Councilman Gubitosi inquired about the number of meetings for November and December.

Ms. Humphrey answered Councilman Gubitosi's inquiries.

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith to Approve the 2022 Standing Committee Workshop Meetings and Council Business Meetings.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

2021-310 Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Engineering Services for The Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation-Phase II Project.

Councilman Gubitosi confirmed the amount of the contract with Ms. Humphrey.

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith to Authorize the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Engineering Services for the Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation-Phase II Project.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

2021-311 Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Engineering Services for Architectural and Engineering Services for a new Public Works Yard and Recycling Center.

Councilman Gubitosi requested to amend the amount from \$22,500.00 to \$33,750.00 to include two additional items in the proposal.

ON MOTION: by Fox/Sexsmith to Authorize the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Engineering Services for a new Public Works Yard and Recycling Center with an amended amount of \$33,750.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN : None

APPROVED

2021-312 Approval of the 2022 Bradley Beach Business Community Alliance Agreement.

ON MOTION: by Fox/Sexsmith to Approve the 2022 Bradley Beach Business Community Alliance Agreement.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

2021-313 Approving an Employee Contract.

ON MOTION: by Fox/Weber to Approve an Employee Contract.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor Fox reported on the following:

- **Veteran's Day Ceremony held on 11/11/21.**
- **The Holiday Tree and Menorah lighting held on 12/5/21 and the Holiday Market were a success and thanked all that participated and assisted.**
- **Stated while it is good the community is bringing back normalcy, it is important to remain vigilant due to the pandemic.**
- **Mentioned the Mayor's Wellness Campaign**
- **Gave an update on the Newark Avenue Paving Project.**
- **Gave an update on the various infrastructure projects happening in the town.**
- **Mentioned the various upcoming Library events.**
- **Wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.**
- **Announced there will be an informal Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Boardwalk Promenade Improvement at Cliff and Newark Avenue 12/17/21 and commended the Department of Public works for doing a great job.**

Councilman Bonnell reported the following:

- **Due to a problem with the leaf truck that has since been repaired, brush pick-up will continue through December.**
- **The Department of Public Works has prepared all the snowplow equipment for the winter season.**
- **Commended the DPW for their excellent work with the many projects in town.**
- **Wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.**

Councilman Gubitosi reported the following:

- **Commended the DPW for their hard work with the town projects.**
- **Thanked Councilman Bonnell for his comments regarding the Executive Session.**
- **Wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.**

Councilman Sexsmith reported the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Police arrested a local subject for several charges related to endangering the welfare of a minor. Police responded to a motor vehicle collision where the driver struck a parked vehicle and subsequently overturned, rolled once and landed on the passenger side of the vehicle. The driver was barely alert and entrapped. Police response was immediate and with the assistance of the Bradley Beach Fire Department, along with mutual aid from Neptune Twp EMS, the driver was extracted from the vehicle and brought to the hospital.

FIRST AID:

For the operational period ending December 14, 2021, the squad responded to 22 Day calls 12 Night calls for a total of 33 calls 19 were for medical 14 for fire. There were no requests for Mutual Aid there were no COVID-19 cases. The squad participated in the annual Veterans Day ceremony, the annual tree lighting in Riley Park providing medical coverage the squad also joined the Fire Department in donating canned goods and toys to the annual Rat Radio food drive. The Squad fulfilled 100 % of their assignments for this operational period.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

For the operational period ending, December 14 ,2021 the Department had 14 requests. The Department participated in the Annual Veterans Day Ceremony. The Department participated in the Annual Tree Lighting in Riley Park where they had the honor of delivering the special guest for the evening Santa Claus. The department conducted the annual mandatory apparatus testing and are awaiting the results. The department joined with the First Aid Squad in donating to the annual Rat Radio food drive. The department fulfilled 100 % of their assignments for this operational period. The Fire Department and First Aid Squad would like to extend to all our residents and their families a safe and a very joyous Christmas Season and the happiest of New Years.

The Fire and First Aid are accepting volunteers. Both offer free training for qualified individuals. Anyone wishing to volunteer for the Fire Department or First Aid Squad can find applications can be found on the Borough's web site.

Councilman Sexsmith wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Councilman Weber reported the following:

- **The Tree Lighting , the Menorah Lighting were a success.**
- **Eleven trees were planted at the park extension on Second and Third Avenue.**
- **Mentioned the new State Law recently passed regarding plastic straws available only upon request in restaurants.**
- **There will be a Statewide plastic bag and Styrofoam ban on May 4, 2022.**
- **The Environmental Commission did not spend any funds in their budget this year and would like to purchase new trash and recycling cans for Main Street.**
- **Encouraged everyone to recycle lithium batteries and not discard them in the regular trash as this could cause a fire and to use caution when placing lithium batteries in recycling.**
- **Reminded everyone to place lids on their garbage and recycling cans as this is mandatory in the town.**
- **The Elementary School will be receiving State Funding for 2022.**

In Person Public Comment:

Joe Kulick, 509 Monmouth Avenue, mentioned several hanging/low utility wires throughout the town and produced photos and requested the Borough contact the Board of Public Utilities to report this.

Administrator Humphrey replied she is in the process of working on this and explained how to identify the ownership of a utility pole to determine which utility to contact.

Mr. Kulick inquired on the status for 319 LaReine Avenue.

Ms. Humphrey responded the committee put in place for 319 LaReine Avenue is currently

discussing various ideas and plans.

Mr. Kulick inquired on the status of the Movie Theater.

Administrator Humphrey responded the Theater is in the process of closing on its sale.

Susan Pazinko, 507 Fifth Avenue, confirmed there will be brush pick-up in December.

Ms. Pazinko if there is a location to recycle batteries.

Councilman Weber responded to this inquiry.

Ms. Pazinko inquired how a resident can make a motion to change/amend an ordinance (regarding hotels and motels).

Councilman Weber and Councilman Bonnell responded to this inquiry.

Julie Nutaitus, 605 Newark Avenue, requested hotels and motels be removed from the Borough's Ordinances and the Master Plan. Ms. Nutaitus thanked Administrator Humphrey for working on the hanging utility wires and stated the work done on Newark Avenue looks amazing.

Jean Leahy, 419 Park Place Avenue, inquired about placing benches in the Gazebos on the Boardwalk.

Mayor Fox stated this is being adjusted and benches will be put back in the Gazebos.

Ms. Leahy inquired if the trees on Fletcher Lake Avenue are going to be replaced.

Mayor Fox responded yes.

Ms. Leahy requested an ordinance be put in place regarding bright streetlights and is not in favor of hotels and motels in town.

Bill Psiuk, 110 Fifth Avenue, thanked residents Courtney Walleston and John Naples for their assistance with the Food Pantry project.

Thomas J. Coan, 612 Third Avenue, inquired if the Borough or the County is paying for the paving work being done on McCabe and Ocean Avenues.

Administrator Humphrey responded she will find out and let Mr. Coan know.

Mr. Coan inquired if the new sidewalks put in on Newark Avenue are going to be paid for by the residents.

Mayor Fox responded no.

Mr. Coan thanked the Governing Body for Ordinance 2021-35.

Mr. Coan, requested Resolution 2021-309 for 2022 meetings should be amended to include a

Standing Committee meeting in January, August, November and December.

Mr. Coan feels the Borough needs to hire a special council to review the Zoning Department.

Administrator Humphrey and Mr. Cannon addressed Mr. Coan's comments regarding the Zoning Department.

Nancy Meadow, 805 Beach Avenue, confirmed there is a second meeting in December of this

year, expressed complaints about the website and requested charging stations for the town.

Public Comment received through Email:

Jon and Kelly Barratt, 515 Newark Avenue

We would like to thank the Mayor, Town Council, Department of Public Works and the contractors for the improvement project that was done on the 500 block of Newark Ave road, sidewalks and curb over the last few weeks. The professionals did an amazing job and were so respectful, carefully working with the individual needs of each property to make sure the new sidewalks fit seamlessly into the existing landscaping of each homeowner. The results are stunning, and we couldn't be more pleased with how much it improves the overall look of the entire block. We are truly grateful!

Victoria Leahy, 419 Park Place Avenue

I am reaching out after attending the Planning Board meeting on 12/9/21 and requesting that more consideration is given to amend the Master Plan to include a hard No for hotels in Bradley Beach. If we have the opportunity to revisit and improve this every 10 years let us look at the towns needs and put the residents first. As a resident we do not have a need for any type of hotel now or in the future.

As pointed out last night in the many comments given by other concerned residents a hotel brings an undesirable flavor in the off season and in the long term become an eyesore as many examples are given in the neighboring towns. Also, you would change the feel of Main Street by having another four story building that brings more traffic and congestion.

More importantly when the possible location such as the bowling alley was given as a potential spot I was more alarmed, so weather it is the bowling alley or the land the town owns on Main Street I am even more concerned. The potential and that off chance that this could happen really means that the only place it can end up is on the North side of town and let us be honest if this is not banned in the Master Plan there is always a chance this could happen. And if this could happen, of course it would end up in the north side of town. In an already crowded section of Main Street that is commercial in nature and already neglected. Not to mention the fact that soon enough we will have a new set of condominiums on the top of Ocean Park/Main and once the bus hub sells that will be a new apartment high rise on Memorial in Neptune. Please note from Brinley North town has upwards of 30 condo/apartment units that span from Ocean Ave to Main Street but from Fifth on south there are only 4 apartment/condo units. The North side is full, we do not all have driveways and already greatly struggle with parking even in the off season. We are more densely populated on this side. And more importantly this is something that one should consider for your fellow neighbors.

I am asking that you consider this and to make the most of your voting power. Since you have the opportunity to make a change to the Master Plan, please protect Bradley Beach now and going forward and ban hotels. Since you have the chance to make improvements and enhance the town why not do so since you have the means to. For the sake of the residents to prevent overdevelopment and congestion. Let's think long term for the good of the town. No one could have imagined the changes in town in the last 10 years so let us protect town for another 10 and try to keep that small.

Resolution 2021-283 Retire into Executive Session to discuss Litigation, Potential Litigation and a Personnel Matter.

ON MOTION by Fox/Sexsmith to Retire into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.to discuss an Litigations, Potential Litigation, and Personnel Matters

**ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Gubitosi Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None**

APPROVED

ON MOTION by Fox/Gubitosi to Return from Executive Session at 10:15 p.m.

**ROLL CALL AYES: Bonnell, Sexsmith, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None**

The Regular meeting resumed

Fox/Bonnell moved to adjourn.

THE COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:16 P.M.

Erica Kostyz

Erica Kostyz, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk