

MINUTES FEBRUARY 12th, 2024

START: 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR GARRUZZO, COUNCILMEMBERS COLON, GIANFORTE, GORHAM, NOLAN, SHAAK, ATTORNEY MONTENEGRO & ADMINISTRATOR NOLAN.

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN VISCEGLIA

Following a moment of silent prayer and a salute to the flag, Mayor Garruzzo opened the meeting in compliance with the Open Public Act and recognized Municipal Clerk Baran who administered the oath of office to newly elected councilman Eliot Colon.

Councilman Colon took his oath and thanked the Mayor, fellow Councilmembers and Residents of Brielle. Councilman Colon noted that “as a son of a retired police officer I learned a lot growing up about honor and being honorable”. He stated that today “I am very honored to be selected to the Brielle Council. I know that I am joining a notable and devoted group of Brielle residents who have served this fabulous town and board for many years. I do believe it is a privilege to be entrusted to serve and this is an appointment that I do not take lightly. I can assure all of you that I will go about my role as a Brielle Councilman with honor and transparency and give all of you, my best.”

Councilman Colon also thanked his lovely wife, Lorene, for all her support and encouragement. He added that she was always “his number one fan”. He closed his remarks with a thank you to all and “God Bless Brielle”.

Clerk Baran then took the roll call and Mayor Garruzzo asked for a motion provided by Councilman Gianforte and seconded by Councilman Nolan, to accept and file the minutes of the January 22nd, 2024 Meeting, all ayes.

Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 24-27 for passage of the consent agenda.

- A. To appoint G. Kevin Callahan to the Planning Board as an alternate member.
- B. To appoint Joseph Milancewich to the Brielle Library Executive Board.
- C. To approve a Special Event Permit for a “Responder Community Walk/Run at Brielle Sports Club on May 18, 2024.
- D. (see insertion)
- E. To appoint Matthew S. Kimack & Ryan Thompson as Probationary Patrolmen effective 2/12/24.
- F. To accept with regret the resignation of Karen Dettlinger from the Brielle Board of Recreation Commissioners and to appoint Tara Holly as her replacement with full voting rights.
- G. To waive mercantile fees for annual “National Night Out Against Crime”

Vote: Councilmembers Colon, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan & Shaak; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Gorham seconded by Councilman Shaak introduced Resolution 24-28 For Payment of Bills. Be It Resolved that the following bills be paid, and that the Mayor or President of Council be authorized to draw orders on the Chief Finance Officer for payment of the bills of February 12th, 2024, as reviewed by the Finance Committee and as listed on the Resolution and the Computer Bill List amended thereto. Vote: Councilmembers Colon, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, & Shaak; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Mayor Garruzzo then called for committee reports and recognized Councilman Colon having no report. Councilman Gianforte cited the DPW's preparedness for the last storm and advised that they were prepared for the upcoming one. He noted that brine had not been applied to the roadways as the event was slated to be rain before turning to snow and would wash away. Councilman Gianforte added that he was monitoring a situation on Riverview Drive which required intervention by Monmouth County.

Councilman Nolan cited the Library's numerous programs from the Harry Potter Book Club to Cranky Crab Storytime. The schedule was continually updated as the Library was attuned to the needs of the community. Turning to Recreation, Councilman Nolan noted that planning for the Summer Recreation was in progress and given the forecast, the Snowman Contest had been revived.

Councilman Shaak cited the hiring of the two probationary officers and explained that the department had had a retirement in late 2023 and another one was on the horizon for later this year, the new hires would ensure that manpower requirements were maintained for the summer season.

Councilman Gorham having no report the meeting was opened to the public.

Mayor Garruzzo advised the assembly of the new rules as to public participation that had been formalized by resolution at the organization meeting.

There being no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm on a motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Nolan.

Next Meeting: February 26th, 2024

Carol Baran
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.: 24-27-D
Date: February 12th, 2024

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BRIELLE

Whereas, the Borough of Brielle has formed in accordance with the applicable State Statutes, and

Whereas, the Governing Body has an obligation to provide for municipal court services, and such services require the appointment of a Municipal Court Judge, and

Whereas, Paul J. Capotorto is eminently qualified to serve as Municipal Court Judge for the Borough of Brielle.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Paul J. Capotorto is hereby appointed to serve Brielle as Municipal Court Judge for a three-year term to commence January 1st, 2024 and to end on December 31st, 2026.

Vote: Councilman Colan, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan & Shaak; all ayes. No nays. None abstained. Absent: Councilman Visceglia. Passed.

Certification

The foregoing is a true copy of a resolution passed by the Brielle Mayor & Council at a meeting held on February 12th, 2024.

Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Brielle this 13th day of February 2024.

Carol Baran
Municipal Clerk

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