

MINUTES MARCH 11th, 2024

START: 7:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN COLON

Mayor Garruzzo opened the meeting in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and called for a salute to the flag, a moment of silent prayer, followed by a roll call.

There being no need for a work session, Mayor Garruzzo asked for a motion provided by Councilman Gianforte and seconded by Councilman Nolan to accept and file the minutes of the February 26th, 2024 Meeting, all ayes. No nays. Approved.

Councilman Nolan seconded by Councilman Shaak introduced Resolution 24-33 for passage of the consent agenda.

- A. (see insertion)
- B. (see insertion)
- C. (see insertion)

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

Councilman Visceglia seconded by Councilman Gorham introduced Resolution 24-34 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 March 11th, 2024, as reviewed by the Finance Committee and as listed on the Resolution and the Computer Bill List amended thereto. Vote: Councilmembers Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Mayor Garruzzo announces that the time has arrived for a hearing and further consideration of “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BRIELLE ENTITLED “CALENDAR 2024 “AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK””.

The hearing was opened on a motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Nolan.

The Administrator explained that the ordinance would permit the Borough to go to a 3.5% CAP. This follows past practice and is necessary to make a budget in inflationary times.

The hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Shaak seconded by Councilman Nolan.

Councilman Nolan seconded by Councilman Visceglia introduced Resolution 24-35 for passage on final reading. VOTE: Councilman Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Shaak seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 24-36 to authorize publication of passage and adoption in the Coast Star according to law. Vote: Councilman Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Mayor Garruzzo then called for committee reports and recognized Councilman Gianforte who reminded the public that snow season has yet to end and placing brush and leaves on the street prior to the established collection dates would inhibit snowplowing. He asked residents to hold off. He also reminded landscapers and residents alike that all landscapers working in Brielle must be licensed in compliance with Ordinance 1118.

Councilman Nolan cited the Library's numerous programs from the Harry Potter Book Club to Cranky Crab Storytime. All of which can be viewed on the web. He also reminded the public that the deadline to enter the snowman contest was March 15.

Councilman Shaak cited the Fire Company's receipt of a \$75,000 grant and he asked Chief Schambach to come forward and explain the purpose of the grant to the Governing Body.

Chief Schambach stated that the grant would replace outdated Self Contained Breathing Apparatus units some of which dated back to the 1990s. Their provision was an essential component of firefighting and it further helped to ensure the safety of the firefighters. He thanked the Borough for their assistance in submitting the grant.

Councilman Gorham and Visceglia having no reports the meeting was opened to the public.

Virginia Lofton, 407 South Street was recognized and complemented Mayor Garruzzo on his election and Council-President Nolan for being selected for the Pride of Brielle award. Ms. Lofton cited a program at the Library scheduled for March 9th (6:00 to 7:15pm) that featured Native Plant Society of New Jersey, a group that encouraged gardeners to plant indigenous plants throughout the state. The program was entitled Wild In The Garden State. Ms. Lofton advised that the Bayberry Garden Club was working with the Shade Tree Commission to implement such plantings and they had selected five locations, one adjacent to Curtis House, two by the Post Office and the two planters at Borough Hall.

While the organizations were providing muscle power, they had small memberships and limited resources. Since most local garden centers did not stock these plants, the need was to establish an account with a wholesale provider. To that end Ms. Lofton's group requested financial assistance from the Borough.

Mayor Garruzzo noted that Councilman Colon was working on a similar project with volunteers for Higgins Avenue and he thought they might complement each other. He promised to share the information Ms. Lofton provided. The Council was also pleased to hear that Ms. Lofton planned to plant perennials as they required less maintenance and returned annually.

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There being no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm on a motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Nolan.

Next Meeting: March 25th, 2024

Carol Baran
Municipal Clerk

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BRIELLE, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, to observe this momentous occasion, the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, established by Congress (P.L. 114-196) in 2016, and its supporting non-profit America250, will plan and commemorate on a national level the celebration of our nation's semiquincentennial; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey played a significant role during the American Revolution when it saw more battles and skirmishes than any other state and was truly the Crossroads of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, Governor Philip Murphy and the New Jersey State Legislature in 2018 authorized the creation of a program to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, New Jersey's pivotal role in the American Revolution, and the contributions of its diverse peoples to the nation's past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Historical Commission, under the leadership of Secretary of State Tahesha Way, with its non-profit partner Crossroads of the American Revolution established RevolutionNJ to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism, and scholarship in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will engage New Jerseyans in all 21 counties and 564 municipalities through its officially recognized programs, initiatives, and events; and

WHEREAS, Monmouth County also has a rich history integral to the independence effort, including the critical Battle of Monmouth; and

WHEREAS, Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners has established by way of resolution, Monmouth County's Committee that will commemorate our nation's semiquincentennial, highlighting Monmouth County's role in the fight for independence, and will coordinate events and activities throughout Monmouth County, working with public and private entities; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and desirable that we commemorate the beginning of our great nation and the role New Jersey and Monmouth County have played over the past 250 years, as well as its present and future role as part of the United States, with particular focus on the individuals, ideas, and events that shaped our Country, State, County and Borough; and

WHEREAS, preserving, studying, celebrating and enjoying our history strengthens our communities by way of building bonds amongst our residents, engages our youth in the education about our nation and its founding principles, improves our economies by promoting our unique history and attracting visitors to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Brielle hereby endorses RevolutionNJ and its mission to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism and scholarship in New Jersey.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. The Mayor and Council commemorates the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the United States as an independent Nation.

2. The Mayor and Council authorizes the appointment of a committee to develop a plan for this commemoration that will coordinate with the federal, state and county celebration committees and will promote the maximum involvement of our residents, neighborhoods, businesses, schools, historical and civic organizations, and institutions in the commemorations.
3. The Mayor and Council further urges all its residents to reflect upon the significance of this event and the role that our State, County and Borough and its people have played in the history and development of our Nation and to participate in this important commemoration, endeavoring to include the stories of all those whose lives are part of history, and understanding that the revolution continues today as we uphold the ideals articulated in our founding documents.

Certification

The foregoing is a true copy of a resolution passed by the Brielle Mayor & Council at a meeting held on March 11th, 2024.

Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Brielle this 12th day of March 2024.

Carol Baran
Municipal Clerk

SEAL

Resolution No.: 24-33-B
Date: March 11th, 2024

Resolution of the Borough of Brielle

Whereas, at times there is a request from the public to take certain Planning/Zoning Plans out of the office to have copies made, and

Whereas, the Board Secretary should receive a deposit of \$100 before releasing these plans and then return it when the original plans are returned,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that an employee, upon approval from the Planning/Zoning Board Secretary, can release Planning/Zoning Board plans to be copied and will not do so until a \$100 deposit is received. If the plans are not related to this Board the employee will have the right to decide if a deposit is necessary or not.

Moved By: Councilman Nolan
Seconded By: Councilman Shaak

Vote: Councilmen Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed
Absent: Councilman Colon

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Resolution No.: 24-33-C
Date: March 11th, 2024

Resolution of the Borough of Brielle

Whereas, the Borough advertised for bids in the Asbury Park Press on February 23rd, 2024, and received bids on March 8th, 2024.

Whereas, the lowest responsible bidder for the base bid of installation of a water main and trench restoration on East Woodland Avenue, was M.S.P. Construction Corporation, 19-B Minneakoning Road, Flemington, N.J. with a base bid of \$241,051.00, and

Whereas, the bid bond and consent of surety and all pertinent requirements are found to be in order.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that a contract be awarded to M.S.P. Construction Corporation for the construction of a water main on East Woodland Avenue.

Moved By: Councilman Nolan
Seconded By: Councilman Shaak

Vote: Councilmen Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed
Absent: Councilman Colon

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