

MINUTES October 25th, 2021

START: 6:00 PM

PRESENT: MAYOR NICOL, COUNCILMEN GIANFORTE, GORHAM, NOLAN & SHAAK, ATTORNEY MONTENEGRO & ADMINISTRATOR NOLAN.

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN GARRUZZO AND VISCEGLIA

Mayor Nicol announced that this meeting was being held virtually in compliance with Executive Order No. 103 and was being recorded.

There being no need for a work session, Mayor Nicol then read the compliance statement and the Regular Council Meeting was opened, after a pledge of allegiance to our flag. Mayor Nicol asked for a roll call.

Mayor Nicol then asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 11th, 2021, Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Nolan, all ayes, no nays. Passed.

The Administrator was recognized, and he informed the Council that the annual "Best Practice" Report has been completed and the Borough had a score of 20.5. The minimum base score was 15. Therefore, the Borough would not lose any state aid in the coming budget cycle.

There being no questions, the Administrator added that an enabling resolution for submission was on the consent agenda.

Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 21-111 for Passage of the Consent Agenda.

Resolution:

- A. To authorize the C.M.F.O. to submit the Best Practice Report to the Department of Community Affairs.
- B. To authorize a reimbursement of \$4,817.50 re: Water/Sewer Account #57-0 for overpayment of a bill.
- C. To authorize the renewal of the Animal Control contract with Associated Humane Societies for calendar 2022.

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

Councilman Gorham seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 21-112 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 October 25th, 2021, as reviewed by the Finance Committee and as listed on the Resolution and

the Computer Bill List amended thereto. Vote: Councilmen Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan & Shaak; all ayes. No Nays. Passed.

Mayor Nicol read the following proclamation (see insertion).

Whereas, the Borough of Brielle has been formed in accordance with the applicable statutes, and
Whereas, it is fitting and proper for a municipality to pay tribute to those residents whose conduct are a positive reflection on the community, and

Whereas, John Devereux has selflessly served the Borough as the Chairman of its Board of Recreation Commissioners for 17 years, and

Whereas, during his tenure the Board expanded services, increased the number of programs, improved recreational facilities, and offered a menu of recreational activities that addressed the needs of every member and group in the community, and

Whereas, Mr. Devereux has gone beyond the established format for recreational activities and created the annual North/South Challenge that, in addition to affording the residents of Brielle to take each other on in head-to-head competition, provided an extraordinary and pleasurable means of raising monies for a charitable purpose that has benefited families and individuals in need throughout the Borough, and

Whereas, the Governing Body, on behalf of all the residents of Brielle, wishes to commemorate Mr. Devereux's unique level of accomplishment.

Now Therefore Be Proclaimed, that Monday, October 25th, 2021, be designated John Devereux Day throughout the Borough of Brielle, and

Be It Further Proclaimed, that all Brielle Residents join the Mayor & Council in celebrating John Devereux's dedicated service to the Brielle Community.

Mayor Nicol then called for committee reports and recognized Councilman Gianforte who had no report.

Councilman Nolan advised of the upcoming Halloween "Monster Bash" on 10/26 at 10:30am and 3:00pm, Family Crafts on 10/28 and a discussion on 11/2 "Let's talk about Film Noir" @ 5:30pm. Paint & Sip continued to be a crowd pleaser.

Turning to Recreation, Councilman Nolan noted the sign-ups for Biddy Basketball were in the offering and Flag Football was at the mid-point, their game "Under the Lights" had been a great success.

Councilman Nolan also noted that the annual Tree Lighting was scheduled for 12/5.

Councilman Shaak advised the public that Bulk Collection week would continue throughout the week on the regular day of collection. He also advised that the Old Bridge Road Water Tank was now operational and the remaining site improvements should be completed within the month.

Councilman Shaak also reminded the public that Leaf Season was in full swing, and brush would not be collected. Leaf Collection would end on 12/11.

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

Taylor LaTourette, 102 Perry Place, cited his e-mail to the Administrator regarding the creation of a Quiet Zone wherein the Federal Railroad Administration permitted the cessation of trains sounding their horn at a given crossing when certain safety conditions had been met by the community; he added that the guidelines eliminated liability on the Borough.

Mr. LaTourette believed that due to recent improvements to the railroad crossing on Fisk Avenue, the crossing already conformed to federal requirements.

Councilman Gianforte advised that his committee was researching the issue and he would contact Mr. LaTourette to discuss same.

Virginia Lofton, 407 South Street, asked when meetings would resume in the council chamber citing the fact that many people did not have access to a computer and the change in time impacted the dinner hour of many residents.

Mayor Nicol advised that the intent was to remain virtual until after the first of the year as the special limitations of the room hindered social distancing and the mask requirement would also have to be strictly enforced.

Ms. Lofton suggested seeking other venues to hold the meeting and the matter was taken under advisement.

There being no further comments, the public portion was closed on motion a by Councilman Shaak seconded by Councilman Gorham.

The Administrator noted that no public comments on the agenda items had been received either by mail or e-mail, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm on a motion by Councilman Nolan seconded by Councilman Gorham.

Approved: November 8th, 2021

Carol Baran
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.: 21-111-C
Date: October 25th, 2021

Resolution of the Borough of Brielle

Be It Resolved, to authorize the renewal of the Animal Control Contract with Associated Humane Societies for calendar 2022, and to authorize the Business Administrator, Thomas Nolan, to sign on behalf of the Borough.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing is a true copy of a resolution passed by the Brielle Mayor & Council, at a meeting held on October 25th, 2021.

Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Brielle this 26th day of October 2021.

Carol Baran
Municipal Clerk