

MINUTES: March 25th, 2022

START: 6:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN GIANFORTE

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 March 14th, 2022 meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Gorham, all ayes, no nays. Councilman Shaak abstained.

Councilman Gorham seconded by Councilman Visceglia, introduced Resolution 22-34 for passage of the Consent Agenda.

Resolution:

- A. (see insertion).
- B. To approve a Special Event Permit for the Brielle Sport Club to conduct an event in their front parking lot on May 1st, 2022.
- C. (see insertion)

Vote: Council Members Garruzzo, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Visceglia seconded by Councilman Gorham introduced Resolution 22-35 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 28th, 2022, as reviewed by the Finance Committee and as listed on the Resolution and the Computer Bill List amended thereto. Vote: Council Members Garruzzo, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. Passed.

Mayor Nicol then announced that the time had arrived for hearing and further consideration of “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER FIFTEEN OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BRIELLE AS TO THE AMOUNTS ESTABLISHED FOR CONNECTION FEES (SEWER) AND TAPPING FEES (WATER).”

Councilman Garruzzo, seconded by Councilman Visceglia introduced Resolution 22-36 for passage on introduction and first reading of the foregoing ordinance. Vote: Councilman Garruzzo, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilman Gorham, introduced Resolution 22-37 to authorize publication in the Coast Star for a hearing to be by virtual means on April 11th, 2022 @ 6: 00pm. Vote: Councilman Garruzzo, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Visceglia, introduced Resolution 22-38 For introduction of the 2022 Municipal Budget (see insertion). Prior to the vote Councilman Visceglia was recognized. Councilman Visceglia informed the assembly that the budget being introduced for \$10,496,191.42 had no increase to the municipal rate. The Budget employed \$1,800,000.00 of surplus to stabilize the municipal rate. This will leave a balance of \$1,072,634.25, an increase of \$330,474.93 over the 2021 figure. The budget will be published on March 31st and given a public hearing on April 25th. Councilman Visceglia thanked his colleagues on the Finance Committee for their assistance in the preparation of the budget, along with the department heads who strove to keep their budgets at 2021 levels. Vote: Councilman Garruzzo, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

The Mayor next read the following proclamations (see insertions)

WHEREAS, in Federal fiscal year 2019, 4.4 million reports were made to child protective services: and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the State or New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Brielle, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in the

Borough of Brielle and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

Whereas, distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening practice that is preventable; and
Whereas, distracted driving can result in injuries and deaths to all road users (motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists); and

Whereas, distracted driving occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on another activity instead; and

Whereas, in 2019 alone distracted driving-related crashes resulted in 3,142 deaths and 400,000 injuries on our nation's roads; and

Whereas, in New Jersey distracted driving was listed as a contributing circumstance in 49-percent of all motor vehicle crashes in 2019; and

Whereas, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide Distracted Driving 2022 Crackdown from April 1 - 30, 2022 in an effort to raise awareness and decrease driver distraction through a combination of enforcement and education; and

Whereas, the national slogan for the campaign is UDrive. UText. UPay; and

Whereas, a reduction in distracted driving in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;
Now Therefore, be it proclaimed that the Borough of Brielle declares its support for the Distracted Driving 2022 Crackdown both locally and nationally from April 1 - 30, 2022 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

The Mayor called for committee reports and recognized Councilman Nolan who advised that the annual snowman building contest would end on Friday, April 1st. He also noted that the Pickle Board Court was open and ready for use, sign-ups were online.

Councilman Nolan advised the Council that Eagle Scout candidate Grant Small would be posting signage throughout the Borough's public areas to "Leave only your footprint". This anti-litter and debris program has worked well in neighboring municipalities.

The Library was continuing the search for a new director and Councilman Nolan anticipated having resolution by the next meeting. As always a full description of Library Programs such as Tech Teens and Paint & Sip were available on the Library's website.

Councilman Shaak reported that New Jersey Transit would finally be addressing the Green Avenue Crossing in May, the work was estimated to take a week. As to concerns over Higgins Avenue, Councilman Shaak reminded the public that this was not a municipal undertaking. New Jersey Natural Gas was replacing their gas main on Higgins Avenue and Route 35 North. The Borough had spoken with both the contractor J.F. Kiley and NJDOT, concerning their plan to perform highway work over night. The Borough had requested that, in difference to residents, the work be performed during the day. NJDOT was adamant that, in order to maintain traffic flows, the work had to take place between 7:00pm and 5:00am.

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

The Administrator had already noted that no public comments on the agenda items had been received either by mail or e-mail.

There being no public comment, Councilman Garruzzo inquired if Kiley would be restoring the roadway on Higgins Avenue.

The Administrator advised that he had been told that they only restore the impacted areas, so the balance of the road was still in need of milling and paving.

Councilman Nolan interjected that he had a meeting with New Jersey Natural Gas's governmental liaison, Amy Fitzgerald, and he anticipated a positive dialogue that might extend the scope of the repaving.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14pm on a motion by Councilman Shaak, seconded by Councilman Garruzzo.

Approved: April 11th, 2022

Carol Baran
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.: 22-34-B
Date: March 28th, 2022

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH THE BOROUGH OF SEA GIRT FOR USE OF TRAILER MOUNTED
HIGH PRESSURE SEWER CLEANER (JET VAC)**

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, *N.J.S.A:40A:65-1*, et seq., authorizes local units as defined in said Act to enter into joint Agreements for the provision government services; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sea Girt wishes to enter into a shared services agreement with the Borough of Brielle for the provision of a Trailer Mounted High Pressure Sewer Cleaner (Jet Vac).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Brielle, in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. **INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT:** Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A: 40A:65-1*, the Borough of Brielle is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Sea Girt for the purposes identified above.
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the said Interlocal Services Agreement.
3. **CONTRACT TERM:** The term of this Agreement shall remain in place so long as the Jet Vac remains operational and viable for service by both Boroughs.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Brielle Mayor & Council held on Monday, March 28th, 2022.

Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Brielle this 29th day of March 2022.

Carol Baran
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.: 22-34-C
Date: March 28th, 2022

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40a:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c. 183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of 1964," as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Brielle, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40a:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, C. 183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

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Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.: 22-38
Date: March 28th, 2022

Resolution of the Borough of Brielle

Whereas, the document attached to this Municipal Budget Notice shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2022.

Be It Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2022;

Be It Further Resolved, that said budget be published in the Coast Star in the issue of March 31st, 2022.

The Governing Body of the Borough of Brielle, does hereby approve the following as the budget for the year 2022, and

Notice is hereby given that the budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bridle, County of Monmouth, on March 28th, 2022. A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Municipal Building, on April 25th, 2022 at 6:00 o'clock (p.m.) at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2022 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons. (Note: Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and Executive Order 103, this hearing shall be held by virtual means.)

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

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