

MINUTES MAY 8th, 2023

START: 7:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN GORHAM AND VISCEGLIA

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

Mayor Nicol asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 24th, 2023 Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Nolan, all ayes, no nays.

Councilman Garruzzo, seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 23-52 for passage of the consent agenda.

- A. To authorize PBA #395 to use Brielle Park for a Food Truck Event on June 10, 2023.
- B. To authorize H2M to prepare a bid for the completion of the ADA Compliance at Borough Hall and any required ancillary work.
- C. To declare an emergency due to the partial collapse of a storm drain on Ashley Avenue.

Vote: Councilman Garruzzo, Gianforte, Nolan & Shaak; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Shaak, introduced Resolution 23-53 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 May 8th, 2023, as reviewed by the Finance Committee and as listed on the Resolution and the Computer Bill List amended thereto. Vote: Councilman Garruzzo, Gianforte, Nolan & Shaak; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Mayor Nicol then called for committee reports and recognized Councilman Gianforte who reported on the Borough's successful membership in the State Sustainable Energy Joint Meeting and the cost savings that have benefited the Borough. He noted that the Department of Community Affairs had now made it possible to create a new initiative that would expand the SEM to residential customers. He asked the Administrator to explain further.

Mr. Nolan explained that it was a win-win situation for the Brielle, and it would be for its residents as the SEM set a strike price that was lower than the tariff authorized by the Board of Public Utilities. In the case of Brielle, the provider was JCP&L. If the bid could secure a lower price than the bid was awarded, if not the tariff remained in effect. There was no downside.

The reason for bringing this matter to Council's attention this evening was that the expansion of the program to residential customers was in the development stage and the Sem was seeking one

or more municipalities to act as a pilot to determine the viability of the program. Councilman Gianforte & Mr. Nolan would like to submit Brielle's name for consideration.

The council gave its authorization.

Councilman Nolan cited the return of Muth Farms and their organic strawberries on May 10 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The Library would also conduct a Medicare Made Easy Program on May 13th among a variety of programs for which information appeared on their website.

Councilman Nolan reminded the public of the 11th Annual North vs. South competition and reminded everyone that in addition to proving a day of fun and friendly competition, the proceeds benefited needy Brielle Families.

In closing, Councilman Nolan cited the success of the Boy Scouts of Manasquan and Brielle in removing some hundred pounds of debris from Roberts Swamp Brook over the weekend.

Councilman Garruzzo shared Chief Olsen's memo on the Bicycle & Pedestrian Enforcement Program (insert).

Councilman Shaak reminded those assembled that Bulk Trash Collection had concluded for the Northern section of Brielle today and would conclude on Thursday with the Southern section.

Councilman Shaak also thanked Councilman Nolan for his work in obtaining an Inter-Local Agreement with Monmouth County for the use of their street sweeper at various times during the year. The agreement proved to be the cost-effective option for the borough given the expense of the machine, which was a high maintenance self-destructive apparatus and the cost of disposal of the road spoils that were deemed to be hazardous.

The meeting was opened to the public and Mr. Bill Folker, 719 Howell Drive, a former Councilman, praised the Governing Body and its professional staff for an outstanding job in making Brielle a highly desirable community. As a three-year resident, he felt compelled to thank them for their efforts in what is often a thankless job. He added his thanks to Councilman Shaak for his efforts in cleaning up a vacant lot that had been a neighborhood eyesore.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm on a motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Nolan.

Approved: May 22nd, 2023

Carol Baran
Municipal Clerk