

Borough of Brielle

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MINUTES JULY 24th, 2017 WORK SESSION START: 7:30 PM

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN GORHAM

Mayor Nicol announced that any member of the public wishing to audio or video record a Council Meeting must give notice to the Borough Clerk prior to the meeting being recorded.

Mayor Nicol convened the work session in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and recognized the Administrator, who had no report but noted that Public Safety Chairman Garruzzo, in conjunction with Police Chief Michael W. Palmer, wished to make a presentation.

Prior to the presentation, Mayor Nicol cited the landing over the weekend of a 990 pound shark at Hoffman's Marina. He pointed out that, at the same location in 1939, Brielle Resident, Janice Wurfel caught a 998 pound shark.

Councilman Garruzzo advised the public that this evening's preceding was one of the best parts of his job as Chief Palmer had the ability to find eminently qualified people.

Councilman Garruzzo announced the promotion of Class II Special Officers Brandon Cusack & Brett Barilari to Probationary Patrolman.

Councilman Garruzzo noted that Brandon Cusack began with the Borough Police Department as a Class II Officer in January 2016. Prior to that, he was a Class II Officer with the Point Pleasant Borough Police Department. Brandon is a certified EMT, Certified Fire Fighter Level I and a Certified SCUBA Diver. He is a volunteer EMT & Fireman in Point Pleasant Borough. Mr. Cusack has an Associate's Degree in Homeland Security from O.C.C. and is nearing completion of his B.A. at New Jersey University.

Brandon has proven an asset to the Department being proactive in enforcing the law, but demonstrating superior community policing skills.

Brett Barilari became a Class II Special in January 2016 and his prior experience as a Class II Officer was in Asbury Park. Mr. Barilari has an Associates Degree from Brookdale Community College. Brett has also been an asset to the department and has exhibited an innate attention to detail and demonstrated great people skills.

I welcome both officers to the Brielle Municipal Family with great pleasure. Chief Palmer praised both individuals and noted that Patrolman Kevin Williams had been instrumental in bringing both men to his attention. Brandon had worked as a Class I Special in Point Pleasant and had come highly recommended by their Chief of Police.

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Brett was recommended by a fellow officer from Asbury Park and came from a family with a longtime associated with police work. Among them was former Brielle Patrolman, now Chief of the Spring Lake Department, Edward Kerr. Chief Kerr was recognized and cited Chief Palmer as an early mentor who helped guide him in his career. Chief Kerr called Chief Palmer a role model, a gifted leader and added that each day he strived to meet the high standard inculcated in him by Chief Palmer.

Mayor Nicol welcomed the new patrolman and told them they were joining the best department in Monmouth County and perhaps in the State, a fact he attributed to Chief Palmer's leadership.

There being no questions from Council or from the public, there was no further discussion and the work session was adjourned at 7:32 pm on a motion by Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Gianforte.

MINUTES JULY 24th, 2017 START: 7:33 P.M.

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN GORHAM

Following a moment of silent prayer, a salute to the flag and roll call, the Minutes of the July 10th regular meeting were approved on a motion by Councilman Shaak seconded by Councilman Visceglia; all aye; no nays. Passed. (Note: Councilmen Garruzzo & Gianforte abstained).

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 17-65 for Passage of the Consent Agenda.

Resolution:

A. (see insertion)

B. (see insertion)

Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye, No nays. Passed

Councilman Visceglia seconded by Councilman Shaak, introduced Resolution 17-66 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 July 24th, 2017, as reviewed by the Finance Committee and as listed on the Resolution and the Computer Bill List amended thereto. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye No nays. Passed

Mayor Nicol then called for Committee Reports and recognized Councilman Gianforte who had no report.

Councilman Nolan reminded the public that tomorrow, in Brielle Park, the Board of Recreation would hold their annual Christmas in July event. He also advised that Flag Football Sign-ups were under way.

Turning to the Library, Councilman Nolan cited the Artist Exhibitions, the Social Security Workshop at the Library on July 27th @ 6:30pm. He also noted the appearance of author Patti Callahan Henry to discuss her book The Bookshop at Water's End on August 3rd.

Councilman Garruzzo reminded the public that August 8th the Police & Board of Recreation would be conducting the annual Night Out Against Crime event. The event was family oriented and would feature games, hot dogs and hamburgers, and a variety of family oriented activities. He called it a great opportunity for residents to meet their police officers.

Councilman Shaak noted that a sink hole had appeared on Higgins Avenue by the Auto Repair Shop; he believed that the cause was the failure of a water main and the matter would be investigated in the morning.

Councilman Visceglia having no report the meeting was open to the public and the Chair recognized Dawn Kologi, 3 S. Tamarack Road, who called into question the conduct of the Code Enforcement Officer who she called, among other epithets, a bully and a Nazi.

The substance of her complaint was that, on February 19th of this year, Ms. Kologi, a realtor, was holding an open house and had a "feather sign" that was prohibited by ordinance. She was told by the Code Enforcement to remove it within ten minutes, before she could affect the removal, since two potential buyers had entered the house and, as she would later tell to Councilman Gianforte, she took care of business first. As a result, when the Code Enforcement Officer returned, according to her statement with flashing lights, he left his vehicle, pulled down the flag, left it on the lawn, and threatened her with summonses. In the event none was issued.

Ms. Kologi noted that a tour of the Borough on February 26th saw many flags and balloons, also forbidden by ordinance, on display at six separate locations, yet apparently nothing was done.

On July 15th she and an un-named co-real estate agent, were showing a home where the owner had place a flag adjacent to their allowed sign that said LOOK. Code Enforcement contacted the co-realtor and told her she had ten minutes to remove the flag. According to Ms. Kologi she was intimidated and drove to the site to remove it. Ms. Kologi called the officer to advise that the flag was not hers, but he allegedly refused to listen. Subsequently, he advised the homeowner that if they had a receipt to show that they had purchased the flag, no violation would be noted.

Ms. Kologi wanted to know where in the ordinance he had the authority to make that determination. She also wanted to know who he reported to and, since the Code Enforcement Officer was present she wanted him to respond to her charges.

Attorney Montenegro explained that the matter would have to be investigated by Council and the employee was subject to a Rice Notice and had the right to a hearing in public or in executive session. He advised Ms. Kologi to put her complains in writing and to be specific so that the matter could be investigated.

Councilman Garruzzo advised that she could forward her letter to his attention. She asked for the municipal e-mail address and was advised that it was on the web.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm on a motion by Councilman Shaak seconded by Councilman Nolan.

Approved: August 14th, 2017 _____
Thomas F. Nolan
Municipal Clerk
Resolution No.: 17-65-A
Date: May 9th, 2016

Resolution of the Borough of Brielle

Whereas, James Aridas has demonstrated the ability and qualifications required to serve as a Probationary Police Officer,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that James Aridas is appointed a Probationary Patrolman for the Borough of Brielle, effective as of July 24th, 2017.

Vote: Council members Garruzzo, Gianforte, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye. No nays. Passed.
Absent: None

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing is a true copy of a resolution approved by the Brielle Mayor & Council at a meeting held on July 24th, 2017.

Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Brielle this 25th day of July 2016.

SEAL

Thomas F. Nolan
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.: 17-65-B
Date: July 24th, 2017

Resolution of the Borough of Brielle

Whereas, Brandon Cusack has demonstrated the ability and qualifications required to serve as a Probationary Police Officer,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that Brandon Cusack is appointed a Probationary Patrolman for the Borough of Brielle, effective as of July 24th, 2017.

Vote: Council members Garruzzo, Gianforte, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye. No nays. Passed.
Absent: None

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