

MINUTES October 14th, 2019 WORK SESSION

START: 7:30 PM

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN SHAAK

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 then opened the Work Session in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and recognized the Administrator who reported on the Borough's "Best Practice Report". The Borough had scored points. A minimum of thirty points were required to ensure that there would be no loss of state aid.

The report had been copied to Mayor & Council and he asked if any member of the Governing Body had any questions?

Mayor Nicol then read a Proclamation (see insertion).

WHEREAS, The TEARS Foundation is a non-profit organization that wants to lift the financial and emotional burdens from families who have lost a baby. Generous donations from the community help fund the supportive programs available to newly bereaved families; and

WHEREAS, since inception, the foundation has helped thousands of families, both financially and emotionally, providing support services as well as compassionately lifting a financial burden from families by providing funds to assist with the cost of burial or cremation services, believing every parent should have access to bereavement support, in the form of grief support groups, peer companions and online support forums, and every baby's life deserves to be honored and memorialized in accordance with the grieving parents' wishes; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, President Reagan designated October as National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, to pursue this mission to bring support for hurting families, the New Jersey Chapter of the TEARS Foundation has announced the #BreakTheSilence campaign to attain this important goal.

Now Therefore, be it Proclaimed, that October 2019 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month in the Borough and urge all employees and residents to join The TEARS Foundation in observing this event.

There being no questions from Council or the public, the work session was adjourned at 7:36 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Nolan.

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START: 7:37 P.M.

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN SHAAK

Following the announcement on recording devices, Mayor Nicol asked for a moment of silent prayer, a salute to the flag and a roll call.

Mayor Nicol then asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 23rd Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Gorham seconded by Councilman Nolan; all aye; no nays. Passed.

Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 19-75 for passage of the Consent Agenda.

Resolution:

- A. (See insertion)
- B. (See insertion)
- C. (see insertion)
- D. To authorize a credit, in the amount of \$436.40, to Tax Account for Block 86, Lot 4.
- E. To authorize the Mayor & Clerk to execute a memorandum of Agreement with P.B.A. Local #395

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

Councilman Visceglia seconded by Councilman Gorham introduced Resolution 19-76 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 14th, 2019, as reviewed by the Finance Committee and as listed on the Resolution and the Computer Bill List amended thereto. Vote: Council Members Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan & Visceglia: all aye. No nays. Passed

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

Councilman Nolan cited the Asbury Park Press's finding that the Brielle Library was #1 in Monmouth County for the third year in a row. On October 20th @ 1:00pm Fiona Davis presents The Chelsea Girls. The price is \$35.00 for the Book and Event that features a wine and cheese party with the author.

Turning to Recreation, Councilman Nolan advised that Biddy Basketball Sign-ups would begin on November 4th. Registration is on-line at the recreation Website. Councilman Nolan also reminded those assembled that the Boy Scout Annual Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner would be held at the Fire House on Saturday, October 19th. Mr. Garruzzo would be cooking and Councilman Garruzzo would be in attendance as well.

Councilman Garruzzo advised that following the August on-site assessment, the Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission of the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police convened on October 10th to review the Final Assessment for the Brielle Police Department. The accreditation process enables a Police Department to improve overall performance by the adoption of standards that contain a clear statement of professional objectives. The Brielle Police have conducted a self-analysis to determine how existing operations can be adapted to meet these objectives. A team of trained assessors verifies that the applicable standards have been implemented. Accreditation status is a significant professional achievement. Councilman Garruzzo added that the accreditation was valid for three years.

Chief Olsen is proud to report that the Brielle Police Department has met or exceeded all applicable accreditation standards. Chief Olsen wishes to acknowledge the work and dedication of his officers and in particular Lieutenant Michael Mechler, the Accreditation manager whose unwavering support and commitment saw the process through.

Councilman Garruzzo also offered praise for the Recreation Fall Festival and thanked all the participants. He also cited the Chili & Chowder event and noted the Mayor's active participation in the sampling.

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

There being no further comments, the meeting was closed on a motion by Councilman Nolan seconded by Councilman Gianforte at 7:39pm.

Approved: October 28th, 2019

Thomas F. Nolan
Municipal Clerk.

Resolution No.: 19-75-A
Date: October 14th, 2019

Resolution of the Borough of Brielle

Be it resolved, that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a Full-Service Contract, for the provision of Online Auction Services with US GOV BID, P.O. Box 1216, Eatontown, NJ. 07724.

Certification

The foregoing is a true copy of a resolution approved by The Mayor and Council at meeting held on October 14th, 2019.

Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Brielle this 15th day of October 2019.

Thomas F. Nolan
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.: 19-75-B

Date: October 14th, 2019

Resolution of the Borough of Brielle

WHEREAS, there are escrow accounts for work done at the following properties and refunds can be issued:

Block 22.01 Lot 7, Joseph Carannante Associates, 635 Agnes Avenue, escrow balance \$1,550.00
Block 22.01 Lot 19, Christopher Dorko, 609 Agnes Avenue, escrow balance \$2,156.88
Block 23.01 Lot 6, Aaron & Company, 7-9 Union Avenue, escrow balance \$2,880.00
Block 47.01 Lot 14, Denise Cerone, 318 Woodland Avenue, escrow balance \$2,287.60
Block 66.02 Lot 8, Gregory & Kathleen Mooney, 706 Schoolhouse Rd, escrow balance \$1,649.50
Block 69.01, Lot 11, Larry Salvatoriello, 601 Locust Road, escrow balance \$2,710.00
Block 85 Lot 3, Brielle Landing Condo Assn., Ashley Avenue, escrow balance \$259.78
Block 86 Lot 6, Lillu, Inc. (Brielle Basin, Inc.), 800 Ashley Avenue, escrow balance \$655.02

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the amounts be refunded, and checks be drawn, as shown above, to close out these charges.

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Thomas F. Nolan
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Resolution No.: 19-75-C

Date: October 14th, 2019

Resolution to urge voters to support the referendum on the election ballot in November, so that veterans or widowed spouses of veterans who reside in continuing care retirement communities (CCRC) will be eligible for property tax deduction

WHEREAS, the State Constitution for New Jersey authorizes veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who served in active duty during war and other times of emergency to receive a property tax deduction, in the amount of \$250 per year, in well-deserved recognition of their service to our country; and

WHEREAS, veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside in Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) have been unfairly denied eligibility for the \$250 property tax deduction because they do not own their units, even though they instead contribute to property taxes through a monthly payment, and even though they have made the same sacrifices as all veterans in our great country; and

WHEREAS, there are twenty-five CCRCs in the State which collectively house approximately 2,500 veterans or widowed spouses who are being denied the property tax deduction, including; and

WHEREAS, Senator Vin Gopal has sponsored legislation (S1331), that has been approved by the Senate and General Assembly, to extend the deduction to veterans and their widowed spouses in CCRCs;

WHEREAS, the extension of the deduction, because it requires an amendment to the State Constitution, must be approved by the voters at the ballot in November before it will become valid and effective; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council now desire to memorialize their support of the referendum on the ballot in November, and to urge the voters of this State to vote in favor of the property tax deduction for veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside in CCRCs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Brielle urges voters to support the referendum on the ballot in November 2019, so that veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside in Continuing Care Retirement Communities ("CCRC") will be eligible for the \$250 property tax deduction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council believes that this small benefit to our veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside CCRCs is a proper and warranted acknowledgment of the tremendous sacrifices that veterans have given to

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Thomas F. Nolan
Municipal Clerk