

MINUTES FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 WORK SESSION

START: 7:30 PM

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

ABSENT: NONE

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 advised the Council that bids for the construction of the Old Bridge Water Tank would be received on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> the Borough would clear the area adjacent to the tank site as part of a temporary construction easement being granted to the Borough by the Manasquan River Golf Club. The area would be restored in compliance with the Club's specifications. The area to be cleared had been approved by Freehold Soil Conservation and the NJDEP, with the NJDEP's proviso that the work be done prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> as that date marked the beginning of the nested period for birds

Mayor Nicol then read the following Proclamation (see insertion).

Whereas, the Brielle Elementary School Girls Soccer Team took first place in the American Division and went on to become the overall MCAL League Champions with a record of Fourteen Wins and No Loses. and

Whereas, this was the second time in the past two years that the Girls Soccer Team posted an undefeated season, and

Whereas, in addition to their accomplishment of winning the MCAL League Championship, the Girls Team went on to win the Saint Rose Run for the Roses Soccer Tournament, and

Whereas, such an achievement is worthy of recognition by the entire community.

Now Therefore Be Proclaimed, that Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be observed throughout the Borough of Brielle as Brielle Elementary School Girls Soccer Team Day and each of the following team members are hereby recognized:

Carleigh Feeney	Erin Marsh
Logan McCarthy	Gwendolyn O'Connor
Alexandra Stamos	Allison Walther
Sophia Evans	Mallory Grecsek
Cassidy Murray	Finley Nielsen
Elin Olenyik	Olivia Popovitch
Gia Restivo	Jillian Turak
Bianca Chiarella	Julianna Farinacci
Madeline Johnson	Lily McKiever
Katherine Noe	Kali Saito

The Chair then recognized Eagle Scout candidate Gary Hendricks, who advised Council of his project to upgrade the municipal flag display in front of Borough Hall and the Brielle Elementary School. Due to construction and simple wear and tear many of the flag holders are now missing. The project envisions both the repair and replacement, as needed, of the holders. Six flags would be added to the current configuration before Borough Hall and an additional eight flags at the Elementary School. Mayor and Council complemented Mr. Hendricks on his project and gave their blessing and permission to proceed.

There being no questions from Council or the Public, the work session was adjourned at 7:44pm on a motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Nolan.

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

ABSENT: NONE

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 February 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Garruzzo, all aye; no nays. Passed. (Councilmen Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia abstained)

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 20-25 for Passage of the Consent Agenda.

Resolution:

- A. To authorize Waypoint 622 to sponsor a .5K Race from 403 Higgins Avenue to 622 Green Avenue on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- B. To accept a quote from Falkinburg Tree for the removal of trees from a construction easement at the site of the Old Bridge Water Tank, in the amount of \$29,500.00.
- C. To approve the MS Coast to Coast Bike Ride passing through Brielle on May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- D. To authorize the Mayor & Clerk to execute a Temporary Construction Easement between the Borough of Brielle and the Manasquan River Gold Club.

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

Councilman Visceglia seconded by Councilman Gorham introduced Resolution 20-26 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 February 24<sup>th</sup>, 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, Shaak & Visceglia: all aye. No nays. Passed

Mayor Nicol then announced that the time had arrived for a hearing and further consideration of 'AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER NINE OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BRIELLE ENTITLED "BUILDING & HOUSING"'.

The hearing was opened on a motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Gorham.

The Administrator explained that the ordinance brought the Borough into compliance with changes to the State Code on fire prevention devices.

The hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Nolan.

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan introduced Resolution 20-27 for passage on final reading. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye. No nays. Passed.

On a motion by Councilman Gorham seconded by Councilman Gianforte, Resolution 20-28 was introduced to authorize publication of passage and adoption in the Coast Star according to law. Vote: Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all aye. No nays. Passed.

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

Councilman Nolan advised that the Library would conduct a Cognitive Health Class on Mondays January 13<sup>th</sup> through March 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:30 to 11:00am. The Library would also hold a Noah's Ark workshop on February 25<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 to 4:00pm. The Library would also host authors Brenda Janowitz & Kerri Maher on March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm. Tickets were required.

Turning to Recreation, the Councilman advised that the annual North vs. South competition would take place in Brielle Park on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Nolan added that the annual Snow Man contest was pending.

Councilman Garruzzo having no report, Councilman Shaak noted the DPW had benefit greatly from the lack of snow and cited the savings to the Borough in terms of sand, salt, brine and manpower.

Councilmen Gorham and Visceglia having no reports, the meeting was open to the public. James Lloyd, Ocean Avenue inquired as to status of paving for Union Lane and Fisk Avenue.

Councilman Shaak informed him that Union Lane was scheduled to be paved this year from Route #71 to Green Avenue. Fisk Avenue was pending the completion of the proposed County Bridge project, as it would be counterproductive to pave a road that would soon be torn up by construction equipment utilizing it as access to the bridge site.

Mr. Lloyd also asked about the railroad crossing on Green Avenue. Both Councilmen Shaak & Nolan sited their interaction with Assemblymen Kean & Thompson, as the area was under the jurisdiction of New Jersey Transit. The State had taken the matter under advisement.

Councilman Gianforte noted that, although it was a state matter, residents should feel free to contact their state representatives as the more calls they receive the quicker action could be expected.

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The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Gorham at 8:01 pm.

Approved: March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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Thomas F. Nolan  
Municipal Clerk