

MINUTES May 10th, 2021

START: 6:00 PM

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

ABSENT: NONE

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 the Mayor began the Regular Meeting. Mayor Nicol 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 April 26th, 2021 Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Shaak, all aye, no nays. Passed.

The Mayor then announced that the time had arrived for a hearing on the proposed 2021 Municipal Budget. The hearing was opened on a motion by Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Gorham.

Finance Chairman Visceglia stated that the budget, in the amount of \$9,890, 746.27, of which \$7,131,045.83 would be raised by municipal taxation, represented a tax increase of less than a penny. The increase was necessary to ensure the continued provision of municipal services at a level the Brielle Residents both deserved and expected. The Finance Committee had worked diligently to craft a budget that they believed to be in the best interest of the taxpayers.

There being no further comments from Council or the Public, the hearing was adjourned on a motion by Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan.

Councilman Visceglia, seconded by Councilman Gorham introduced Resolution 21-68 for passage of the 2021 Municipal Budget (see insertion). Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Gianforte introduced Resolution 21-69 for Passage of the Consent Agenda.

Resolution:

- A. (see insertion).
- B. (see insertion).
- C. To authorize an "On-Line" Public Auction of surplus municipal equipment in compliance with N.J.S.A.40A:11-36.

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

Councilman Visceglia seconded by Councilman Gorham, introduced Resolution 21-70 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 10th, 2021, as reviewed by the Finance Committee and as listed on the Resolution and the Computer Bill List amended thereto. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. Passed.

Mayor Nicol then announced that the time had arrived for a hearing and further consideration of "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, APPROPRIATING \$485,000.00 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$460,750.00 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF BRIELLE, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY.

The hearing was opened on motion by Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan.

The Administrator explained that the ordinance would permit the Borough to implement the Capital portion of the budget adopted earlier this evening.

There being no comments from Council or the Public, the hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Gianforte seconded by Councilman Shaak.

Councilman Garruzzo seconded by Councilman Nolan, introduced Resolution 21-71 for passage on second and final reading of the foregoing Bond Ordinance. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

Councilman Gorham seconded by Councilman Shaak introduced Resolution 21-72 to authorize publication of passage and adoption in the Coast Star in compliance with Local Bond Law. Vote: Councilmen Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak & Visceglia; all ayes. No nays. Passed.

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

Councilman Nolan advised that the Library had selected a new Librarian, Janet Torsney. Councilman Nolan announced Recreation had over 460 participants registered for North vs South, a sports challenge to raise money for Brielle families. Councilman Nolan read a letter from the environmental commission (see insertion).

Councilman Garruzzo advised that he had no report.

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Councilman Shaak noted that bulk pick up would be during the week of May 24th on their regular garbage day.

Councilmen Gorham & Visceglia had no reports.

There being no further public comment, the public portion and meeting were adjourned at 6:14 pm on a motion by Councilman Garruzzo, seconded by Councilman Gorham.

Approved: May 24th, 2021

Carol Baran
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.: 21-68
Date: May 10th, 2021

Resolution of the Borough of Brielle

Be It Resolved, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Brielle, County of Monmouth that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated and the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$9,890,746.27 for municipal purposes.

Vote: Councilman Garruzzo, Gianforte, Gorham, Nolan, Shaak and Visceglia; all ayes. No nays.
Absent: none Passed.

Certification

The foregoing is a true copy of a resolution approved by The Mayor and Council at meeting held on May 10th, 2021.

Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Brielle this 11th day of May 2021.

Carol Baran
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No: 21-68-A
Date: May 10th, 2021

BOROUGH OF BRIELLE
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2021 was approved on the 11th of May, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been advertised, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Brielle, County of Monmouth, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2021 be made

Recorded Vote:

Ayes: Councilman Garruzzo
Councilman Gianforte
Councilman Gorham
Councilman Nolan
Councilman Shaak
Councilman Visceglia

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

From

To

Current Fund Appropriations:

Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures –

Municipal within “CAPS”

Statutory Expenditures:

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| Social Security System (OAS.I.) | \$262,000.00 | 261,976.00 |
| Police and Firemen's Retirement System of NJ | \$563,722.00 | 563,746.00 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that three certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services for his certification of the local municipal budget so amended.

It is certified that this is a true copy of a resolution amending the budget, adopted by the governing body on the 11th day of May 2021.

Certified by me

May 11, 2021

Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.: 21-69-A
Date: May 10th, 2021

Resolution of the Borough of Brielle

Whereas, on March 19th, 2021, the Borough of Brielle did receive four bids for the provision of a Pickle Ball Courts and Park Improvements to Brielle Park, and

Whereas, the bids received were in excess of the Engineer's estimated cost and in excess of the amount appropriated for the completion of the project.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the four bids received for the provision of Pickle Ball Courts and Park Improvements to Brielle Park are hereby rejected due to the inadequacy of funds, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to return the bid bonds and consents of surety received from the bidders.

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Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Brielle this 11th day of May 2021.

Carol Baran
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No.: 21-69-C
Date: May 10th, 2021

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.

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Carol Baran
Municipal Clerk

It is the Brielle's governing body and the Environmental Commissions' intent to educate and bring awareness to the public of the natural resources Nienstedt Island (aka Treasure Island) offers and the precarious state those natural resources are in. As the governing body knows there has been an ordinance in place outlining restrictions of use on the island. The main purpose of the ordinance is to "protect and preserve that natural state of the terrain and vegetation of the island while allowing for the enjoyment of those surroundings by the general public" (13-4.1c).

We are all aware of the natural resources of the island. Visitors can catch a glimpse of some threatened and endangered species such oyster catchers, blue herons, black skimmers, belted king fisher, yellow crown night herons. In the water are horseshoe crabs and you might even catch a glimpse of otters.

It is exciting to catch a glimpse of these national treasures, but they are protected and with that comes our own responsibilities to protect and preserve them. Just this past weekend, it has been witnessed people destroying the last oyster catcher nest on the island. The popularity of the island as a spot for anchoring or beaching has threatened the existence of these species.

Considering the boating season that is fast approaching and pursuant to the ordinance we would like to remind the public that certain activities that occur on or near the island directly threaten the natural state of the terrain and vegetation which puts harm on those creatures that depend on it for survival. Not to mention these activities are out right prohibited.

- No dogs or any other domestic animal shall be permitted on the Island due to the environmentally sensitive nature of the area ((13-4.5b) – Dogs are not allowed for reasons that should be obvious but might need to be listed. They attack the nesting wildlife and irresponsible owners don't pick up feces.
- No fires are allowed except under permission of Borough Fire Official (13-4.4j).
- No person shall damage, cut, remove trees or any vegetation from the Island. It seems a common practice to drag large branches or dig up root balls and carry them off the Island. The Island is in constant state of erosion and it is the vegetation that holds the erosion at bay.
- Vessels that beach their boat are particularly destructive to the water's edge. When beached, the hull and the engines erode and churn the sand which is sensitive habitat for spawning horseshoe crabs.
- No loud music (13-4.4e) and smoking (13-4.4k) is specifically prohibited. The species on the island are very sensitive to human interaction.

We want Nienstedt Island to be enjoyed for generations to come. It is a delicate ecosystem that is threatened by our very use. We can enjoy this natural resource if we all keep in mind how vulnerable it is and conduct ourselves with care, conservation, and protection. We hope to make the public aware of recent activities that are destructive to the natural environment. It should be everybody's responsibility to protect and preserve this resource for generations to come.