

Mayor & Borough Council Meeting Minutes
Community Center – 22 Snug Harbor – Highlands
Wednesday, April 18th 2018
7:00pm

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Call to Order
Meeting Statement
Roll Call

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:00PM

Personnel: Sewer Plant Strategic Planning

REGULAR MEETING: 8:00PM

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Consent Agenda

R-18-095 Authorize Payment of the Bills
R-18-096 Permitting One Hour Extension of Notice Ordinance Provisions on 6/1/18 for Bonfire
R-18-097 Approval of Memorial Bench in Ederle Park in Honor of Dodie Bower

Resolutions

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R-18-099 Request Six Month Extension from NJDOT for Award of Improvements to Valley Street
R-18-100 2018 Municipal Budget Adoption
R-18-101 Authorize Promotion of Sergeant George Roxby to Captain
R-18-102 Appoint Alternative C2 Operator

Ordinances: Introduction & First Reading

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Ordinances: Public Hearing & Possible Adoption

O-18-08 Add Chapters 4-14 AND 4-15 Concerning Short Term Rentals & Bonds for Damage
O-18-09 Amend Section 7-3.5 to Restrict Parking Near Municipal Buildings on Shore Drive
O-18-10 Amend Schedule A of the 2018 Salary Ordinance

Other Business:

Town Appearance Issues
Engineer's Report
Administrator's Report
Police Chief's Report

Public Comments:

Adjourn

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Pledge of Allegiance was led Mayor O'Neil.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Braswell, Broullon, D'Arrigo, Ryan & Mayor O'Neil

Absent: None

Also Present: Andrew Ball, Borough Attorney
Bonnie Brookes, Borough Clerk

Resolution to enter Executive Session

A motion to enter Executive Session was offered by Councilmember Broullon and seconded by Councilmember D'Arrigo.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Councilmembers Braswell, Broullon, D'Arrigo, Ryan & O'Neil (5)

NAY: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

The Resolution to enter Executive Session was properly approved.

Executive Session was entered at 7:05pm.

REGULAR MEETING:

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ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Braswell, Broullon, D'Arrigo, Ryan & Mayor O'Neil

Absent: None

Also Present: Andrew Ball, Borough Attorney
Bonnie Brookes, Borough Clerk
Kim Gonzales, Borough Administrator
Ed Herrman, Borough Engineer

Consent Agenda

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R-18-096 Permitting One Hour Extension of Notice Ordinance Provisions on 6/1/18 for Bonfire

R-18-097 Approval of Memorial Bench in Ederle Park in Honor of Dodie Bower

Councilmember Broullon motioned to approve the consent agenda which was seconded by Mayor O'Neil.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Councilmembers Braswell, Broullon, D'Arrigo, Ryan & Mayor O'Neil (5)

NAY: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

The consent agenda has been properly approved.

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Resolutions

R-18-098 Approval of 2017 LOSAP Contributions

Councilmember Broullon motioned to approve Resolution 18-098 which was seconded by Mayor O'Neil.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Councilmembers Braswell, Broullon, D'Arrigo, Ryan & Mayor O'Neil (5)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)
ABSTAIN: None (0)

Resolution 18-098 has been properly approved.

R-18-099 Request Six Month Extension from NJDOT for Award of Improvements to Valley Street

Mayor O'Neil motioned to approve Resolution 18-099 which was seconded by Councilmember Broullon.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Councilmembers Braswell, Broullon, D'Arrigo, Ryan & Mayor O'Neil (5)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)
ABSTAIN: None (0)

Resolution 18-099 has been properly approved.

R-18-100 2018 Municipal Budget Adoption

Mayor O'Neil opened the meeting to the public for comment on Resolution 18-100.

Pat DiBlasio, Chief Financial Officer, entered the meeting at 8:05pm.

Kim Skorka, Shore Drive, inquired when the budget was introduced. Councilmember Broullon provided her the date of introduction. Ms. Skorka inquired what this budget would do to the tax rate which Mr. DeBlasio explained.

Mayor O'Neil closed the meeting to the public. Mayor O'Neil motioned to approve Resolution 18-100 which was seconded by Councilmember Broullon.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Councilmembers Braswell, Broullon, Ryan & Mayor O'Neil (4)
NAY: Councilmember D'Arrigo (1)
ABSENT: None (0)
ABSTAIN: None (0)

Resolution 18-100 has been properly approved.

R-18-101 Authorize Promotion of Sergeant George Roxby to Captain

Councilmember Broullon motioned to approve Resolution 18-101 which was seconded by Mayor O'Neil.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Councilmembers Braswell, Broullon, D'Arrigo, Ryan & Mayor O'Neil (5)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)
ABSTAIN: None (0)

Resolution 18-101 has been properly approved.

R-18-102 Appoint Alternative C2 Operator

Mayor O'Neil motioned to approve Resolution 18-102 which was seconded by Councilmember Broullon.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Councilmembers Braswell, Broullon, D'Arrigo, Ryan & Mayor O'Neil (5)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)
ABSTAIN: None (0)

Resolution 18-102 has been properly approved.

Councilmember Broullon motioned to return Resolution 18-90, Rescinding R-17-083 which Declined to Issue a Letter of Support to the Army Corp of Engineers & Rejected the Coastal Storm Risk Management Project, to the table for a vote at tonight's meeting which was seconded by Councilmember D'Arrigo.

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The Council discussed what an affirmative or negative vote would mean for this resolution in addition to their individual opinions and the details of correspondence received. Carol Bucco tried to comment on the resolution and it was explained that the meeting was not open to the public at this time. Mr. Ball explained to the Council what their votes would mean.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Councilmembers Braswell, Broullon, D'Arrigo (3)

NAY: Councilmember Ryan & Mayor O'Neil (2)

ABSENT: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

Resolution 18-090 was properly returned to the table for consideration.

R-18-90 Rescind R-17-083 which Declined to Issue a Letter of Support to the Army Corp of Engineers & Rejected the Coastal Storm Risk Management Project

Ms. Brookes read the resolution into the record. The Council discussed the merits along with the details of what the resolution was committing the Borough to. Councilmember D'Arrigo read the letter from the NJ DEP into the records. Ms. Gonzales explained the difference between the feasibility study and the project. The Council continued to discuss. Councilmember Broullon motioned to approve Resolution 18-090 which was seconded by Councilmember D'Arrigo.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: None (0)

NAY: Councilmembers Braswell, Broullon & D'Arrigo (3)

ABSENT: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Ryan & Mayor O'Neil (2)

Resolution 18-090 was not properly approved.

Ordinance: Introduction & First Reading

O-18-11 Renaming Lighthouse Point Road to Paradise Lane

Mayor O'Neil motioned to introduce Ordinance O-18-11 which was seconded by Councilmember Broullon.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Councilmembers Braswell, Broullon, D'Arrigo, Ryan & Mayor O'Neil (5)

NAY: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

Ordinance 18-11 has been properly introduced and a public hearing will be held on May 2nd 2018.

Ordinances: Public Hearing & Possible Adoption

O-18-08 Add Chapters 4-14 & 4-15 Concerning Short Term Rentals & Bonds for Damage

Mayor O'Neil opened the meeting to a public hearing on Ordinance 18-08.

Kim Skorka, Shore Drive, inquired how this ordinance was going to be enforced.

Mayor O'Neil closed the meeting to the public. Councilmember Broullon motioned to adopt Ordinance 18-08 which was seconded by Councilmember Ryan.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Councilmembers Braswell, Broullon, D'Arrigo, Ryan & Mayor O'Neil (5)

NAY: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

Ordinance 18-08 has been properly adopted.

O-18-09 Amend Section 7-3.5 to Restrict Parking Near Municipal Buildings on Shore Drive

Mayor O'Neil opened the meeting to a public hearing on Ordinance 18-08. Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak, Mayor O'Neil closed the meeting to the public. Mayor O'Neil motioned to adopt Ordinance 18-09 which was seconded by Councilmember Ryan.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Councilmembers Braswell, Broullon, D'Arrigo, Ryan & Mayor O'Neil (5)

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NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)
ABSTAIN: None (0)

Ordinance 18-09 has been properly adopted.

O-18-10 Amend Schedule A of the 2018 Salary Ordinance

Mayor O'Neil opened the meeting to a public hearing on Ordinance 18-09. Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak, Mayor O'Neil closed the meeting to the public. Councilmember Ryan noted that there was a need to amend Ordinance 18-10, changing \$8.00 to \$8.65 (minimal wage). Mr. Ball explained why this was not needed. Councilmember Broullon motioned to adopt Ordinance 18-10 which was seconded by Councilmember Ryan.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Councilmembers Braswell, Broullon, Ryan & Mayor O'Neil (4)
NAY: Councilmember D'Arrigo (1)
ABSENT: None (0)
ABSTAIN: None (0)

Ordinance 18-10 has been properly adopted.

Other Business

Town Appearance Issues

Councilmember Ryan noted that there were many things going on in the Borough to make sure properties are clean and summons are issued if they do not comply.

Engineer's Report

Updated the public on the 2017 Road Improvement Project, the Shore Drive Pump bids, Veterans' Park electricity, and various grants along with other ongoing projects. Ms. Gonzales questioned the lead time needed for the pump order which Mr. Herrman explained. Councilmember Braswell noted the benefits of the new pump.

Administrator's Report

Ms. Gonzales stated that Tideflex valves had been delivered and updated the public on Portland Road. She announced summer concerts, Earth Day events, and the shredding event.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Burton noted that the Police Department had updated their website and that they received a grant for distracted driving enforcement. He noted that he wanted to have a town hall meeting to introduce all the new officers. Mayor O'Neil stated that she would like to have court employees involved.

Public Comment

Mayor O'Neil opened the meeting to the public.

Carol Bucco, Shore Drive, explained the history of the NJ DEP getting involved with the ACE project. She stated why she thought this issue was resurrected. Ms. Bucco also noted that the recordings were hard to listen to on YouTube and asked the Council to speak into the microphone.

Robert Zilinski, Portland Road, noted that he was here with neighbors and appreciated the Mayor and Administrator coming out. He provided the Council with photos showing the drainage issues on Portland Road explaining each. Ms. Gonzales explained how the Borough proposed to correct the problem.

Mark Zill, Portland Road, questioned if there was a timeline for Portland Road.

Ms. Rodlansky, Portland Road, asked Ms. Gonzales to clarify the plan for repairs which she did. Mayor O'Neil asked Mr. Zilinski to be the point person for the neighbors which he agreed to.

Tina Krammerer, Linden Road, questioned by Resolution 18-90 was not on the agenda which Mayor O'Neil explained. Ms. Krammerer stated that the sea wall would be everyone's problems due to the tax burden it could create and noted that she has never seen Monmouth Hills held accountable for their part of the flooding issue. Ms. Gonzales noted that she is working on the Monmouth Hills issue.

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Yianni Digaletos, Valley Avenue, explained that the pothole the Borough fixed last year is a problem again. He also noted that there is a flooding problem because the road was not properly graded and that the “Dead End” sign needs to be moved to the entrance of the street. Councilmember Broullon acknowledged that the Council is actively trying to solve the flooding issue in the Borough.

Kim Skorka, Shore Drive, stated that she is neither against or for the wall but it for information. She stated that the drama with Resolution 18-090 was ridiculous. She also asked the Council to spend more time on slope stabilization.

Marino Digaletos, Central Avenue, commented on a sink hole that was not properly fixed by the State and asked for the Borough to oversee the State to make sure it is corrected. He also recommended the Council send Monmouth hills a cease and desist letter.

Annamarie Tierney, Shrewsbury Avenue, commented that Windansea had withdrawn their application from the Land Use Board and inquired if a public lot could be used for a private purpose. Mayor O’Neil explained that it was the applicant’s choice to withdraw. Ms. Tierney discussed the lease of the parking lot with the Council. She told the Council that she wanted resident only parking on Shrewsbury Avenue. Mayor O’Neil discussed with Ms. Tierney Windansea’s plans for entertainment. Ms. Tierney vocalized her displeasure with the Mayor and Council stating that they do not want to help their neighborhood.

Steve Solop, Bay Avenue, asked about the business survey. Councilmember Broullon noted that they needed additional responses to get an accurate sample. She noted that the Borough was also working on updated the Highlands Business Partnership (HBP) ordinance. Mr. Solop asked if the new ordinance was going to require them to be more inclusive explaining why he feels left out which Councilmember Broullon discussed with him.

Mayor O’Neil closed the meeting to the public.

Adjourn:

Mayor O’Neil motioned to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilmember D’Arrigo and approved by all present. The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 pm.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the Minutes of April 18th 2018 was made by Councilmember Ryan and seconded by Councilmember Broullon.

AYE: Councilmembers Braswell, Broullon, D’Arrigo, Ryan & Mayor O’Neil (5)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)
ABSTAIN: None (0)

I, Bonnie Brookes, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Highlands, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby certify this to be the action of the Governing Body at its meeting held September 5th 2018.

Approve: 
Richard W. O’Neil, Mayor

Attest: 
Bonnie Brookes RMC, Deputy Clerk