

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**April 27, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach was held in the council chamber on the above date.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Julie Schreck opened the meeting with a salute to the flag.

**Sunshine Law**

The meeting has been noticed publicly according to the Open Public Meetings Act requirement for "Annual Notice", and posted on the official bulletin board.

**Roll Call 6:33PM**

Present: Council: Cotler, Marchak, Engelstad, Galassetti  
Mayor Schreck  
Borough Attorney Patrick Diegnan  
Business Administrator O'Reilly  
Secretary: Municipal Clerk Mary Ann Solinski

**PRESENTATION**

Mayor Schreck gave a power point presentation of the Consolidated Feasibility Dispatch Shared Services Study funded by a state grant and performed by Intertech Associates of Freehold. The report found consolidation a favorable option for the towns involved; Avon, Belmar, Bradley Beach, Neptune City and Neptune Township and recommended moving dispatch services to Neptune Township's recently constructed dispatch center. The move for Bradley Beach could save taxpayers as much as \$514,000 over a five year period minus the up-front expenses estimated at \$70,000.00. The study was based upon police department statistics, input from the mayors and police personnel. The proposed consolidation was the least expensive and most favorable of three options. The other two options were to keep things as they are or to move dispatch operations to Monmouth County which has indicated that inability to accept any new services at present.

Councilman Engelstad stated that he had spent an hour observing the Borough dispatcher and noted that the dispatcher was busy every minute. He also said that he had visited Neptune's facility and that it is impressive. Although he had campaigned on shared services that make sense, this proposal as it currently exists has too many holes in it and does not make sufficient sense. Mr. Engelstad also reported that he has had discussions with neighboring towns about bringing their dispatch requirements to Bradley Beach and that he is cautiously optimistic that some progress can be made.

Many in the audience asked the Mayor why she is in favor of the plan with so many questions unanswered. She replied that she is trying to take advantage of any and all opportunities to share services. Mayor Schreck also stated that there will be a loss of state funding if any shared services does not occur. She also stated that it made sense to let people stay in their homes by slowing the growth of property taxes.

Many of the public comments focused on fears that police response time would increase and there are many hidden costs that will only be revealed in the future and that Neptune Township would benefit financially. Someone commented that Bradley Beach taxpayers would end up paying for Neptune Township's new building. Neptune Township Chief Financial Officer Michael Bascom and Neptune's Deputy Police Chief Adams informed the audience that the Neptune facility has a lot to offer and assured residents that all calls would be answered equitably by their dispatchers. They also stated additional dispatchers will be hired if the plan is adopted. Neptune already is a PSAP center for 911 calls which would no longer be received by Monmouth County 911 Center. Chief Adams invited the public to visit the site.

Belmar Mayor Kenneth Pringle stated that he has been looking into consolidating services for twenty years. He said that he has cut Belmar's municipal employees from a force of 94 to 65 and that his municipality has cut every where they can and are out of rabbits to pull out of a hat. He reminded everyone to keep in mind that the political climate in New Jersey is changing and predicted that next year municipalities will be hit with a 2.5 cent hard cap with no waivers.

Members of the Bradley Beach Police Department argued that contrary to the study findings, moving the department's dispatchers will not free up more officers to patrol. They stated that an officer with summer traffic or stopped at a railroad crossing for a train could lose valuable time simply returning to patrol in town and that also transferring a prisoner to Neptune could possibly leave the Borough unattended. Ptl Arnold also stated that the Bradley Beach Headquarters building underwent a \$2 million renovation to install a state of the art dispatch center in 2007. The center is capable of hosting dispatch services for another couple of towns. If the services are moved to Neptune, the borough taxpayers will continue to pay for the renovations in Bradley Beach headquarters and there will be a empty window where the dispatcher would sit with a phone to contact Neptune Township Dispatch Center as the officers will be on the road during their scheduled shifts. Mayor Schreck rebutted that the phone receiving the emergency call rings at the same time, whether its located in Bradley Beach or Neptune.

A recently retired Neptune police detective, Louis Cuevas stated that although he is proud to work in Neptune that the Neptune Police essentially have their hands full with recent spikes in crime at present. He also stated that the present dispatch in Neptune is organized chaos as they are extremely busy and suggested that Neptune may not be the best place to consolidate as if other calls are received they may have to wait for assistance.

Bradley Beach Lt. Fahnholz said that his department is not against shared services but that it is against this plan. He added that if the council votes to enter into an interlocal agreement, it would start consolidation. Members disputed information reported to Intertech which was inaccurate such as the number of calls along with other items. He noted that during the presentation a jailer would have to be hired and questioned the cost associated with that position. No answers were available at this time to that and other questions concerning cost

for changing radio and borough equipment to another frequency, cost of additional dispatchers, cost for hiring clerical personnel to assist the police officers in the department. Members of the volunteer first aid squad and fire department voiced their support to keep the dispatch services in Bradley Beach. Belmar Administrator Robin Kirk attempted to answer the questions by noting that several teams need to be formed in order to continue the study on additional information.

Mayor Schreck reminded the public that there is a five minute time limit on public comments.

Patti D'Andrea of Intertech advised that the next move would be for the police chiefs to meet and agree on steps to proceed. As the towns would come on board, the logistics would have to be worked out. Lt. Fahnholz noted that previously the police departments were scheduled to meet in Belmar but that the meeting did not occur as Belmar Administrator Kirk refused to leave the room in order for the Chief's to feel comfortable discussing the consolidation study. Members of the audience remained skeptical about moving forward feeling that there are many unanswered questions and that getting rid of dispatch would only be a first step as they fear the police would be next when there are many safety issues in the Borough and if it's a move to save costs why not look at the school and library.

Lt. Fahnholz stated that he has more questions that he wished to ask. Mayor Schreck stated that his time was up and that an opportunity to continue will be at the next public comment portion at the end of the meeting.

Councilman members supported having Bradley Beach become a lead agency since the Police Headquarters has state of the art communications equipment.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Council decided that all such requests a yoga lessons at the beachfront should be handled through the Recreation Department by using a standard form and that copies of activities applications should be filed with the Administrator.

Council tabled discussion on a Goose Control Proposal

Council was updated on the County's Season Shuttle and briefly discussed options for the new Garbage and Recycling contract. The Attorney advised that if changes are made that possibly the ordinance will have to be amended in order to comply with Council's wishes regarding Borough collection of materials.

Council reviewed energy proposal from Halo Energy Consulting, Liberty Power and Titan Energy.

Councilman Galassetti recommended permitting the Borough's First Aid Squad to purchase gasoline from Borough as the usage can be tracked by Public Works and the savings will benefit the squad.

Council reviewed a memo from Donald Clare, Director of Community Development requesting permission to hire a Seasonal Part-time Code Officer

**ITEMS ADDED**

On Motion by Galassetti/Cotler to permit the Bradley Beach First Aid Squad to purchase vehicle gasoline from the Borough.

On Motion by Schreck/ Galassetti to authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute a Hold Harmless Agreement with Kenneth Abeles, 106 Third Avenue.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE 2010-  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER III,  
PERSONNEL AND MORE PARTICULARLY SECTION 3-9.1 OFFICERS  
AND EMPLOYEES PAID A SPECIFIC SALARY**

ON MOTION by Schreck / Galassetti moved to adoption.  
ROLL CALL AYES: Cotler, Marchak, Engelstad, Galassetti, Schreck  
NAYS: None

**ADOPTED ORDINANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

On Motion by Schreck / Marchak approved Café Licenses  
The Perfect Perk I 602 Main Street  
La Hacienda 700 Main Street  
Fins 120 Main Street  
ROLL CALL AYES: Cotler, Marchak, Engelstad, Galassetti, Schreck  
NAYS: None

**APPROVED MOTION**

On Motion by Schreck / Galassetti approved a request from Christopher Delaney to use the LaReine Avenue beach for a wedding ceremony on August 8, 2010  
7:45am until 8:45am  
ROLL CALL AYES: Cotler, Marchak, Engelstad, Galassetti, Schreck  
NAYS: None

**APPROVED MOTION**

On Motion by Schreck / Galassetti tabled a request from Mollye Asher for permission to film a short thesis film scene between June 2-10<sup>th</sup> as the Borough needs more information.

ROLL CALL AYES: Cotler, Marchak, Engelstad, Galassetti, Schreck  
NAYS: None

APPROVED MOTION

## RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 43 **AUTHORIZES VOUCHER WARRANTS ON THE TREASURY FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS.**

ON MOTION by Schreck / Galassetti moved to adoption.

ROLL CALL AYES: Cotler, Marchak, Engelstad, Galassetti, Schreck  
NAYS: None

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION**

Resolution 44 **AUTHORIZES CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR A CONTRACT AWARDED TO ROOF DIAGNOSTICS, INC FOR THE BRADLEY BEACH LIBRARY ROOF REPLACEMENT**

ON MOTION by Schreck / Galassetti moved to adoption.

ROLL CALL AYES: Engelstad, Galassetti, Schreck  
NAYS: Cotler, Marchak

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION**

Council members Cotler and Marchak questioned why action is required by the governing body. Mayor Schreck stated that the item pertains to the Borough's oversight of the public building.

Councilwoman Marchak stated that there should be a set policy as the Library Board seems to be autonomous on making most of their decisions.

Resolution 45 **ENDORSES THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2009 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION TO NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BY RICHARD T. BIANCHI JR AND THAT ANY MONIES RECEIVED WILL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE RECYCLING TRUST FUND FOR PURPOSES OF RECYCLING ONLY.**

ON MOTION by Schreck / Cotler moved to adoption.

ROLL CALL AYES: Cotler, Marchak, Engelstad, Galassetti, Schreck

NAYS: None

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION.**

Resolution 46

**AUTHORIZES THE BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN CERTIFICATION GRANTING A SOCIAL AFFAIR SPECIAL PERMIT TO THE BRADLEY BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON JULY 18, 2010**

ON MOTION

by Schreck / Galassetti moved to adoption.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Cotler, Marchak, Engelstad, Galassetti, Schreck

NAYS: None

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION**

Resolution 47

**AUTHORIZES THE BOROUGH CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC AUCTION OF BIKES AND OTHER ITEMS ON MAY 8, 2010 WITH A RAIN DATE OF MAY 15, 2010**

ON MOTION

by Schreck / Marchak moved to adoption.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Cotler, Marchak, Engelstad, Galassetti, Schreck

NAYS: None

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION.**

Resolution 47A

**AUTHORIZES THE BOROUGH CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR A SEASONAL PART-TIME CODE OFFICER**

ON MOTION

by Schreck / Galassetti moved to adoption.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Cotler, Marchak, Engelstad, Galassetti, Schreck

NAYS: None

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION**

Resolution 47B

**AUTHORIZES THE BRADLEY BEACH FIRST AID SQUAD TO PURCHASE VEHICLE GASOLINE FROM THE BOROUGH**

ON MOTION

by Schreck / Galassetti moved to adoption.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Cotler, Marchak, Engelstad, Galassetti, Schreck

NAYS: None

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION.**

Resolution 48

**AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE A HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH KENNETH ABELES, 106 THIRD AVENUE, BLOCK 65 LOT 8.**

ON MOTION

by Schreck / Galassetti moved to adoption.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Cotler, Marchak, Engelstad, Galassetti, Schreck

NAYS: None

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Due to the Municipal Election on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, the next Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2010 Election Polls are open from 6AM until 8PM.

Sylvan Lake Commission's Annual Pizza Party from Vic's a one day home delivery of Vic's Pies will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2010. Forms are available at Borough Hall.

The Tour of the Town Garage Sale will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> rain date is May 16<sup>th</sup> forms are available at Borough Hall.

**REPORTS**

Councilman Cotler announced that the Walking Club will start this week on Saturday at 5:30pm. The Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary needs recipes for their cookbook.

Councilwoman Marchak thanked the public for attending this evenings meeting as Council needs to hear them voice their opinions. She also wished all the Council candidates the best of luck.

Councilman Engelstad announced that Council will discuss the defeated Council Budget at their May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mayor Schreck stated that Council will discuss fifteen minute parking on LaReine Avenue by the Bradley Village along with other traffic issues at the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mayor Schreck also announced that William Psiuk has been selected to be the Grand Marshall of the Memorial Day Parade.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Samantha Cotler said that she is terribly disappointed that the Mayor removed her from the Special Events Committee after she arranged to several performers to provide services at the Memorial Day Weekend Celebration after several months of planning. She read a lengthy statement about her volunteerism in town and the lack of respect she has received from Mayor Schreck. Ms. Cotler and Mayor Schreck exchanged accusations concerning the situation and disputing facts.

Many members of the audience showed support for Ms. Cotler having known her for her volunteerism in the Borough during the past. Wayne May stated that the Mayor has also insulted other individuals and volunteers of the town. The audience encouraged Ms. Cotler to continue volunteering in the future as many know her to be a very hard worker.

Brett Cotler distributed copies of the email exchanges between Ms. Cotler and Mayor Schreck which the Mayor accused Ms. Cotler of altering the documents.

Lt. Stephen Fahnholz said that earlier the Mayor stated that he could continue to ask questions about the feasibility study but that the people to whom he was directing his questions have left the meeting. Mayor Schreck said either he could ask the questions or give a copy of his questions to the Clerk for the record.

Chief Guida stated that the borough should be in sourcing not outsourcing in reference to utilizing the borough's state of the art communications system.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

ON MOTION                    by Schreck / Galassetti the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 PM.

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Mary Ann Solinski, RMC, CMC  
Municipal Clerk