

**Council Meeting
August 27, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held on the above date.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Mayor Filipek with the salute to the flag.

Members of Council attending the meeting: Mr. Sandrock, Mr. D'Angelo, Mr. Hagerty, Mr. Tregear, Mayor Filipek.

Absent: Mr. Duncan, Mr. Sauter.

Charles J. Sauter, III-Borough Clerk and Robert L. Messick-Solicitor in attendance.

Mayor Filipek called for a reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. D'Angelo moved to accept the minutes as presented and dispense with a reading of the same, seconded by Mr. Hagerty. All voted in favor.

Communications: None.

Mr. Sandrock- Spoke about the drainage project at Sauter Park, the project is 99% complete at this time. The Public Works Department helped with the removal of material that was of great help and time saving. The project will help not only the Sauter Park drainage project but also the ongoing problem with the homes on Bergen Avenue. The other ongoing project is for the wheelchair ADA accessibility to the Municipal Building. We have contacted a few vendors however they are only for wheelchair lifts, we are still pursuing an elevator that would be a much better fit for our needs. Mayor Filipek added to the report regarding the Sauter Park Drainage and that was to thank the Bellmawr Waterfront Development for taking the dirt for us.

Mr. D'Angelo- The Recreation Department just started the Coaches registration, you receive a cover page and you either complete or fail, each organization is running their own. The list will be posted on the website whoever passes. We have to thank the Highway Department for cleaning up and resurfacing the B hockey rink. I have talked to Mr. Duncan earlier about trying to get the Police Department to go back into the schools. We are working with the School District for example the Police having lunch with kids for interaction, not sure how we will handle Bell Oaks School, we do want to open the lines and show the Children they are not bad guys. I will keep everyone informed as to what is going to be done after I meet with Chief Walsh and his Officers. Just to let everyone know that after the presentation we had for AJ Gonzales who has the F.O.P. disease we sent letters to the Camden County towns who have not passed Resolutions supporting this cause and I would like to thank Runnemede, Pine Valley, and Mt. Laurel for doing so. Mayor Filipek added that he would like to have the Police also involved with adults since we lost Sgt. Swanson and Officer Narducci who worked the D.A.R.E. Program and worked very well with the Children and Parents.

Mr. Hagerty- The Grand Opening of Aldi will be on September 14th at 10:00AM. And Amerosio Bakery hopes to open before the Holidays.

Mr. Tregear- On the Finance side it has been a quiet month. Communications Division recently Mayor and Council adopted a Resolution regarding a Social Media Policy. From the Business Alliance side we welcome Aldi to Bellmawr. Later next week we will announce the dates for the 3rd and 4th quarter Business Alliance meeting dates and invitations will be sent. Thanks Chief Walsh and everyone who was involved with this years National Night Out, great job!

Mayor Filipek- Stated that the Bellmawr Pre-School is scheduled to open the first week of November.

Public Portion:

Mildred Vitale- 33 Junior Avenue- Inquired when they will be paving Junior Avenue, P.S.E.&G. Co. had two gas leaks and were repairing just their holes, stated how bad her street is. Mayor Filipek advised Mrs. Vitale to call the Borough Hall and ask for Chuck, he will call Joe Ciano and will know when your street is scheduled. She also has concerns about the traffic up and down her street with Aldi opening.

Charolette Tarantino- 133 Princeton Avenue- has lived in Bellmawr for 20 years and would like to know what is going on with the mountain of dirt on Creek Road as it is getting higher and higher. Mayor Filipek stated that we are fighting with the State, filing for State approval of roads and there is no contamination. I will tell you that I am here as Mayor to see the first building go up as I have been fighting this for the past 7 years. There are 7 businesses that would like to come to Bellmawr that you will be very happy with. It is proposed that Coolidge Avenue will be made into a 6 lane highway into the landfill. We did hire a Traffic Engineer to do a study for this project.

Deborah Magnin- 37 Junior Avenue- inquired about all the foreclosures in town, is there a plan to address this problem. Mayor Filipek responded if you see a property that needs to be cut or cleaned call the Borough Hall to report and the Recreation Department will take care of it and a lien will be placed against the property. Mrs. Magnin is concerned as a property owner and how many vacant homes in town. Mayor stated we had 220 homes and now down to 96. Also addressed was the property at 29 Junior Avenue is this a group home, there was no notifications received from the Borough. Mayor Filipek stated this could be a home for disabled Veterans as we do have one on Cardinal Drive, I will have this checked into and let you know, stated that this home was rehabbed about two years ago.

Sandra Valdez- 26 Chadwick Avenue- asked is it true that the Borough bought back the hockey field on Anderson Avenue from the School District, Mayor Filipek responded yes for \$1.00 as we have done all the work there anyway.

Mr. Hagerty- 240 Roberts Avenue- you are doing a good job keeping the grass cut along Creek Road, however the property at Bellmawr Truck Repair, Mayor stated he will have it checked tomorrow.

Dave Baxter- 325 Roberts Avenue- inquired about recent robberies on Chester and Oakland Avenues. Mayor did state they did arrest two people involved with robberies recently. Mr. Baxter asked if Mae Belle Apartments are Section 8, Mayor said yes they are.

RESOLUTION: #08:159-15 ADDING PRO RATED AMOUNT FOR 2015 TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250.00 DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE PROPERTY WAS SOLD AND WAS RECEIVING A SENIOR CITIZEN/DISABILITY DEDUCTION.

Moved by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Hagerty. All voted in favor.

RESOLUTION: #08:160-15 GRANTING ADJUSTMENT OF 2013, 2014 & 2015 TAXES FOR BLOCK 32, LOT 29 DUE TO APPEAL GRANTED BY THE TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY.

Moved by Mr. Hagerty, seconded by Mr. Tregear. All voted in favor.

RESOLUTION: #08:161-15 GRANTING ADJUSTMENT OF 2013 & 2014 TAXES FOR BLOCK 173.03, LOT 17 DUE TO APPEAL GRANTED BY THE TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY.

Moved by Mr. Tregear, seconded by Mr. Hagerty. All voted in favor.

RESOLUTION: #08:162-15 REFUNDING OVERPAYMENT FOR THIRD QUARTER 2015 TAXES FOR BLOCK 88, LOT 38 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,298.53.

RESOLUTION: #08:163-15 REFUNDING OVERPAYMENT FOR THIRD QUARTER 2015 TAXES FOR BLOCK 148, LOT 13 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,486.26.

Borough Clerk makes a Motion to accept Resolution #08:162-15 through #08:163-15.

Moved by Mr. Sandrock, seconded by Mr. Tregear. All voted in favor.

RESOLUTION: #08:164-15 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BELLMAWR TO PLACE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LIENS.

Moved by Mr. Sandrock, seconded by Mr. Hagerty. All voted in favor,

RESOLUTION: #08:165-15 ADDING PRO RATED AMOUNT FOR 2011 TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250.00 DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE PROPERTY WAS SOLD AND WAS RECEIVING A SENIOR CITIZEN/DISABILITY DEDUCTION. (BLOCK 111, LOT 4.01)

Moved by Mr. Hagerty, seconded by Mr. Tregear. All voted in favor.

RESOLUTION: #08:166-15 GRANTING SENIOR CITIZEN/DISABILITY DEDUCTIONS FOR THE 2015 TAX YEAR THAT DID NOT APPEAR ON THE 2015 TAX DUPLICATE. (BLOCK 130, LOT 8.03)

Moved by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Hagerty. All voted in favor.

RESOLUTION: #08:167-15 ADDING THE SEWER CHARGES FOR THE LISTED PROPERTIES DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE PROPERTIES WERE INACTIVE. (ACCOUNT #'s: 548000-2, 1367000-2)

RESOLUTION: #08:168-15 AUTHORIZING CHANGING THE SEWER CHARGES FOR ACCOUNT #1279000-24 FROM A COMMERCIAL PROPERTY WITH 28 ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES TO A COMMERCIAL PROPERTY WITH 4 ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES.

RESOLUTION: #08:169-15 ADDING SEWER CHARGES FOR THE LISTED PROPERTY DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE PROPERTY WAS NEW CONSTRUCTION. (ACCOUNT# 3104003-0)

RESOLUTION: #08:170-15 AUTHORIZING SEWER BILLING FOR ACCOUNT #638000-2 TO BE CANCELLED DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE PROPERTY IS VACANT.

Borough Clerk makes a Motion to accept Resolution #08:167-15 through #08:170-15.

Moved by Mr. Hagerty, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo. All voted in favor.

RESOLUTION: #08:171-15 RENEWING PLENARY RETAIL LICENSE FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR A PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2016 SAI BUSINESS, INC. T/A THE LIQUOR MART #0404-44-004-006.

Moved by Mr. Sandrock, seconded by Mr. Tregear. All voted in favor.

RESOLUTION: #08:172-15 RENEWING PLENARY RETAIL LICENSE FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2016 TEN 9 CORPORATION #0404-33-005-006. (INNACTIVE LICENSE)

Moved by Mr. Hagerty, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo. All voted in favor.

RESOLUTION: #08:173-15 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BELLMAWR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF BELLMAWR AND COVANTA ENERGY. (08/01/15-12/31/15).

Moved by Mr. Tregear, seconded by Mr. Hagerty. All voted in favor.

RESOLUTION: #08:174-15 ADOPTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT FOR YEAR 37 (2015-16).

Moved by Mr. Hagerty, seconded by Mr. Tregear. All voted in favor.

RESOLUTION: #08:175-15 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS-AUGUST 2015.

Moved by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Tregear. All voted in favor.

ORDINANCE: #07:08-15 SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION. A BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLMAWR, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 4 X 4 BACKHOE LOADER, 5 YARD DUMP TRUCK, PICK-UP TRUCK FOR SEWER DEPARTMENT, A UTILITY POLICE VEHICLE, COPIER, VIDEO CAMERAS, TRAFFIC LIGHT, NEW GARAGE DOORS FOR EMS, TURN-OUT GEAR, EIGHT (8) HELMETS AND LADDER FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT, TURN TRACTOR, F-350 TRUCK, NEW TELEPHONES FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE, AND REHAB WALKING TRACKS FOR RECREATION DEPARTMENT, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$450,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$427,500.00 FOR THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION.

Public Portion: No Response.

Moved by Mr. Sandrock, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo. All voted in favor.

ORDINANCE #08:09-15 FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION. ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLMAWR AMENDING ORDINANCE #07:12-13 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLMAWR, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. CHAPTER 78 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLMAWR: BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS, ESTABLISHING FEE SCHEDULE.

Moved by Mr. Sandrock, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo. All voted in favor.

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR:

**DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP FOP LODGE 72-COMEDY SHOW-
OCTOBER 17, 2015 7:00PM- 12 MIDNIGHT-BELLMAR BALLROOM-29
LEWIS AVENUE.**

Moved by Mr. Sandrock, seconded by Mr. Tregear. All voted in favor.

There being no further business Mr. Sandrock moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hagerty. All members voted in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

FRANK R. FILIPEK, MAYOR

CHARLES J. SAUTER, III BOROUGH CLERK