

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council was convened at 7:00 p.m. on September 7, 2021 with Mayor Edward Donovan presiding. This meeting was held in person at Borough Hall and via Zoom.

Mayor Donovan read the statement re: Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 and that adequate notice has been provided by transmitting the Resolution of Annual Meetings to the Asbury Park Press and the Coast Star, by posting it in the Borough Hall on a bulletin board reserved for such announcements, and by posting it on the official website of the borough.

Mayor Donovan welcomed the audience and invited them to join in a moment of silent prayer and a salute to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Council Members Jay Bryant, Jeff Lee, Richard Read and James Walsh

Absent: Council Members Michael Mangan and Gregg Olivera

Also present was Borough Attorney Mark Kitrick and Administrator Thomas Flarity.

Council Member Bryant made a motion to pull ordinance 2363-21 from the agenda, seconded by Council Member Walsh. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Proclamations**

Mayor Donovan read the following proclamations:

#### **Manasquan Beach Improvement Association – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**WHEREAS**, The Manasquan Beach Improvement Association, otherwise known as the MBIA, was organized in 1921 by a group of about fifty summer residents and fourteen members of the Board of Trustees, and

**WHEREAS**, the stated mission of the MBIA is to protect and improve the Manasquan beach area and to promote Manasquan as a family beach town, and

**WHEREAS**, the MBIA established the first beach patrol, purchased the first lifesaving equipment for the beach and pushed for the installation of the first boardwalk; and

**WHEREAS**, the MBIA organized the effort which resulted in the ability of tenants of the American Timber Company to purchase their land; and

**WHEREAS**, the MBIA continues to work with local authorities to maintain the pristine beauty and atmosphere of the beach, to promote enforcement of ordinances that ensure a good quality of life, and to ensure safe pedestrian travel in beach area streets; and

**WHEREAS**, The MBIA was responsible for the installation of non-motorized boat launches at Stockton Lake and the Glimmer Glass, for placement of the osprey platform in Fisherman's Cove, and financially supports community activities such as The Candy Cane Hunt, Big Sea Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bike Decorating Contest and the Summer Inlet Celebration and, as a civic service, the MBIA hosts the annual Breakfast with The Candidates; and

**WHEREAS**, The MBIA served as a valuable channel for a flow of information from the Borough and the OEM following Superstorm Sandy and continues to be a source of community information for its members. MBIA members donated monies to purchase two replacement swing sets for the beach after Superstorm Sandy; and

**WHEREAS**, MBIA members participate in an MBIA Volunteer Work Day, cleaning up and painting throughout the town, in beach sweeps and in other projects that benefit the community at large. They initiated and coordinated the Manasquan Inlet Mural with MHS Art Department; and

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**WHEREAS**, the MBIA donated two ADA compliant, handicapped-accessible tables which were placed on the Elks Handicapped Beach tiled patio, inviting those visitors who previously could not access the beach to enjoy all that the Manasquan beach has to offer; and

**WHEREAS**, the MBIA donated three magnificent historical displays capturing the significant history of the Manasquan beachfront which are installed at three key points along the beachwalk in honor of their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and

**WHEREAS**, the MBIA is open to any owner or lessee of property within the town of Manasquan and new members are always welcome. Current membership is close to 300 member households with eighteen Trustees.

**NOW, THEREFOR BE IT PROCLAIMED**, I, Edward G. Donovan, Mayor of the Borough of Manasquan, on behalf of my colleagues on the Borough Council and the good people of Manasquan do hereby declare Saturday, September 18, 2021 as Manasquan Beach Improvement Association Appreciation Day in the Borough of Manasquan and wish the MBIA a very happy 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, true and official copies of this proclamation be spread upon the minutes of the Borough Council meeting held on September 7, 2021.

#### **Manasquan Tourism Commission – 30 Year Anniversary**

**WHEREAS**, the Manasquan Tourism Commission originated as a tourism committee in January 1991;

**WHEREAS**, in that year, the committee organized a Welcome Home Troops celebration in accordance with President Bush's request to welcome their local troop's home. The committee also established some of the community activities we are still enjoying today; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 1991, Borough Council passed an ordinance establishing the Manasquan Tourism Commission as it is today. The Original members were Henry Trost, Councilman Bill Eastmond, Raymond Summers, Dominic Bossone, Penny Hamilton, Noel Hood, Councilman Jim Blumenstock, John Paglia, Karen Parziale and George Lovas; and

**WHEREAS**, the commission, with the allots council budget and very generous donations from many local businesses, restaurants, organizations and individuals, has worked diligently to establish and provide many fun-packed events and entertainment for residents, neighbors and many vacationing visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, these activities have included two lighted, decorated boat parades as well as many annual staples, including fireworks, a Fourth of July parade, bicycle and wagon decorating contests, sand castle tournaments, end of summer celebrations, weekly beach concerts, kayak and canoe races, pizza eating contests and Christmas in Manasquan. They also provide a yearly calendar to the public with all organizations activities that are scheduled in the Borough of Manasquan.

**WHEREAS**, members of the Tourism Commission have proved to be enthusiastic volunteers for the Borough of Manasquan and have showed a commitment to both the residents and visitors of Manasquan, we commend them for their dedication and congratulate the commission on this occasion of the the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Edwards Donovan, Mayor of the Borough of Manasquan, on behalf of the Borough Council take great pleasure in congratulating the Tourism Commission in recognition of its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, true and official copies of this proclamation be spread upon the minutes of the Borough Council Meeting held on September 7, 2021

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## **Hunger Action Month**

*WHEREAS*, hunger and poverty are issues of grave concern in the United States, the State of New Jersey; and

*WHEREAS*, the Borough of Manasquan is committed to taking steps to raise awareness about the need to combat hunger; and

*WHEREAS*, the Borough of Manasquan is committed to working with Fulfill, formerly The FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties, to educate people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

*WHEREAS*, more than 215,000 individuals in Monmouth and Ocean Counties now rely on food provided by Fulfill and its partners since the beginning of the pandemic; and

*WHEREAS*, the unemployment level is the highest it has been in the history of the state and the poverty level for a family of four is \$25,926 and 9.2% of families live below that level; and

*WHEREAS*, since the start of the Pandemic, Fulfill has provided 8.1 million meals in Monmouth County residents in need; and

*WHEREAS*, due to the pandemic, one (1) in every six (6) people in Monmouth and Ocean Counties received “emergency” food from Fulfill and their network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other community organizations; and

*WHEREAS*, food banks across the country, including Fulfill, will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and attention to encourage involvement in efforts to end hunger in their local communities.

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED*, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Manasquan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey do hereby recognize September, as **HUNGER ACTION MONTH** in the Borough of Manasquan, and call this observance to the attention of its residents.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, true and official copies of this proclamation be spread upon the minutes of the Borough Council Meeting held on September 7, 2021.

### **Monmouth County Open Space Hearing**

Joe Raftery from Colliers Engineering presented an open space project for Curtis Park. He went over the project and the design. He went over the matching funds and what the project might cost. He stated that they are working on a new concept plan. He went over the past grant for the parks and the new grant for Curtis Park. He stated that a requirement for this grant is to have a public hearing notifying all residents and borough officials what the intentions of the borough are, why they are asking for the grant and how the process works. He stated these are conceptual plans and will most likely change depending on what grant funds will be provided. He stated that he believes the turnaround for this grant is December.

Mr. Flarity confirmed that a confirmation will be in December with a confirmation letter in January.

### **Audience Participation**

Council Member Bryant made a motion to open the hearing to the public, seconded by Council Member Read. Motion carried unanimously.

Nancy Jordan, 261 Euclid Avenue, stated that she lives directly across the street from Curtis Park and from her front porch gets to see everything that goes on at the park. She stated that her and her husband welcome the plans for playground improvements and appreciates the work that goes into the projects. She offered her comments and opinion on the project. She suggested adding new hardscapes and landscape to the corner of Warren and Main and tasteful welcoming sign that says Welcome to Curtis Park. She stated to just keep it simple by replacing the current playground equipment, make it safe and inclusive and avoid needlessly

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disrupting other assets of the park. She commented on the trees in the park and on the center garden in the park.

Nancy Tischio, 17 Meadow Avenue stated that the playground upgrade for ADA is great and suggested that the playground go up and does not make the turn where it becomes an L. She recommend scaling the playground back.

Mike Grady, 264 Euclid Avenue wanted to know who he can meet with to ask questions of this project.

Mayor Donovan stated that this project started with the Recreation Committee and discussions should be with the Council Committee.

Council Member Bryant stated that this project is currently in the Recreation Committee and has not moved to the DPW Committee.

Mr. Grady voiced his concerns about the playground and the water run off near his house. He wanted to know who is designing this project and the size of it.

Joe Raftery stated that the plan Mr. Grady is concerned about with is the 11,000 square feet that was put together last year by certain people of the town who reached out to a vendor and that was what the concept was based on. He stated that this was the conversation starter for this project. He stated that the borough received \$90,000 for that grant which is not near enough to buy ADA equipment. He stated that the borough is going back for another grant to see if more money would be awarded to the Borough. He stated that there cannot be a final design until the Borough knows what the grant funding will be. He stated that there will be public input after the borough has received the grant money notification which would include a meeting with the neighbors in the surrounding area. He stated that the borough is moving towards keeping the passive recreation areas and the open space currently in the park.

Mr. Grady inquired about a traffic study on Main Street by the park. He also wanted to know why there is a fence around the playground.

Mr. Raftery stated that there were concerns voiced by residents with children running into the Streets.

Mr. Grady voiced his concerns about the playground and stated that there are other spots in town that a scaled down ADA playground can go that he believes to be safer. He stated that he just wants to be notified.

Patty Brown, 15 Dewey Avenue voiced her opinion and concerns about the area being dangerous and the changes to be made there. She stated that she wished that the recreation department looked at other areas when they were picking a location for the ADA upgrades.

William Shannon, 265 Euclid Avenue stated that he supports the other neighbors that have already spoken. He asked Mr. Raftery about the phases and how will they be handled.

Mr. Raftery stated at this point there is no pen to paper on the design for phase I as he is waiting to see what the grant round for phase II would be. He stated once he knows the grant amount then the Recreation Committee makes a recommendation for council.

Mr. Shannon inquired about a third round of grants and if the project might be pushed off to see what other money can be received.

Mr. Raftery stated that this could be a possibility. He stated that the borough will not hear until late in the year if money will be received from this current grant application.

Mr. Shannon stated that he would like to be included for any of the decisions or plans for the park upgrades.

JoAnn Walsh, 253 Euclid Avenue stated that she is piggybacking off of everyone else and she is happy to hear that the original plan is being downsized. She voiced her concerns regarding the safety of the dropping off of kids at the park.

Resident of 22 Warren Avenue wanted to know when he will get to see the plans for the park upgrade for the first phase.

Mayor Donovan stated that it will probably be after the borough receives notification as to how much the grant award is going to be which would probably be in December.

Resident of 22 Warrant Avenue stated that this is a very busy corner and he believes that there will be more traffic in the area.

Judith Rodriguez, 228 E. Main Street directly across from Curtis Park stated that the street is a parking lot because of the train backing traffic up. She stated that people park in front of her driveway and there is never a parking spot on the street in front of her house. She stated that she is all for the park looking better and likes the black fence that was put up. She wanted to know if she has any say or is she wasting her time and does her input mean something.

Mayor Donovan stated that the public input has always meant something to the council on every project that they do.

Mr. Rodriguez stated that residents use the park as well as others from other towns and making the park bigger is going to draw more people to the park. She stated that whatever is done to the park that they put some beautiful scenery in. She voiced her concerns and opinion on the park being made larger. She was in agreement with not making the color of the equipment bright.

Brock Housen, 261 Euclid across the street from the park inquired about the matching funds and where the matching funds come from and can there be donations from companies or individuals.

Mayor Donovan stated that typically matching funds would be the passing of a bond ordinance where the money is borrowed and paid back over a period of time.

Council Member Lee made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Council Member Read. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution**

**RESOLUTION  
230-2021**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN  
TO APPLY FOR A 2021 MONMOUTH COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
OPEN SPACE GRANT FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO CURTIS  
PARK PHASE II PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders has approved an Open Space Trust Fund and established a Municipal Open Space Program to provide Program Grant funds in connection with municipal acquisition of lands for County park, recreation, conservation and farmland preservation purposes, as well as for County recreation and conservation development and maintenance purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Manasquan desires to obtain County Open Space Trust Funds in the amount of \$198,000.00 to fund the Improvements to Curtis Park Phase II project, located at 215 East Main Street, Block 87, Lot 1, that consists of the construction of new playground facilities, including ADA compliant components, and associated facilities at Curtis Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the total cost of the project including all matching funds is \$396,456.50; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Manasquan is the owner of and controls the project site.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY** the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Manasquan that:

1. Thomas Flarity, Administrator or his/her successor is authorized to (a) make an application to the County of Monmouth for Open Space Trust Funds, (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required for the Municipal Open Space Grants Program and (c) act as the municipal contact person and correspondent of the above named municipality; and

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2. The Borough of Manasquan is committed to this project and will provide the balance of funding necessary to complete the project as described in the grant application in the form of non-county matching funds as required in the Policy and Procedures Manual for the Program; and
3. If the County of Monmouth determines that the application is complete and in conformance with the Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Program and the Policy and Procedures Manual for the Municipal Grants Program adopted thereto, the municipality is willing to use the approved Open Space Trust Funds in accordance with such policies and procedures, and applicable federal, state, and local government rules, regulations and statutes thereto; and
4. Thomas Flarity, Administrator or his/her successor is hereby authorized to sign and execute any required documents, agreements, and amendments thereto with the County of Monmouth for the approved Open Space Trust Funds; and
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Council Member Read made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried by the following vote: "yes" Council Members Bryant, Lee, Read and Walsh. "No" none.

### **Audience Participation**

Council Member Bryant made a motion to open the meeting to the public on agenda items, seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

Nancy Tischio, 17 Meadow Avenue wanted to know how the plans got to the point they are.

Mayor Donovan stated that it was part of the recreation members and some residents in Manasquan came forward with the requests.

There was discussion on the Recreation Committee and the Council Recreation Committee and who and how the plans came about.

Nancy Jordan, 261 Euclid Avenue voiced her concerns with the grant money driving the decisions and it should be what is good for the community and their needs.

Patty Brown, 15 Dewey Avenue asked if Curtis Park is the only option.

Mr. Flarity stated that it would only be for Curtis Park as the grant cannot be shifted if an award is given for this year. He stated that there is flexibility to allow for input and change of the project after the award is granted.

Ms. Brown stated that she is puzzled as to why Curtis Park was picked for this project.

Al Sauer, 109 First Avenue voiced his opinion on how the ordinances are presented and stated that it is hard to figure out what has been changed by looking at the ordinance itself. He recommended that the ordinances be changed to show the cross outs and additions on the document so he can follow the changes.

Mr. Kitrick went over the changes to ordinance 2364-21.

Mr. Sauer inquired about the proposed administrative fee associated with animal house and ordinance 2364-21.

Mr. Flarity went over what the fee would cover and why this fee is needed.

Mr. Sauer inquired as to when the fee has to be paid and he does not see where in the ordinance it states when the fee is to be paid. He stated that the ordinance needs to be clarified as to when the administrative fee is to be paid.

Council Member Read made a motion to pull ordinance 2364-21 for further review, seconded by Council Member Bryant. Motion carried unanimously.

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Mike Grady, 264 Euclid Avenue inquired about the grant money being moved from Curtis Park to another area.

Mr. Flarity stated that the grant money cannot be relocated but the borough does not need to use any or all of the grant money.

Mr. Grady stated that he will not drop his flood insurance with the anticipation that his basement will get flooded with the new equipment going in at Curtis Park.

Mr. Flarity stated that the design is not even complete so there is no way of knowing what the runoff will be.

Council Member Bryant made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Council Member Read. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Regular Meeting Minutes – August 2, 2021

Council Member Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Use of Borough Property**

Chamber Car Show – Main Street – September 24, 2021 – 5 to 7 pm

Council Member Bryant made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Council Member Read. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **RESOLUTION 228-2021**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO ESTABLISH TEMPORARY COVID-19 RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AS WARRANTED**

**WHEREAS** the COVID 19 virus pandemic continues to pose a threat to public health; and

**WHEREAS** public health officials continue to revise and issue recommended guidelines designed to protect against contracting or spreading the virus; and

**WHEREAS** business and government leaders need the ability to respond flexibly and in real time to this new information and to adopt responsive COVID-related operating policies and procedures.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that until further notice:

The Borough Administrator or his/her designee is hereby authorized to establish and enforce COVID-related operating policies and procedures, derived from official health expert recommendations, that will be applicable to Borough employees and Borough operations. As a matter of course, copies of all such proposed written policies and procedures shall be provided to Mayor and Council prior to implementation.

#### **RESOLUTION 229-2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Hon. Edward G. Donovan, Mayor of the Borough of Manasquan, be and are hereby authorized to sign the Professional Services Agreement between CGP & H LLC. and the Borough of Manasquan.

#### **RESOLUTION 231-2021**

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**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Manasquan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that:

**WHEREAS**, a refund of monies is due to the following:

NAME: JOAN MCLAUGHLIN  
18 OCEAN AVENUE  
MANASQUAN, NJ 08736

REASON FOR REFUND: PLANNING BOARD ESCROW REFUND  
APPLICATION #32-2016  
18 OCEAN AVENUE  
BLOCK: 162 LOT: 5 ZONE: R-2

AMOUNT OF REFUND DUE: \$75.00

NAME: BRIAN LUTHER  
376 PERRINE BLVD.  
MANASQUAN, NJ 08736

REASON FOR REFUND: PLANNING BOARD ESCROW REFUND  
APPLICATION #25-2019  
376 PERRINE AVENUE  
BLOCK: 130 LOT: 20.03 ZONE: R-2

AMOUNT OF REFUND DUE: \$554.00

NAME: MICHAEL & COLLEEN FARRELL  
18 CHURCHILL STREET  
FREEHOLD, NJ 08736

REASON FOR REFUND: PLANNING BOARD ESCROW REFUND  
APPLICATION #08-2017  
283 BEACHFRONT  
BLOCK: 181 LOT: 8 ZONE: R-4

AMOUNT OF REFUND DUE: \$287.50

NAME: MICHAEL & COLLEEN FARRELL  
18 CHURCHILL STREET  
FREEHOLD, NJ 08736

REASON FOR REFUND: PLANNING BOARD ESCROW REFUND  
APPLICATION #34-2015  
283 BEACHFRONT  
BLOCK: 181 LOT: 8 ZONE: R-4

AMOUNT OF REFUND DUE: \$193.75

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in the said amount to the above listed refunds with said warrant to be charged against the General Ledger.

**RESOLUTION**  
**232-2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Manasquan, County of Monmouth,



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New Jersey confirms the appointment of Gene Kelly, 5 Pearce Court, Manasquan, New Jersey to permanent Laborer I with the Manasquan Public Works Department as of September 1, 2021. No salary change. The appointee has met all the necessary requirements and evaluations for the position.

**RESOLUTION  
233-2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Manasquan that, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that:

**WHEREAS**, a refund of monies is due to the following:

**NAME:** JOHN & JESSICA BURKE  
4 STOCKTON AVENUE  
MANASQUAN, NJ 08736

**AMOUNT OF REFUND DUE:** \$3,377.58

**REASON FOR REFUND:** DUPLICATE TAX PAYMENT  
BLOCK 164 / LOT 31.01  
4 STOCKTON AVE

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has certified that the homeowner is entitled to the refund.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in the said amount to the above listed property with said warrant to be charged against the General Ledger.

**RESOLUTION  
234-2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN, IN THE County of Monmouth, New Jersey (not less than three (3) members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:**

1. All bills or claims as reviewed and approved by the Administration & Finance Committee and as set forth in this Resolution are hereby approved for payment.
2. The Mayor, Municipal Clerk and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized and directed to sign checks in payment of bills and claims which are hereby approved.

The computer print-out of the list of checks will be on file in the Clerk's Office.

Current Fund	\$1,894,520.48
Capital Fund	\$57,561.61
Water/Sewer Fund	\$51,674.15
Water/Sewer Utility Fund	
Beach Utility Fund	\$21,440.42
Beach Capital Fund	\$4,371.59
Recreation Building Trust	\$696.42
Recreation Trust	\$9,697.51
Reserve for Open Space	\$3,269.52
Reserve for Tourism	\$10,442.75
Reserve for Junior Lifeguard	\$12,437.50
Miscellaneous Trust I	\$1,000.00
Developer's Escrow	\$8,044.57
Animal House	\$1,632.00

Council Member Bryant made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried by the following vote: "yes" Council Members Bryant, Lee, Read and Walsh. "No" none.

**Ordinances – First Reading**

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The Borough attorney read the title of ordinance 2365-21 for first reading and introduction.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 35 (ZONING) SECTION 35-11 (LOT, HEIGHT AND YARD REQUIREMENT) AND SECTION 35-11.2 (PRINCIPAL BUILDINGS) OF THE BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN CODE IN THE BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Council Member Bryant made a motion to introduce ordinance 2365-21, seconded by Council Member Read. Motion carried by the following vote: "yes" Council Members Bryant, Lee, Read and Walsh. "No" none.

**Committee Reports**

Code and Land Use Committee – Council Member Walsh stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Beach and Recreation Committee – Council Member Read congratulated both the MBIA and the Tourism Commission on their anniversaries.

Public Safety Committee – Council Member Lee congratulated the MBIA and the Tourism Commission on their anniversaries. He reported on the summer summonses, tickets and violations that were issued. He stated that the schools open tomorrow and that there will be more bike and vehicle traffic on the roads. He thanked all the first responders for all they do for the community. He thanked OEM and read a press release regarding the support given to Middlesex County and New Brunswick to help with the aftermath of Ida.

Public Works & Construction Committee - Council Member Bryant recognized the members that went to Middlesex County and he thanked public works for their efforts to get ready for the remnants of Ida which included cleaning drains, removing equipment from the parks and beaches as well as securing property that had a potential of being impacted by the storm. He stated that this Saturday will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 and we mourn and remember those that were lost on that day and the families left behind.

Mayor Donovan stated that the fire company will have their 9/11 ceremony on Saturday as well as there will be a "Light up the Shore" event at the beach which multiple towns will be participating in. The beach event will start at 8:46 on the beach front where participants are asked to use the light on their cell phones to show their support.

He reported on upcoming events for the MBIA and the PBA.

**Audience Participation**

Council Member Read made a motion to open the public portion, seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheila Vidreiro, 109 McLean Avenue inquired about the bike lanes on Stockton Lake Blvd. and advised that they are confusing as to where bikes are to be on the road.

Mayor Donovan stated that the bike lanes were put there because it is a requirement with a grant from NJDOT.

Council Member Bryant made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Read made a motion to close the regular meeting at 8:37 p.m., seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara Ilaria  
Municipal Clerk

DATE APPROVED

9/20/2021