

Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea
Regular Meeting – July 27, 2020

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor Bonanno, Commissioner Mahon, Commissioner Magrini

The Borough Clerk read the following statement:

This is a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea and notice of time, date and place has been transmitted to the area newspapers, Avon Board of Education, Avon Public Library and the Avon Post Office in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting is conducted by means of communications equipment only, unless otherwise directed by state or local emergency management or health officials, consistent with Executive Order 103 (Murphy 392020). The public is directed to the Borough website at avonbytheseanj.com for information regarding phone access to the meeting. The public is asked to please mute their phones by either pressing the mute button on your phone or by pressing *6. The public will be allowed to unmute their phone either by disabling the mute on their phone or by pressing *6 for the public portion of the meeting.

Workshop

North End Redevelopment - The Borough is close to finalizing a plan. Commissioner Magrini and Borough Attorney Barry Cooke are working on it and the ordinance should have it's first reading at the next meeting. Commissioner Magrini stated that they have a contract purchaser for the Schneider property which is a little over an acre. With the help of Ray Savacool, T&M Engineering Firm, they are coming up with the North End Development Plan that would designate the density of 15 townhouses per acre as well as the affordable housing units. That area is in need of redevelopment and hopes for this plan to start shortly. Barry Cooke stated that the T&M plan is excellent and there will be 15 units on a sliding scale for affordable housing.

Stop Signs – Mayor Bonanno would like to look into installing stop signs on the east and west streets in the Borough, possibly 2nd & 4th Avenues. The Mayor has received complaints about speeding in town and he thinks that extra stop signs would slow people down. Chief Haar stated that he is not opposed to adding stop signs. The police department had a radar machine on Sylvania Ave. from 7/6 – 7/26 and 48,482 vehicles went down that road. The officers wrote 37 violations for 41-51 MPH. Chief Haar also stated that speeding may be in the perspective of the person viewing it. An officer responded to a resident who felt the cars were speeding when most were hardly going over the 25 MPH speed limit, the officer stayed with the resident and did radar.

Mayor Bonanno commented that the Avon pool is open and working well. Badges are still available. Commissioner Magrini asked if some umbrellas could be put up even without the tables? Possibly public works could look into it.

Mayor Bonanno commented that there have been some heavy beach days with the 1500 daily badges selling out quickly. The Borough will still limit the number of daily badges sold. Doing that has allowed for people to be able to social distance easier.

Mayor Bonanno hopes that the next meeting will be able to be held in person at the Municipal Building in the gym.

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Mayor Bonanno stated that Resolution No. 75 had been pulled from this meeting's agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Mahon, seconded by Commissioner Magrini that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 13, 2020 be approved as written.

Aye: Mayor Bonanno, Commissioner Magrini, Commissioner Mahon

Motion by Commissioner Mahon, seconded by Mayor Bonanno that the bills in the amount of \$603,046.15 be approved for payment.

Aye: Mayor Bonanno, Commissioner Magrini, Commissioner Mahon

Mayor Bonanno asked if anyone would like to be heard?

Roger Domal, 139 Woodland Ave., asked if there were going to be beach personnel after Labor Day. Mayor Bonanno stated that it was something that he and the Commissioners were looking into. Mr. Domal went on to say that there have been several studies done on the effectiveness of additional stop signs deterring speeding by the DOT and the Federal Transportation Department and those studies show that extra signs do not deter speeding and 4-way stop signs are a nightmare. He hopes the Mayor and the Commissioner look deeper into the idea before adding additional signs.

Mary Pesce, 202 First Ave., asked about the raising of beach fees that was discussed at the last meeting. Mayor Bonanno stated that they did look into it however the fees currently can only be changed by ordinance and they would not be able to make those changes for this year.

Frank McGovern, 335 Norwood Ave., he disagrees with the previous caller about the stop signs and he is in favor of anything that would make the streets safer for everyone. He likes the cars parked parallel this year as he feels it is easier to see when he is riding his bike.

Motion by Mayor Bonanno, seconded by Commissioner Mahon that being there is no further business, the meeting is adjourned.

Aye: Mayor Bonanno, Commissioner Magrini, Commissioner Mahon

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thea Kratochvil
Acting Municipal Clerk
Avon-By-The-Sea