

Adjourn

Motion to Approve Resolution to Enter into Executive Session:

	INTROUCED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
BRASWELL			X			
BROULLON		X	X			
MAZZOLA			X			
RYAN	X		X			
O'NEIL			X			

The Resolution to enter into executive session was properly approved.

Council Entered into Executive Session at 7:09pm.

Council Exited Executive Session at 8:11pm.

Regular Meeting

Council returned to Public Session at 8:18pm.

Meeting Statement

As per requirement of Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, notice is hereby given that this is a Regular Meeting of the Borough of Highlands Mayor and Council and all requirements have been met. Notice has been transmitted to the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times. Notice has been posted on the public bulletin board. Formal Action will be taken. Time maybe allotted for public comment at this meeting. Each speaker may be allotted a limited time when recognized by the presiding officer. Individuals wishing to address the Council shall be recognized by the presiding officer and shall give their name, address, and the group, if any, they represent. Although the Council encourages public participation, it reserves the right, through its presiding officer, to terminate remarks to and/or by any individual not in keeping with the conduct of a proper and efficient meeting. The Council will not, during the public portion of this meeting, discuss matters involving employment, appointment, termination of employment, negotiations, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or discipling of any specific or prospective or current employee.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor O'Neil.

Roll Call

 X Councilmember Braswell
 X Councilmember Broullon
 X Councilmember Mazzola
 X Councilmember Ryan
 X Mayor O'Neil

Also Present:

 X Bonnie Brookes, Clerk
 X Brian Chabarek, Borough Attorney
 X Patrick DeBlasio, CFO
 X Kim Gonzales, Borough Administrator
 X Rosa Pace, Deputy Clerk

Consent Agenda

- R-19-062** Approve Payment of the Bills
- R-19-063** Appoint Representatives to the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission #1
- R-19-064** Authorize Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division to Conduct Aerial Operations
- R-19-065** Authorize Refund of Tax Overpayment
- R-19-066** Authorize Refund of Sewer Escrow
- R-19-067** Amend Recreation Committee Membership
- R-19-068** Authorize Amendment to the 2019 Temporary Budget
- R-19-069** Approve Waiver of Alcohol Ban at Community Center
- R-19-070** Appoint Alternative Deputy & Sub Registrar

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda:

	INTROUCED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
BRASWELL			X			
BROULLON		X	X			
MAZZOLA			X			
RYAN			X			
O'NEIL	X		X			

The Resolution to approve the consent agenda was properly approved.

Resolutions

R-19-071 Authorize Release of Performance Guarantee for Birchwood LLC

Motion to Approve Resolution 19-071:

	INTROUCED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
BRASWELL			X			
BROULLON			X			
MAZZOLA			X			
RYAN	X		X			
O'NEIL		X	X			

Resolution 19-071 was properly approved.

R-19-072 Support Path to Progress Recommendations by the NJ Economic & Fiscal Policy Workgroup

Councilmember Braswell inquired if this would impose any financial obligation and Ms. Gonzales confirmed it would not.

Motion to Approve Resolution 19-072:

	INTROUCED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
BRASWELL			X			
BROULLON		X	X			
MAZZOLA			X			
RYAN	X		X			
O'NEIL			X			

Resolution 19-072 was properly approved.

R-19-073 Appoint Full Time Heavy Equipment Operator

Motion to Approve Resolution 19-073:

	INTROUCED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
BRASWELL			X			
BROULLON	X		X			
MAZZOLA			X			
RYAN			X			
O'NEIL		X	X			

Resolution 19-073 was properly approved.

Ordinances: Introduction & First Reading

O-19-02 Amend Restricted Parking

Motion to Introduce Ordinance 19-02:

	INTROUCED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
BRASWELL			X			
BROULLON			X			
MAZZOLA			X			
RYAN		X	X			
O'NEIL	X		X			

Ordinance 19-02 was properly introduced. The public hearing will be held on February 20th 2019.

Other Business

Administrator's Report

Ms. Gonzales reported on the various meetings she attended including but not limited to: Funding and Mitigation, Bayshore Coastal Advisory Committee, and Monmouth County Regional Health Commission No. 1. She mentioned upcoming meetings with the Arts Council to further discuss a photography program. Ms. Gonzales noted that she met with a local student who attends Columbia University who will be conducting an environmental study of the Borough as their Cap Stone project. She informed the public that there would be a Parkfest in May and a Film Festival in October.

Mayor O'Neil updated the public on the Valley Street Project.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Burton stated that they were awarded a grant for bullet proof vests and another for DUI enforcement and why these are important. He spoke about another grant opportunity for Safe Routes to Schools that they would apply for.

Open the meeting to the Public for Comment

Name: Dale Bahr

Address: Portland Road, Wyndmoor Condos

Submitted to the Council photos of the condo complex’s drive way and the damage caused to the guard rail by a kit and run, the catch basin from a drunk driver, and added that there was also a blind driveway in the immediate proximity. She noted the problem that Portland Road has with speeders and drunk driver coming around the curve, and littering. Ms. Bahr asked the Council to consider adding additional speed limit signs, a speed bump and increased enforcement.

Mayor O’Neil stated that he would have the signs and catch basin looked and at ask the police to look into increased enforcement. Councilmember Broullon also mentioned that the Council would look into other traffic calming measures as well.

Name: Claudette D’Arrigo

Address: Sea Drift Avenue

Ms. D’Arrigo read a statement that noted that Ordinance 16-13 removed all financial compensation for serving on the Council. She stated that at Steve Solop’s request for a liaison to work on looking into concerns involving the Highlands Business Partnership (HBP) she was appointed as such and in that capacity she requested documents several times and was continually denied access. Ms. D’Arrigo asked that the HBP be disbanded until those documents could be provided to the Council.

Ms. D’Arrigo questioned the ethics of the HBP using the tax payer money to rent their business office from the building that Carla Cefalo-Braswell and Councilmember Braswell owns in addition to paying Councilmember Braswell for the services he provides to the HBP through his business.

Name: Kim Skorka

Address: Shore Drive

Ms. Skorka informed the Council that she was served a ceased and desist letter by the HBP and stated that she is only telling the facts of the situation. She explained that after looking at some of their records it seems like a majority of their events run at a loss. Ms. Skorka provided a letter to the Council noting her concerns and expressed her willingness to meet with Council to discuss.

Name: Mark Zill

Address: Portland Road

Mr. Zill inquired when Portland Road would be repaved. Mayor O’Neil stated that it would be after the NJ Natural Gas project was complete in late summer. Mr. Zill inquired if the Code Enforcment officer was out of Middletown now to which Mayor O’Neil stated that the Borough has their own. Mr. Zill asked the Council if the Construction on 88 Portland Road was being monitored. Ms. Gonzales listed all the various departments and agencies that are continually checking on the progress.

The meeting was closed to the public.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting:

	INTROUCED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
BRASWELL			X			
BROULLON			X			
MAZZOLA			X			
RYAN		X	X			
O’NEIL	X		X			

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

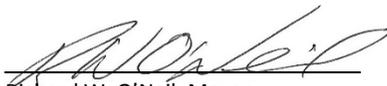
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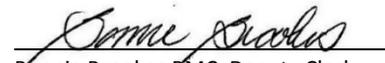
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RYAN		X	X			
O'NEIL	X		X			

I, Bonnie Brookes, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Highlands, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby certify this to be a true copy of the action of the Governing Body, at its Council Meeting, held March 6, 2019. WITNESS my hand this 7th day of March 2019.



Bonnie Brookes, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Approve: 
Richard W. O'Neil, Mayor

Attest: 
Bonnie Brookes RMC, Deputy Clerk