

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH HALL – 7:00 P.M.
May 22, 2023

1. Meeting called to Order and Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act by Mayor Neff
2. Salute to the Flag
3. Moment of Silence
4. Roll Call
5. Suspend regular order of business.
6. Resolution: Approval of a resolution in recognition of Little Silver Resident Brady Walsh for his efforts to save a German Shepard mix named Loki who was distress while in the Navesink River on March 29, 2023.

Motion:
Second:
Vote:

7. Resume normal order of business.
8. Communications:
9. **Ordinance Public Hearing: 869-23**

AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE SILVER, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

Advertised in the TRT on May 11, 2023

Motion to open hearing:

Second:
VOTE:

- c) Mayor declares the hearing open.
Council and Public Discussion
- d) Motion hearing be closed.
Second:
VOTE:

- e) Mayor declares hearing closed.
- f) Motion to approve on second and final reading and to advertise in accordance with law.
 Motion:
 Second:
 Roll Call:

10. Brief remarks on the agenda from members of the Public.

11. REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY,
 PUBLIC WORKS, INFRASTRUCTURE AND
 (Traffic Safety Committee and Municipal Court) Mr. Brennan
 (Council President)

POLICE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:
 (Open Space, Capital Projects, Emergency
 Planning, Information Technology and Cyber Security) Mr. Galante

BUDGET AND INSURANCE (Finance)
 (Shade Tree, Little Silver Schools,
 Little Silver Business Community and CFO) Mr. Smith

PLANNING AND ZONING, COAH, AND
 TELECOMMUNICATIONS:
 (COAH, Litigation, Planning Board,
 Assessor's Office and Environmental Commission) Mr. Holzapfel

PERSONNEL Mrs. Brannagan
 (Two River Water Reclamation Authority
 Recycling and 100th Birthday Celebration Committee)

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION Mr. Christensen
 (Shared Services w/ Mayor, Library Trustees,
 Board of Health, Red Bank Regional and Recreation.)

Mayor's Report Mayor Neff
 (Two River County of Mayors, Monmouth County Commissioners,
 Governor's Office and local legislators, Parker Homestead and

Shared services in conjunction with Mr. Christensen)

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Burke

Old Business.

12. New Business

13. Public Comment

14. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion:

Second:

Council and Public discussion:

Roll Call:

1. Resolution: Authorizing the payment of bills
2. Resolution: Approving the fireworks for the 100th anniversary celebration on June 24, 2023 and the waiving of the associated fee.
3. Resolution: Approving the execution of an agreement with Meghan Ann Bennett of Dilworth Paxson LLP as Borough Attorney for the Borough of Little Silver.
4. Resolution: Approving the execution of an agreement with Meghan Ann Bennett of Dilworth Paxson LLP as Bond Counsel for the Borough of Little Silver.
5. Resolution: Approving a request for submission to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in NJSA 40A:4-87 for approval of the insertion of an item of revenue in the amount of \$15,416.46 for budget year 2023 from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection under the caption of Clean Communities Program FY 2023.
6. Resolution: Approving a request for submission to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in NJSA 40A:4-87 for approval of the insertion of an item of revenue in the amount of \$15,000.00 for budget year 2023 from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection under the caption of Stormwater Assistance Grant.
7. Approval of meeting minutes of January 5, 2023
8. Approval of meeting minutes of January 23, 2023
9. Approval of meeting minutes of February 6, 2023
10. Approval of Special Budget meeting minutes of February 16, 2023
11. Approval of meeting minutes of February 27, 2023
12. Approval of meeting minutes of March 13, 2023
13. Approval of meeting minutes of March 27, 2023
14. Approval of special meeting minutes of March 27, 2023
15. Approval of meeting minutes of April 10, 2023

Motion:

Second:

Roll Call:

15. Adjournment

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Little Silver Resident and Red Bank Regional High School Junior Brady Walsh and a friend were fishing for stripers during the afternoon hours in Rumson on March 29, 2023. And;

WHEREAS, While fishing, Brady and his friend and others observed a dog swimming that was later identified as a German Shepard Mix named Loki in the Navesink River towards their location. While watching Loki swimming in the water, Brady and the others tried to call Loki over to their location. While trying to coax Loki to their location, Loki instead swam away from their location and further away from the shoreline. And;

WHEREAS, Brady knew if he did not act quickly and with decisiveness, Loki would more than likely drown in the frigid river. So, without hesitation or regard for his own personal safety, Brady stripped down to his pants and dove into the frigid Navesink River in an attempt to catch up to Loki to bring him back to safety. And;

WHEREAS, While trying to catch up to Loki in the frigid water, Brady realized he would not catch up him and Loki would be too far out to bring back. Brady made a split-second decision and turned around and headed back to the shoreline. And;

WHEREAS, While back on shore, Brady and others scrambled for an alternative solution and located a paddleboard and oar at a nearby house and launched right away back into the river heading towards Loki and caught up to him and was able to pull the 75-pound wet, cold and exhausted Loki onto the paddleboard. And;

WHEREAS, While now in the middle of the river, Brady, now wet, cold and tired himself, Brady was assisted by two Rumson Fair Haven Crew Coaches that helped get both him and Loki back to the shoreline. Once on shore, Brady was assisted by the Rumson PD and EMS and hospital staff to get his body temperature normalized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Little Silver recognize and honor Brady Walsh for his bravery, heroism, selfless courage and leadership skills he demonstrated by taking decisive actions in the afternoon of March 29, 2023 to save Loki's life.

Robert C. Neff, Jr., Mayor

Updated May 2023

**AN ORDINANCE FOR SALARIES OF CERTAIN
OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH
OF LITTLE SILVER, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE SILVER, THAT:

The salaries of the following non-contractual employees of the Borough of Little Silver herein shall be established by ranges. The annual salaries of shall be set forth by Resolution every year. The ranges are hereinafter set forth:

Council Member	2,500.00 – 3,500.00
Administrator	25,000.00 - 120,000.00
Borough Clerk	40,000.00 - 95,000.00
Deputy Borough Clerk	35,000.00 - 65,000.00
Qualified Purchasing Agent	15,000.00 - 60,000.00
Treasurer	20,000.00 - 75,000.00
Chief Financial Officer	35,000.00 - 120,000.00
Finance Clerk	20,000.00 - 50,000.00
Assessor	30,000.00 - 60,000.00
Tax Collector	15,000.00 - 75,000.00
Deputy Tax Collector	10,000.00 - 60,000.00
Municipal Court Judge	25,000.00 - 60,000.00
Municipal Court Judge Special Court Session	600.00 - 700.00 per session
Court Administrator After Hours	40,000.00 – 75,000.00 40.00 - 50.00
Court Administrator Special Court Session	250.00 – 400.00 per session
Deputy Court Clerk Violations Clerk	22.00- 35.00 per hour
Deputy Court Clerk	

Special Court Session	125.00 to 200.00 per session
Deputy Court Clerk Violations Clerk Regular Court Session	125.00 to 175.00 per session
Library Director	60,000.00 – 90,000.00
Library Technician.	18.00 - 28.00 per hour
Library Assistant	18.00 - 28.00 per hour
General Clerical Assistant	18.00 - 28.00 per hour
Registrar	2,000.00 – 7,000.00
Assessor's Clerk	18.00 – 28.00 per hour
Board of Health Clerk	4,000.00 – 6,500.00
Board of Health Secretary	500.00 – 2,500.00
Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Officer	5,000.00 – 25,000.00
Prosecutor	13,000.00 – 25,000.00
Prosecutor Special Court Session	400.00 – 700.00 per session
Website/Newsletter Editor	8,000.00 – 12,000.00
Shade Tree Enforcement Officer	2,000.00 – 5,000.00
Recreation Director	25,000.00 – 45,000.00
Special Projects Coordinator	15,000.00-35,000.00
Field Schedule Coordinator	1,000.00 – 2,500.00
Summer Program Assistant	2,500.00 – 6,000.00
Summer Youth Counselor	10.75 – 14.50 per hour
Chief of Police	135,000.00 – 195,000.00
Police, Captain	120,000.00 - 175,000.00
Police Dispatcher	35,000.00 – 75,000.00

Relief Dispatcher Trainee	14.25 – 18.00 per hour
Relief Police Dispatcher	18.00 – 25.00 per hour
Special Police Officer Class I	15.00 - 25.00 per hour
Special Police Officer Class II	18.00 – 28.00 per hour
Police Matron	18.00 - 24.00 per hour
Crossing Guard "A"	40.00 – 48.00 per day
Crossing Guard "B"	35.00 – 45.00 per day
Crossing Guard "C"	45.00 – 50.00 per day
Relief Crossing Guard	35.00 – 48.00 per day
Crossing Guard Trainee	20.00 – 25.00 per day
Public Works/Recycling Director	75,000.00 – 145,000.00
Public Works/Recycling Asst. Director	58,000.00 - 100,000.00
Public Works/ Roadman (after 3 rd completed year)	58,000.00 – 90,000.00
Public Works Roadman (year 2)	52,500-57,500.00
Public Works Roadman (year 3)	57,000.00-62,500
Public Works/ Roadman (1 st Yr. Probationary)	43,000.00 – 50,000.00
Public Works Seasonal Laborer	18.00 – 22.00 per hour
Borough Mechanic	65,000.00 – 100,000.00
Borough Assistant Mechanic	55,000.00 – 90,000.00
Groundskeeper/Junior Crew Leader	55,000.00 – 75,000.00
Police Secretary	45,000.00 – 75,000.00
Recycling Coordinator	5,000.00 – 50,000.00
Planning Board Secretary	20,000.00 – 50,000.00

Zoning Administrative Officer	15,000.00 – 50,000.00
Manager, Planning and Zoning Office	35,000.00-60,000.00
Administrative Clerk	10,000.00 – 25,000.00
Computer Technician	5,000.00 - 20,500.00
Railroad Parking Permit Coordinator	5,000.00 – 10,000.00
Railroad Parking Meter Coordinator	15.00 - 30.00 per hour

EMPLOYEES HIRED BEFORE MARCH 15, 2004:

In addition to the annual salary as determined by ordinance aforesaid, each full time non-contractual employee with a work schedule of 35 hours per week or more shall receive by way of educational credit payment: \$500 for an Associates Degree or equivalent number of credits (60 hours); \$500 additional for a Bachelors Degree for a total of \$1,000; and \$500 additional for a Masters Degree for a total of \$1,500.

The educational credit payment by way of salary shall be added to the base salary, shall be paid bi-weekly and shall be reported to the appropriate New Jersey pension fund, together with the annual salary as "Regular Base Salary" as part of the officer or employee salaries. The Educational credit payments for each officer and employee shall continue until such time as the officer or employee retires.

EMPLOYEES HIRED AFTER MARCH 15, 2004:

Non contractual employees hired after March 15, 2004 shall, if qualified, receive the educational credit payment set forth above upon completion of one year's service to the Borough or within thirty (30) days after earning the appropriate degree and submitting proof of degree to the Borough. The educational credit payment shall be a one-time payment for each degree earned and shall not be reflected in base salary

4. The salaries and rates of compensation herein provided supersede all previous salaries and rates of pay heretofore by ordinance established.

5. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication according to law.

**BOROUGH OF LITTLE SILVER
VOUCHERS PAYABLE
May 22, 2023**

I offer this Resolution in favor of the payment of the following vouchers which have been authenticated and presented for payment. These payments represent expenditures for which an appropriation was duly made in the budget adopted by the governing body, including any emergency expenditures. The Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available to pay the same from each designated appropriation.

CHECK DISBURSEMENTS

	Operating-Current Year	\$	267,482.58
	Operating-Prior Year		1,435.84
	Capital		87,346.26
	Grant		587.40
	Various Trusts & Reserves		3,466.05
	Escrow Projects		2,320.00
PAYROLL	5/12		161,008.88
VOID CHECKS			
MANUAL CHECKS			
ACH DEBIT	Lincoln Nat. Life Insurance Co.		304.30
WIRE TRANSFERS	Retiree Stipends-May 2023		7,516.23
	School Taxes-June 2023		1,803,270.13
TOTAL		\$	2,334,737.67

Craig R. Marshall, CFO

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Little Silver, that pursuant to the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code, N.J.A.C. 5:70 -3.2(A), Chapter 33, Section 3301.2.4.3, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Little Silver authorize and grant a permit for the public display of fireworks to the Borough of Little Silver for June 24, 2023 with a rain date of June 25, 2023 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of incorporation of the Borough of Little Silver.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fee for the fireworks display should be waived in this case;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fire Official shall insure that all applicable regulations are enforced, all required permit(s) obtained and all necessary insurance documents are filed.

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**BOROUGH OF LITTLE SILVER
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT
WITH MEGHAN ANN BENNETT OF DILWORTH PAXSON LLP, AS
BOROUGH ATTORNEY FOR THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE SILVER**

WHEREAS on January 5, 2023 Meghan Ann Bennett of GluckWalrath LLP was appointed as Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS on June 1 2023, Meghan Ann Bennett, Esq. of GluckWalrath LLP will become affiliated with the firm of Dilworth Paxson LLP; and

WHEREAS the governing body desires to amend the appointment of Borough Attorney and to enter into an agreement to reflect the affiliation of Meghan Ann Bennett with Dilworth Paxson LLP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Little Silver, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Effective June 1, 2023, Meghan Ann Bennett of the law firm Dilworth Paxson LLP is hereby retained for the provision of borough attorney services for the balance of the one-year term ending December 31, 2023, pursuant to an agreement that shall include the same terms, fees and conditions of the agreement previously authorized on January 5th, 2023 for the calendar year 2023.
2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest to, respectively, the execution of said agreement with Meghan Ann Bennett of the law firm of Dilworth Paxson LLP.
3. This resolution shall take effect June 1, 2023.
4. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Borough Clerk to the Chief Financial Officer and to Meghan Ann Bennett.

**BOROUGH OF LITTLE SILVER
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT
WITH MEGHAN ANN BENNETT OF DILWORTH PAXSON LLP, AS BOND
COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE SILVER**

WHEREAS on January 5, 2023 Meghan Ann Bennett of GluckWalrath LLP was appointed as Bond Counsel; and

WHEREAS on June 1 2023, Meghan Ann Bennett, Esq. of GluckWalrath LLP will become affiliated with the firm of Dilworth Paxson LLP; and

WHEREAS the governing body desires to amend the appointment of Bond Counsel and to enter into an agreement to reflect the affiliation of Meghan Ann Bennett with Dilworth Paxson LLP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Little Silver, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Effective June 1, 2023, Meghan Ann Bennett of the law firm Dilworth Paxson LLP is hereby retained for the provision of bond counsel services for the balance of the one-year term ending December 31, 2023, pursuant to an agreement that shall include the same terms, fees and conditions of the agreement previously authorized on January 5th, 2023 for the calendar year 2023.
2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest to, respectively, the execution of said agreement with Meghan Ann Bennett of the law firm of Dilworth Paxson LLP.
3. This resolution shall take effect June 1, 2023.
4. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Borough Clerk to the Chief Financial Officer and to Meghan Ann Bennett.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any local unit when such item shall have been made available by any public or private funding source and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may approve the insertion of an item of appropriation of an amount equal to any such special item of revenue, making such item of revenue available for expenditure; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Little Silver in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey received an ACH deposit on May 17, 2023 from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Clean Communities Program in the amount of \$15,416.46; and

WHEREAS, said funding will be used to fund various programs that promote litter abatement in the Borough of Little Silver yielding a cleaner community; and

WHEREAS, no match funding is required to secure said grant monies; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Little Silver is desirous of amending the 2023 Borough Budget to provide for said funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of The Borough of Little Silver in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 in the sum of \$15,416.46 which item is now available as a revenue from the NJDEP under the caption of Clean Communities Program, FY 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$15,416.46 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption NJDEP Clean Communities Program, FY 2023.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any local unit when such item shall have been made available by any public or private funding source and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may approve the insertion of an item of appropriation of an amount equal to any such special item of revenue, making such item of revenue available for expenditure; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Little Silver in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey received an ACH deposit on May 8, 2023 from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) for the Stormwater Assistance Grant in the amount of \$15,000.00; and

WHEREAS, said funding will be used to develop a stormwater infrastructure map which must comply with the requirements listed in Part IV.G.1.a of the Tier A MS4 Permit, and to allow the Borough of Little Silver to comply with the requirements of the Tier A MS4 Permit as outlined in the notice of funding availability; and

WHEREAS, no match funding is required to secure said grant monies; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Little Silver is desirous of amending the 2023 Borough Budget to provide for said funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of The Borough of Little Silver in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 in the sum of \$15,000.00 which item is now available as a revenue from the NJDEP under the caption of Stormwater Assistance Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$15,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption NJDEP Stormwater Assistance Grant.

Teen Rescues Lost Dog From 'Ruff' Waters

April 6, 2023



Brady Walsh jumped into the frigid waters of the Navesink River to rescue a dog he didn't know. The reunion between Brady and the German shepherd mix Loki was a lot more fun than their first meeting. Courtesy Meredith Kole

By Elizabeth Wulfhorst

RUMSON – Name a dog after the Norse god of mischief and you should expect some high jinks. But the German shepherd mix Loki really lived up to his name last week, taking his family, a heroic teenager, the police and an entire community on an adventure that could have ended in heartbreak.

Meredith Kole, a graphic designer who lives in Rumson with Loki, another dog and her four children, was having a fairly normal morning March 29 before Loki sent her day into a panic.

As she explained it, Kole left the house around 10 a.m., speaking to Loki, as she often does, in a sing-song voice about her eldest son Max, 20, who is away at college.

"(Loki's) very close with Max," Kole said, explaining how Max was the one who pushed to rescue a dog during the pandemic, after what had already been a rough couple of years for the family.

A combination of Kole taking Max's car keys with her and a broken window conspired to create the events that followed. "I said goodbye to Loki and went outside and started Max's car." Although the window was closed, "Loki knows how to lift it with his snout, I guess," Kole said.

"I think what happened is he thought I was going to get Max and he lifted up the window and I backed out of the driveway and he flew out of the window and went after me."

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involved family, friends, neighbors and the police. Kole's seventh-grade twins arrived home at 1 p.m. from a half day of school and immediately put the news on social media. Soon 12- and 13-year-olds on bikes and on foot and high schoolers in cars joined the hunt, "but there was no sign of him."

Enter 17-year-old Red Bank Regional junior Brady Walsh.

Brady and a friend were fishing for stripers near Salt Creek Grille that late afternoon when he noticed a dog in the Navesink along a seawall. "He was swimming towards me and I went up to go see what was up and tried to get a hold of him. And I guess he got scared or something and then started swimming," Brady said. "But instead of swimming back where he came from, he started swimming towards the Highlands."

Brady said he, his friend and the other fishermen tried calling the dog back to the shore but he continued swimming farther out into the river.

"We had no idea what he was doing and I knew I was gonna have to go in."

With little thought about the river temperature, Brady stripped off all his gear, leaving just his pants on, and dived in. "I started swimming for a little bit until the dog was so far off that if I kept swimming I would have drowned."

While his decision to swim after Loki was ill-advised – "my friend told me not to go in" – Brady said he knew at some point the dog was going to drown. "I couldn't let that happen."

Realizing Loki was too far out to reach by swimming, Brady turned around, swam to a dock and ran back to where he had been fishing. There another fisherman helped him grab a paddleboard and oar from the backyard of a home. Brady couldn't see Loki anymore but paddled toward where he thought the dog was headed. After a few minutes of hard paddling, Brady came upon Loki and managed to pull all 75 soaking wet pounds of him into his lap on the paddleboard.

"Thirty seconds more and I don't think he would have made it," Brady said. "When I pulled him up on the board, he was just a dead weight, no energy."

At that point, Brady and Loki were nearly in the middle of the river. "The current had swept us even further out so we were about halfway between Rumson and the Highlands," he said.

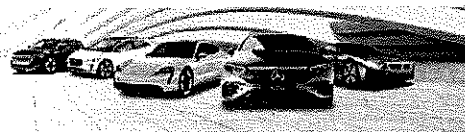
Exhausted and cold, Brady began paddling back toward Rumson when assistance came in the form of Rumson-Fair Haven High School crew coaches.

According to Coach Chris Seslar, he and assistant coach Ed Riley were just finishing up practice when a police officer pulled into the boathouse lot and told them about the situation, asking if they could help look for Brady and Loki. "We ran back down, hopped on our (coaching) launch and got over to the other side of the river as quick as we could," Seslar said. "We were looking around for maybe three or four minutes and then spotted them on the paddleboard."

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Shivering, lightheaded and thirsty, Brady sat in the boat spent. "If I didn't have that it would have been, I think, a lot different," he said.

Back at the dock, the police were waiting, as were the Koles, who had already been notified by the police that Loki had been spotted in the river, and Brady's parents. Brady spent a few minutes in a police car with the heat turned on high until EMS arrived and took his vitals, deciding then he needed to go to the hospital.

"My mom was pretty scared," Brady said.

In the mid-40-degree temps of the water that day, Seslar said hypothermia can set in and "you lose extremity function within like five or six minutes at most."

"We have a general rule of thumb – if the air and water temperature combined is below 90 degrees, so below 45 for both of them – then we don't go out on the water and we were just right on the cusp of that that day," Seslar explained.

At the hospital nearly 30 minutes after leaving the water, Brady's body temperature was only 93 degrees.

Doctors gave him an IV of "warm liquid" and put him in "a big bubble with hot air" for a few hours to warm him up.

"My mom kept saying how lucky I was, but they were both happy. They were proud of me that I did it," Brady said.

Seslar was also happy everything worked out the way it did. "I mean, it was just a really cool event to be a part of and help out with. What Brady did, going out and grabbing Loki, was just incredible."

Brady is currently working with the Little Silver Fire Department to get his certification and eventually wants to be a New Jersey State Trooper.

"I'm just so blown away by Brady Walsh's act of heroism," Kole said, who noted Loki is doing fine after his adventure. "It's very hard to have a child really risk and not even think twice and just do a good deed," she said.

"The truth of the matter is, Loki would have drowned and we would have never ever seen him again nor known what happened to him" if Brady hadn't rescued him, Kole said.

Losing Loki "would have been so traumatic on so many levels," she added. "He's been the best thing that happened to my family."

Kole told Brady to "remember this moment."



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Wanting Brady to be recognized and thanked for his bravery, Kole wrote a letter to RBR's principal and recommended Brady as Student of the Month.

But Kole said it isn't just Brady whom she needs to thank. "There's something about this town," she said. "When people need help, everybody rallies and that is really priceless."

The article originally appeared in the April 6 - 12, 2023 print edition of The Two River Times.

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