

Mayor's Message, January 6, 2024

Mayor Kelly thanked all our special guests for attending and took a moment to reflect on 2023 – he reported we had a great year in Sea Bright. We had some unique challenges in our unique town, but a wonderful year overall. He thanked all of our staff, volunteers, we value the employees of every department and our professionals – everyone does a great job throughout the year. Mayor Kelly wished the Governing Body good luck and is looking forward to working with everyone in the new year and thanked former Councilman Booker for his service.

At times we can be a vulnerable town, but we have great residents and businesses who are very resilient. We were fiscally sound in 2023 and have become a great model locally and County wide. Mayor Kelly has high hopes for 2024 – as we are always cautiously optimistic, we are trending well for another successful year. Specifically, we will be focusing on school regionalization and beach replenishment. There will be a few upcoming challenges specifically with property tax assessments and continued resiliency regarding flooding but will continue to work with our staff and professionals to succeed in all our challenges. The Mayor thanked the Fire Department and Police Department for their quick response to last night's fire at Island View in Sea Bright. Mayor Kelly reported our Borough Administrator, Joseph Verruni, will be going back into retirement this year and thanked him for all his work and help getting Sea Bright through some difficult years managing the Borough. Mayor Kelly wished everyone a happy new year!