

**MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT**

AUGUST 10, 2023 (Thursday)

SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY

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Council President Keeler called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and requested those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Keeler read the following Compliance Statement:

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT (N.J.S.A. 10:4-18)

**Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen. This Meeting Is Now Called to Order:
In Line With The Borough Of Sea Bright's Longstanding Policy Of Open Government, And
In Compliance With The "Open Public Meetings Act" I Wish To Advise You That Adequate
Notice Of This Regularly Scheduled Meeting Was Sent to the Asbury Park Press and other
local newspapers on January 10, 2023. In each instance, the Date, Time, And Location of
This Meeting Were Provided in the Notice. This Meeting Is Open to The Public."**

PRESENT: Councilmember's Erwin Bieber, Samuel A. Catalano,
Heather Gorman, William J. Keeler, John M. Lamia, Jr.

ABSENT: Mayor Brian P. Kelly
Councilmember Jefferey M. Booker, Sr.

OTHERS: Administrator Joseph L. Verruni, Attorney Richard Shaklee
Engineer Gregory Blash, Clerk Christine Pfeiffer

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE: (limited to 3 minutes)

The Public Comment portion of this meeting allows members of the audience to bring their concerns or comments to the Mayor and Council's attention. Pursuant to Borough Ordinance 3-2011, a member of the public who wishes to speak shall give his/her name and address for the record and may have up to three minutes to state his/her comments to the Mayor and Council as a Body. If additional time or information is requested, an appointment can be made with the Administrator's office during regular business hours.

George Finnegan, resident, expressed his concerns about the garbage trucks leaking fluid throughout the Borough – not only is there a bad odor but it is a health hazard. Councilman Lamia stated that it was reported to the garbage company last week and they advised they would take the truck off the road immediately to get it repaired. Administrator Verruni explained that it is a common problem that many municipalities are facing across the state. Councilman Bieber added that there should be some financial consequences if this continues.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

SUBJECT: Capital Projects Update, Revised Beach Erosion Grant Request, North Way

ACTION: Mr. Verruni reported that we need to revise and increase our beach erosion grant request application to the County for the sand replenishment now that we have settlement agreement with the State and the actual costs – a resolution will be prepared for the August 15th meeting. Borough Engineer Greg Blash visited North Way to look into the condition of the road after we received complaints – he feels that we should add it to the 2023 Road Program – the curbing and sidewalks are fine it just needs to be repaved...Council approved. Mr. Verruni explained that we previously adopted a 5G ordinance establishing rules and regulations regarding the placement of poles. Munisite and Verizon have submitted proposals to the Borough - Mr. Verruni and the other professionals, recommend we authorize a 5G right of way agreement with Munisite – following a brief discussion, Council asked Attorney Shaklee to prepare a resolution for the August 15th meeting authorizing an agreement with Munisite. Borough Engineer Gregory Blash explained that he met with DPW Director, Dave Bahrle and Rob Smith to discuss the proposed public works garage and he will have a cost estimate and site plan prepared for the next meeting for Council's review. Mr. Verruni added that he gave Mr. Blash the new sewer permit application from Denholtz and stated that they plan to begin demolition in the fall. Unfortunately, this means we will be losing all the storage facilities we lease from them. Councilman Lamia asked for an update on the check valves in north beach – Mr. Blash explained that he has been trying to come to an agreement with the DOT and has reached out to Senator O'Scanlon's office for guidance and assistance.

SUBJECT: Public Safety Update (Police, Fire, EMS)

ACTION: Police Chief Friedman reported that our current parking revenue is approximately \$594,000, which is down about \$42,000 from this time last year. The department has issued 1,077 tickets for various parking violations and received 836 calls for service for the month of July.

Fire Chief Murphy reported 127 calls for service for the month of July and 389 year-to-date – making it the busiest month ever logged. Their response time is 3 minutes and 29 seconds. Chief Murphy also reported 3,816 man-hours for the month of July noting that those are volunteer hours. Some recent training includes a mass casualty drill on the beach, seasonal volunteer training with the guards, and a joint medevac training with Sandy Hook. He has been working with the garage door company to get all the issues with the garage doors taken care of. He received prices for the refurbished engine which came in under \$60,000 – the job can be done through Sourcewell to eliminate the bid process. Chief Murphy explained that there was an accident on the Sea

Bright/Rumson bridge over the weekend - 8 cars were involved, 9 reported injuries, 4 of which went to the hospital. It took a long time to reopen the bridge as we only had 3 tow trucks for 8 vehicles and needed to call the County to clean up the debris. Chief Murphy commended the Police Specials that were on duty that day and it was an overall good experience.

SUBJECT: Car Show Special Event Application

ACTION: The applicants, Jack Torrance and Rick McKenna, presented their plan for a car show to be held on September 16th utilizing 150-200 parking spots in the municipal lot. One-third of the proceeds raised will be donated to Sea Bright EMS. Mr. Verruni is concerned about parking for beachgoers as it is still very busy in September. The applicants said they will work with the Borough on any restrictions and will make sure the lot is clean after the event. Council approved the event and Mr. Verruni would like them to attend the Special Events meeting to ensure all departments are on the same page.

SUBJECT: Monmouth County Commodity Resale Agreement Renewal

ACTION: Borough Clerk Christine Pfeiffer reported we received a renewal for our Monmouth County Commodity Resale agreement which is expiring. Council agreed and a resolution authorizing the renewal will be prepared for the August 15th meeting.

SUBJECT: Fire Pit Safety

ACTION: Councilman Bieber reported Code Enforcement Officer Tom Haege had received complaints about fire pits and recommended that the Council put an ordinance in place to address fire pit safety. He received and proposed a sample ordinance with the intention of setting safety guidelines and asked Attorney Shaklee to review it and bring it back for a follow up discussion at the next workshop for consideration. The objective is to put a mechanism in place so the police can act when there is a dangerous fire burning in a fire pit.

SUBJECT: Use of River Dredged Sand

ACTION: Mr. Verruni stated that Congressman Pallone had a press conference reporting they are going to begin dredging the Shrewsbury River and he was asked if we could use that sand to enhance our beaches. Mr. Verruni said the dredged sand is not the same sand - when Monmouth Beach did this it came out like a sledge material and had a bad odor. Mr. Verruni will gather more information to see if it is even a viable option, what it would entail, and potential costs.

SUBJECT: Library Fundraiser

ACTION: Mr. Verruni stated that when the library raises money (i.e. at their annual fall fundraiser), Council needs to approve a resolution stating where the funds are going, who controlling the funds and how they will be spent.

SUBJECT: Beach Bathrooms

ACTION: Mr. Verruni stated that we have been receiving complaints about the public bathrooms in the pavilion. There is only one male attendant who at times has difficulty communicating with the public. Dave and Rob are looking to amend the contract to make sure we have both a male and female attendant during the summer months. Currently the attendant is responsible for cleaning multiple buildings which is a lot for one person. This 3-year contract is up in May so we will be going out to bid for a new contract.

SUBJECT: EMS Lease Agreement

ACTION: Borough Clerk Christine Pfeiffer explained that annually we renew a lease agreement with EMS for their 2 vehicles and recently we began to insure all their equipment. Mr. Verruni recommends renewing their agreement for multiple years - a resolution will be prepared for the August 15th meeting.

SUBJECT: Project Punch List

ACTION: Councilman Lamia explained that a few months ago the Governing Body met with Frank Lawrence who created a shared drive with a list of various Borough projects that required periodic review and follow-up. This list would help keep projects moving and not falling between the cracks. Mr. Verruni added that the shared document states who is responsible for the task, timeline, cost, etc. - we need to structure it so everyone is actually focusing on this list. Councilman Bieber recommends discussing the progress of the items on the prioritized punch list at every workshop meeting while everyone, including our professionals, are present.

SUBJECT: Mural - Recreation Center

ACTION: Councilwoman Gorman stated that she is interested in having a mural painted on the side of the Community Center - she will draft a request for proposals and work with Tara Almachenko from the art gallery to reach out to local artists. Councilwoman Gorman would like to receive the proposals in time for the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Recreation Center so the community can see them and vote on them.

SUBJECT: Community Center Ribbon Cutting

ACTION: As discussed above, Councilwoman Gorman explained that once the mural proposals are received she plans to have a Community Center ribbon cutting and have residents vote on what and where they would like to see a mural painted. The tentative date for the ribbon cutting ceremony is October 7th as it is a holiday weekend - the plan is to "officially" cut a ribbon, open up the Community Center, see the gym space, and introduce the new Edmunds platform to schedule recreation times. Councilwoman Gorman wants to make a game room for the children and youth of

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Sea Bright. The building will need some sort of locking/security system. Council discussed options of locations for the seniors and homeowner associations to hold their meetings. The Historical Society is also planning a grand opening sometime in September. Councilwoman Gorman would also like to see our Clean Community grant money go towards new trash cans throughout the town.

SUBJECT: School Crossing Guards

ACTION: Chief Friedman stated that right now all the children live on the same side of the street so it shouldn't be an issue. Councilwoman Gorman explained that it is still an issue in the downtown and suggested a DPW employee could stay an extra half hour to cross the kids.

Councilman Bieber stated that he sent the Council an email regarding the proposed Shrewsbury Riverfront Park improvements. Financially we are ready to move forward with the engineering and a resolution will be prepared for the August 15th meeting. After the initial engineering is complete, we will go out to bid for the construction which he hopes will begin in the fall.

SUBJECT: Resolutions

1. Authorizing the Purchase of Police Department Vehicle 2023 Chevy Tahoe
2. Authorizing Display of Fireworks at Sands Beach Club
3. Authorizing the Release of Performance Guarantee 1030 Liquor Partners, LLC 1030 Ocean Avenue
4. Approving Proposal from T.R. Weniger, Inc. to Repair Trash Racks at the River Street Pump Station
5. Authorizing Farmers Market
6. Authorizing Receipt of Bids FY2023 Municipal Aid Program for Road Improvements Island View Way, Garden Way and Longview Way

ACTION: The above resolutions will be prepared for approval at the August 15th meeting.

SUBJECT: Ordinances for Introduction

1. Authorizing the Leasing of Certain Capital Equipment by the Borough of Sea Bright, New Jersey from the Monmouth County Improvement Authority and the Execution of a Lease and Agreement
2. Amending and Supplementing Chapter 195, Entitled "Towing"
3. Amending and Supplementing Chapter 201, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic"

ACTION: The above ordinances will be prepared for introduction at the August 15th meeting.

Councilwoman Gorman stated that the first day of the Farmers Market went well – they are working on getting more signage for Ocean Avenue. The Fire Department hopes to pull their truck out and set up a table to sell t-shirts. News 4 and Produce Pete will also be coming to film once the market picks up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilmember Gorman offered a motion to enter in to Closed Session; second by Councilmember Catalano:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Borough Attorney and Administrator that the Borough Council go into executive session to discuss matters set forth hereinafter which are permissible for discussion in executive session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that they meet in closed session to discuss the issues as herein set forth:

1. Real Estate
2. Legal
3. Personnel

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council may come back into Regular Session to conduct additional business.

Roll Call:	Bieber,	Booker,	Catalano,	Gorman,	Keeler,	Lamia
	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Keeler offered a motion to Adjourn the Workshop meeting; seconded by Councilmember Gorman:

Roll Call:	Bieber,	Booker,	Catalano,	Gorman,	Keeler,	Lamia
	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pfeiffer
Borough Clerk