MINUTES REGULAR MEETING BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT

MARCH 19, 2024

SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY

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Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and requested those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Kelly read the following Compliance Statement:

Good Evening 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 8, 2024. In each instance, the Date, Time, And Location of This Meeting Were Provided in The Notice. This Meeting Is Open To The Public."

PRESENT: Mayor Brian P. Kelly

Councilmembers, Erwin Bieber, Samuel A. Catalano, Heather Gorman,

William J. Keeler, John M. Lamia, Jr., Marc A. Leckstein

OTHERS: Attorney Roger McLaughlin, Administrator Joseph Verruni,

CFO Michael Bascom, Borough Clerk Christine Pfeiffer

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBER OF THE SEA BRIGHT COMMUNITY WHO PASSED AWAY: Ray Lena & William "Kenny" Bahrs

Resolution(s):

No. 62-2024 Authorizing Hiring of Full Time Patrol Officer Sea Bright

Police Department

Councilmember Leckstein introduced and offered for adoption the following Resolution; seconded by Councilmember Gorman:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a full-time Patrol Officer in the Sea Bright Police Department due to the resignation of Nicholas E. Turi; and

WHEREAS, in January 2021, Alexa N. Susino was hired as a Class I Special Officer and following her training at the Monmouth County Police Academy was appointed a Class II Special Officer in December of 2021; and

WHEREAS, Chief Friedman has affirmed that Alexa N. Susino meets all hiring requirements and qualifications in accordance with Chapter 39-3. "Qualifications of Members" and recommends she be hired as a full-time Patrol Officer; and

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

I, Michael J. Bascom, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Sea Bright, do hereby certify that funds are available in Police S/W:

MICHAEL J. BASCOM, CFO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, do hereby authorize Alexa N. Susino be hired as a full time Patrol Officer within the Borough of Sea Bright Police Department, in accordance with Chapter 39 entitled "Police Department" of the Borough Code and Ordinance No. 04-2021 Fixing Salaries and Compensation of Officers and Employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

- 1. Alexa N. Susino
- 2. Chief of Police
- 3. Finance Manager

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Chief Friedman stated Alexa has been with the department for three years and since then she has done everything a Special Officer can do from stopping cars to writing tickets and is always out engaging with the public. She has certainly paid her dues and he is very proud of the job she has done – congratulations.

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.

Kathleen O'Connor, resident, stated that the week of January 23rd there was Rutgers equipment placed on the dunes in north beach across from her home which was suppose to be there for about a week and it has now been eight weeks. She questioned why it is there, why are we allowing it to be on the dunes, and when can she anticipate it being removed – Administrator Verruni responded that it should have only been there for two weeks during testing but will contact the project manager tomorrow for more information.

Joe Ruane, resident, expressed his concerns regarding the Mad Hatter moving forward with becoming a bar/restaurant – it will bring mayhem and congestion and would like the Council to consider the residents in the neighborhood – residential units would be more beneficial to town.

Brian George, business owner, stated that the Mad Hatter is an embarrassment to Council and the entire town and this issue has to be resolved.

Attorney McLaughlin explained that we are all tired and frustrated with the state of the Mad Hatter and though the Borough has made numerous attempts to fix the situation we do not have complete legal control on how the development moves forward. The New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) is the primary lien holder for 3.5 million dollars and they have the most authority to make decisions on the future of the property. The reality is it was approved for a commercial use (bar/restaurant) and we have received RFPs from interested candidates and a commercial use is far more valuable. It would be the most economical for the Borough to have it remain commercial as opposed to a residential development. The Council is looking to select and submit a proposal to the NJEDA and hopefully there will be some resolution. It has been and continues to be a long difficult process and the Council has done a good job seeking investors to improve the situation. The concept that it will be residential is not feasible, however the concept that it will get done is possible to see in the near future.

Ira Schussheim, resident, stated that he is absolutely against e-bikes on the splash pad. The ordinance that is being presented tonight will not make pedestrians safer. He respectfully is asking the Council to amend the title to include "e-bikes" as he feels it is misleading. This is a big issue in this town and hopes the Council listens to the resident's concerns.

Michael Chimento, business owner, stated his concerns about e-bikes on the splash pad – they travel at high speeds and are quiet which is very dangerous for pedestrians. Bicycles constantly pass through his parking lot, opposite of the flow of traffic - and nothing good can come of this – he urges Council to take a good look at the dangerous situation we currently have prior to introducing this ordinance.

Mayor Kelly stated that this ordinance probably will not be acted on tonight to allow Council to continue to review and make amendments.

Susie Markson, resident, feels that something absolutely should be done about e-bikes on the splash pad but moving them onto Ocean Avenue is not necessarily the answer. She would like to see signage and educational outreach on bicycle/pedestrian safety.

Candace Brunswick, resident, stated that she is not in favor of banning e-bikes on the splash pad. They have given seniors a way to get around in Sea Bright which is not a "bike friendly" town. She is on the splash pad every single day and has experienced more problems with road bike riders than people who ride e-bikes on the splash pad. It can be dangerous however, we should not ban them – we should increase signage.

Carol Schussheim, resident, stated that she has lived in Sea Bright for 22 years and walks frequently on the splash pad – it is a walkway not a roadway and feels e-bikes should be banned – the 62 staircases over the seawall reduce the walking space.

Tammy Kaiser, resident, is in favor of the Mad Hatter becoming a residential development and questioned the process. Attorney McLaughlin responded to her questions about the liens on the property and the most viable ways of moving forward.

George Henderson, resident, voiced his opposition to the e-bike ordinance. It is a matter of safety and bicycles should be on the road not the splash pad.

Charlie Rooney, resident, stated his opposition toward the e-bike ordinance. He asked Council if they have ever been on an e-bike on the splash pad or if they have actually spoken to the residents in north beach – it is very important to understand the resident's concerns and the safety of the public and to ultimately take care of the people in this town. He also made a point about his father a former Mayor and Tommy Johnson, former Police Chief who were best friends but when it came to running the town they had two different point of views.

Beatrix Patton, resident, stated that she and her family are against e-bikes on the splash pad. She does not want to see high speed accidents on the splash pad. As a nurse, she has seen some terrible accidents involving e-bikes. Also asked Council to have the overhanging trees trimmed. She thanked Council for the installation of bike racks at Anchorage but urged the Police Department to be aware of people locking their bikes on handicap signs.

Meagan Randall, resident, understands the overall frustration regarding the Mad Hatter and appreciates the Council working on moving things forward but feels there is a lack of transparency with the process. She prefers it to be a residential building mostly because of the traffic and parking problems during the summer season.

Jim Scholefield, resident, questioned if the Mad Hatter RFPs are public documents – Attorney McLaughlin stated that yes, they can be viewed in the Borough Clerk's Office.

Melissa D'Anna, resident, asked about the possibilities of a grant to improve bike lanes in Sea Bright and suggested building a walkway on top of the seawall.

Councilman Bieber stated that the reason the e-bike ordinance was created was to control the bikes in the town in a manageable way....the issue is whether to allow them on the splash pad. The Council has thought long and hard about this and there really isn't a good answer. There could be federal money available to widen the path but it could take years.

Chief Friedman stated that the Police Department's position is that they are aware of e-bike travel on the splash pad but feels it would be much more dangerous to push people out onto Ocean Avenue and he absolutely will not be doing that – there is no easy answer, but it is too dangerous to force them onto Ocean Avenue.

Liz Lawrence, resident, questioned if the highest Mad Hatter RFP will cover all the liens. Attorney McLaughlin responded that it will be satisfied in some capacity but it is the EDA's business to figure that out. Ms. Lawrence expressed her concerns regarding parking and traffic. Attorney McLaughlin stated we cannot relitigate the approved Planning Board application.

Kim Ruane, resident, asked where she could find the voting results of tonight's vote on the Mad Hatter – Mayor Kelly stated it will be in the public portion at the end of the meeting and posted on the Borough website tomorrow. Ms. Ruane feels that this is the first time in years there was transparency regarding this issue.

Brian George, resident, questioned why residential proposals are not being considered as that would be the most practical option. Attorney McLaughlin responded that we will consider the most fiscally responsible option.

Susie Markson, resident, stated that she has been to every Planning Board and Council meeting regarding the Mad Hatter over the past 8 years and the town has been nothing but transparent. Also, most of the residents who are against this moved in after the approval of a bar/restaurant.

Tammy Kaiser, resident, would like the RFPs results to be posted online and a follow up forum to ask questions.

Joe Ruane, resident, questioned why the Kelly's lack of management of the money the state loaned them fall in the lap of the residents – it should be their problem.

Ira Schussheim, resident, wants to ensure that the Borough adopts an e-bike ordinance that will protect pedestrians and ban them from the splash pad.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Leckstein offered a motion to approve the items that are considered routine in nature under the consent agenda; seconded by Councilmember Bieber:

Minutes

02-14-2024	Workshop Meeting
02-14-2024	Executive Session
02-20-2024	Special Workshop Meeting
02-20-2024	Executive Session
02-20-2024	Regular Meeting
03-05-2024	Budget Workshop Meeting
03-05-2024	Executive Session
03-06-2024	Special Meeting
03-06-2024	Executive Session

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Resolutions:

No. 63-2024 Authorizing Hiring of Police Officers Designation of Special Law Enforcement Officers - Class I

Councilmember Leckstein introduced and offered for adoption the following Resolution; seconded by Councilmember Bieber:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Class I Special Officers in the Police Department in the Borough of Sea Bright; and

WHEREAS, Chief Brett Friedman requested that the following be appointed as Class I Special Law Enforcement Officers after fulfilling the required training at the Monmouth County Police Academy.

CLASS I SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Jack Kilgallon Anthony Lampasona

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

I, Michael J. Bascom, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Sea Bright, do hereby certify that funds are available in Police S/W for the purpose stated herein:

MICHAEL J. BASCOM, CFO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, does hereby approve the appointment of the abovementioned Class I Special Law Enforcement Officers at an hourly rate of pay as specified in Ordinance No. 04-2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

- 1. Khristi Jacobs, Finance Manager
- 2. Brett Friedman, Police Chief
- 3. Appointees

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

No. 64-2024 Hiring Volunteer Firefighter

Councilmember Leckstein offered the following resolution for approval; seconded by Councilmember Bieber:

WHEREAS, Chapter 20, Section 20.4 of the General Code, Fire Department membership requires any person desiring membership in a volunteer fire department, shall complete an application; may be required to have a pre-appointment physical by a physician; and the Borough Council shall order a criminal background check to be conducted by the Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department received an application from the following individual, all preappointment requirements have been met and the Fire Chief recommends they be hired to serve as a volunteer firefighter in the Sea Bright Fire/Rescue Department:

Full Membership

Matthew Morton

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, does hereby accept and approve appointing the abovenamed individual to serve as a member in the Sea Bright Fire Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to send a certified copy of this resolution to the following:

- 1. Sea Bright Fire Chief
- 2. Individual Member

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

No. 65-2024 Authorizing Submittal of an Application for FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Councilmember Leckstein introduced and offered for adoption the following Resolution; seconded by Councilmember Bieber:

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides aid to local firefighters and first responders through its Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters by providing direct financial assistance to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources required to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Sea Bright Fire Department is seeking such assistance to purchase eight (8) AEDs and three (3) RIT packs to support the department in serving our community; and

WHEREAS, the Sea Bright Fire Department is eligible and desires to apply for \$42,000.00 in Assistance to Firefighters grant funds for the purpose stated herein; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sea Bright Fire Department is prepared to provide the required 5% local share of \$2,100.00 should an application be successful; and

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

I, Michael J. Bascom, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Sea Bright, do hereby certify that funds will be available in the 2024 budget under Fire Department Line Item #4-01-25-265-230 for the required 5% matching portion in the amount of \$2,100.00.

MICHAEL J. BASCOM, CFO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, does hereby authorize the Borough of Sea Bright Fire Chief to prepare and submit said Grant application to fund the purchase of eight (8) AEDs and three (3) RIT packs and further authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute any documents related to such application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLUTION, the Borough Council authorizes payment of the local share of \$2,100.00 should the application be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED. that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

- 1. C. Murphy, Fire Chief
- 2. CFO
- 3. Finance Manager

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

No. 66-2024 Authorizing a One-Year Renewal of the Shared Services Agreement with The Borough of Oceanport for Municipal Court Facilities

Councilmember Leckstein introduced and offered the following resolution for its adoption; seconded by Councilmember Bieber:

WHEREAS, the "Shared Services and Consolidation Act" at N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. seq. allows a local unit to enter into an agreement with any other local unit or units to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction, including services incidental to the primary purposes of any of the participating local units; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1 allows two or more municipalities to provide jointly for courtrooms, chambers, equipment, supplies and employees for their municipal courts and to agree to appoint the same persons as certified court administrator without establishing a joint municipal court; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sea Bright entered into a shared services agreement dated November 16, 2009 with the Borough of Oceanport for municipal court services commencing on March 1, 2010 which was extended by parties until February 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the termination date of the Agreement is February 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sea Bright is desirous of renewing the existing shared services agreement with the Borough of Oceanport for an additional one (1) year term for an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00; and

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS:

I, Michael J. Bascom, CFO, hereby certify that funds not to exceed \$90,000.00 will be provided for this purpose in the 2024 Budget appropriation entitled Court #4-01-42-490-235.

MÍCHAEL J. BASCOM, CFO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright hereby authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute a one-year extension to the Shared Services Agreement ("agreement") for Municipal Court services between the Borough of Oceanport and the Borough of Sea Bright that incorporates the following additional terms and conditions:

- 1. The agreement dated November 16, 2009, is hereby extended for a period of one additional year from the date of termination. The new termination date will be February 28, 2025.
- 2. The annual rate for the services shall be \$90,000.00.

3. All other terms and conditions contained in the original Shared Services Agreement or any prior extensions thereto not modified by this Amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize and agree to the above referenced terms and conditions of this Amendment by and between the Borough of Oceanport located at 910 Oceanport Way, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey and authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to sign said Amendment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

- 1. Borough of Oceanport
- 2. Borough of Sea Bright CFO
- 3. Sea Bright Municipal Court
- 4. Sea Bright Police Department

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

No. 67-2024 Place-to-Place Transfer/Expansion of Licensed Premise Liquor License #1343-33-005-005

BD Adventures LLC d/b/a Brothers Daley

Councilmember Leckstein introduced and offered the following resolution for its adoption; seconded by Councilmember Bieber:

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Place-to-Place Transfer (Expansion of Licensed Premises) of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 1343-33-005-005, issued to BD Adventures LLC d/b/a Brothers Daley, 1124 Ocean Avenue, Sea Bright, New Jersey, for the purpose of expanding the premises under license wherein the sale, service and storage of alcoholic beverages are authorized to include 1132 Ocean Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, all appropriate State and Borough transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey does hereby approve, effective March 19, 2024, the expansion of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption licensed premises located at 1124 Ocean Avenue, Sea Bright, New Jersey, to place under license the area delineated in the application form and the sketch of the licensed premises (1132 Ocean Avenue) attached thereto subject to the following condition:

The expansion of the Licensed Premises to 1132 Ocean Avenue does not include any carrying, transporting, conveying, passing or handling of any alcoholic beverages in open containers and/or containers used in consumption on the public sidewalk in front of 1124 Ocean Avenue and 1132 Ocean Avenue.

BE IT RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the following:

- 1. Chief of Police
- 2. State of New Jersey, Division of ABC
- 3. BD Adventures LLC

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

No. 68-2024 Authorizing Sewerage Rates and Charges for First, Second, Third and Fourth Quarters of 2024

Councilmember Leckstein introduced and offered for adoption the following Resolution; seconded by Councilmember Bieber:

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Sea Bright authorize the rates and charges of the municipal public utility for sewerage; and

WHEREAS, any previous schedule of charges adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Sea Bright which are inconsistent herewith are hereby rescinded.

WHEREAS, the rates and charges for the utilities are as follows:

1. The 2024 rates for the first, second, third and fourth quarters will be \$12.25 for every 1,000 gallons of water consumed by the customer.

2. The charges shall be due and payable in 2024/2025 within 10 days after the due date of the municipal sewer utility bill. If the bill is not timely paid, the outstanding bill shall be considered a municipal charge and shall be subject to the same rate of interest which accrues on delinquent taxes.

- 3. Billing Schedule:
 - 1. First quarter billing shall be mailed during April for consumption billed by the water company from mid-December thru mid-March;
 - 2. Second quarter billing shall be mailed during July for consumption billed by the water company from mid-March thru mid-June;
 - 3. Third quarter billing shall be mailed in October for consumption billed by the water company from mid-June thru mid-September;
 - 4. Fourth quarter billing shall be mailed in January for consumption billed by the water company from mid-September thru mid-December.
- 4. Consumption shall be based upon the information provided to the Borough of Sea Bright Municipal Sewer Utility by the New Jersey American Water Company and billed quarterly and indicated above.
- 5. All customers of the municipal sewer utility shall be billed for at least 10,000 gallons quarterly. This minimum charge shall be \$122.50.
- 6. For customers in townhouses and condominiums without individual New Jersey American Water Company Meters, the sewer utility bills will be sent directly to the Associations and/or Corporations for payment.
- 7. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other portion of this Resolution shall be adjudged by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the sewer utility schedule of rates and charges outlined above is hereby adopted and the utility is authorized to publish a notice of final adoption of said Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of the sewer utility schedule of rates and charges shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Tax/Sewer Utility Collector at 1099 Ocean Avenue, Sea Bright, New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright that they hereby authorize the utility to forward a copy of said Resolution of rates and charges to the customers of the utility at the utility's discretion.

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

No. 69-2024 Refund of Tax Overpayments

Councilmember Leckstein introduced and offered for adoption the following Resolution seconded by Councilmember Bieber:

WHEREAS, an overpayment of taxes were made for the following:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
26	7	2023	Donatella & Darren Todfield	\$ 13,442.88
26	7	2024	Donatella & Darren Todfield	\$ 4,203.53

Total: \$ 17,646.41

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommends that the tax overpayments be refunded accordingly; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, does hereby authorize the Tax Collector and the Finance Manager to refund the said tax overpayments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

- Tax Collector
- 2. Finance Manager
- 3. Donatella & Darren Todfield

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

No. 70-2024 Donation of 2024 Beach Badges

Councilmember Leckstein offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption; seconded by Councilmember Bieber:

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Sea Bright wish to support the fundraising efforts for the local organizatio listed below by donating two (2) 2024 beach badges as requested:

 Castle of Dreams Animal Rescue 2 Badges Fundraising Event – April 21, 2024

WHEREAS, the Borough Auditor has been informed and advised that a resolution should be considered in order to donate 2024 Season Beach Badges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey authorize the donation of two (2) 2024 Season Beach Badges to the aforementioned charitable organization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

- 1. Borough Administrator
- 2. Borough Auditor
- Individual Requestor

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

No. 71-2024 Approving the Settlement Agreement with Settembrino Architects and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign

Councilmember Leckstein offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption; seconded by Councilmember Bieber:

WHEREAS, the Borough engaged Settembrino Architects (Settembrino) to provide architectural services for projects known as the "Municipal Complex" and the "New Ocean Front Beach Pavilion"; and,

WHEREAS, disputes arose between the Borough and Settembrino regarding the services rendered by Settembrino; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough and Settembrino agreed to mediate the disputes with the Honorable Frank A. Buczynski, J.S.C. (Ret.); and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the mediation process, the Borough and Settembrino reached a settlement which was memorialized in a Settlement Agreement and Release.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the Mayor is authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest the attached Settlement Agreement and Release in the form as attached subject to attorney review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Borough Attorney

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

ORDINANCE(s):

Public Hearing: Mayor Kelly to read the ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2024

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
OF THE BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2024 through 2026

Councilmember Bieber offered a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 03-2024; seconded by Councilmember Leckstein:

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Public Hearing (Ord. No. 03-2024)

No one wished to be heard.

Councilmember Leckstein offered a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 03-2024; seconded by Councilmember Bieber:

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Councilmember Bieber offered a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 03-2024 and advertise according to law; seconded by Councilmember Leckstein:

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: The purpose of this Ordinance is to set the salary and wage ranges for officers and employees within the Borough of Sea Bright. Unless otherwise noted, all salaries and wages shall be paid semi-monthly.

- Assessment Searches
- Administrative Assistant
- Board of Health Secretary
- Emergency Management Coordinator/Deputy
- Assistant Code Enforcement
- Beach Manager
- Chief Financial Officer
- Code Enforcement
- Collection Operator
- Construction Officer
- Electrical Inspector
- Fire Department Administrator
- Fire Official/Fire Marshall
- Fiscal Officer
- Fire Sub-code Official Inspector
- Flood Plain Manager
- Housing Inspector
- Municipal Court Judge
- Plumbing Sub Code Official
- Public Building Custodian
- Recreation Director
- Registrar of Vital Statistics
- Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics
- Recycling Coordinator
- Tax Assessor
- Tax Search Officer
- Water Safety Director
- Zoning Officer

 2024
 2025
 2026

 GROUP II - Hourly Employees
 15.13 - 53.50
 15.13 - 54.50
 15.13 - 55.50

- Administrative Assistant Secretary
- Construction Department Secretary Assistant
- Custodian
- Library Cultural Arts Assistant

Beach Office Attendant

Tier 1 - Rookie - year 2

Tier 2 - Beginning year 3 - 5th year

Tier 3 - Beginning year 5 and up

Gate Attendant

Lifeguards

REGULAR MEETING MARCH 19, 2024 Library Cultural Arts Director Planner **Recreation Assistant** ROUP III – <u>Permanent Fulltime Employees</u> 5,000 - 75,000 5,000 - 77,500 5,000 - 80,000 Administrative Assistant **Construction Department Secretary and Technical Assistant Deputy Borough Clerk Deputy Court Administrator** Finance Manager Payroll/Account Payable Clerk Planning/Zoning Board Secretary 2024 2025 2026 $GROUP\ IV-\underline{Public\ Works\ Employees}$ 5,000 - 90,0005,000 - 93,000 5,000 -96,000 **Beach Maintenance Supervisor** Certified Public Works Manager **Deputy Director Equipment Operator Public Works Maintenance Working Forman** 2024 2025 2026 GROUP V - Police 25,000 - 148,000 25,000 - 152,000 25,000 - 156,000 Captain Lieutenant Sergeant Corporal Detective GROUP VI - Police - HOURLY Crossing Guard 15.13 – 16.00 15.13 - 17.00 15.13 - 18.00 Special 1st Class 15.13 - 16.00 15.13 - 17.00 15.13 - 18.00 Special 2nd Class 17.00 - 20.0017.00 - 21.0017.00 - 22.0015.13 - 16.00 **Police Matron** 15.13 - 17.00 15.13 -- 18.00 2024 20,000 – 171,000 2026 20,000 – 181,000 2025 GROUP VII – <u>Department Head</u>

• Borough Administrator 20,000 - 176,000 **Borough Clerk Director of Public Works Municipal Court Administrator Police Chief** Sewer Clerk Tax Collector GROUP VIII - Seasonal - HOURLY Assistant to the Beach Manager 13.73 - 20.00 14.00 - 21.0015.00 - 22.00**Beach Maintenance** 13.73 - 18.00 14.00 - 18.0015.00 - 18.00

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• Lifeguard Officer

Tier 4 - Supervisors	15.00 -20.00	15.00 - 21.00	15.00 - 22.00 $18.00 - 27.00$
Tier 5 – Captains	18.00 - 25.00	18.00 - 26.00	
GROUP IX - Other	2024	2025	2026
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SECTION TWO: All Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION THREE: If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other portion of this Ordinance be adjudged by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION FOUR: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required to Law.

Introduction: Mayor Kelly to read the ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT, CHAPTER 130, "LAND USE", AND TO ESTABLISH "SALT STORAGE REGULATIONS"

Councilmember Leckstein offered a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 04-2024 for a public hearing to be held on April 16, 2024 and advertise according to law; seconded by Councilmember Keeler:

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

SECTION ONE: Chapter 130 of the Code of the Borough of Sea Bright is amended and supplemented to add Article XX, SALT STORAGE REGULATIONS as follows:

§ 130-128. Purpose:

The purpose of this ordinance is to prevent stored salt and other solid de-icing materials from being exposed to stormwater.

This ordinance establishes requirements for the storage of salt and other solid de-icing materials on properties not owned or operated by the municipality (privately-owned), including residences, in Sea Bright Borough to protect the environment, public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

§ 130-129. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When consistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- A. "De-icing materials" means any granular or solid material such as melting salt or any other granular solid that assists in the melting of snow.
- B. "Impervious surface" means a surface that has been covered with a layer of material so that it is highly resistant to infiltration by water.
- C. "Storm drain inlet" means the point of entry into the storm sewer system.
- D. "Permanent structure" means a permanent building or permanent structure that is anchored to a permanent foundation with an impermeable floor, and that is completely roofed and walled (new structures require a door or other means of sealing the access way from wind driven rainfall).

A fabric frame structure is a permanent structure if it meets the following specifications:

- 1. Concrete blocks, jersey barriers or other similar material shall be placed around the interior of the structure to protect the side walls during loading and unloading of deicing materials;
- 2. The design shall prevent stormwater run-on and run through, and the fabric cannot leak:
- 3. The structure shall be erected on an impermeable slab;
- 4. The structure cannot be open sided; and

- 5. The structure shall have a roll up door or other means of sealing the access way from wind driven rainfall.
- E. "Person" means any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- F. "Resident" means a person who resides on a residential property where de-icing material is stored.

§ 130-130. De-icing Material Storage Requirements:

- A. Temporary outdoor storage of de-icing materials in accordance with the requirements below is allowed between October 15th and April 15th:
 - 1. Loose materials shall be placed on a flat, impervious surface in a manner that prevents stormwater run-through;
 - 2. Loose materials shall be placed at least 50 feet from surface water bodies, storm drain inlets, ditches and/or other stormwater conveyance channels;
 - Loose materials shall be maintained in a cone-shaped storage pile. If loading or unloading activities alter the cone-shape during daily activities, tracked materials shall be swept back into the storage pile, and the storage pile shall be reshaped into a cone after use;
 - 4. Loose materials shall be covered as follows:
 - a. The cover shall be waterproof, impermeable, and flexible;
 - b. The cover shall extend to the base of the pile(s);
 - c. The cover shall be free from holes or tears;
 - d. The cover shall be secured and weighed down around the perimeter to prevent removal by wind; and
 - e. Weight shall be placed on the cover(s) in such a way that minimizes the potential of exposure as materials shift and runoff flows down to the base of the pile.
 - (1) Sandbags lashed together with rope or cable and placed uniformly over the flexible cover, or poly-cord nets provide a suitable method. Items that can potentially hold water (e.g., old tires) shall not be used;
 - 5. Containers must be sealed when not in use; and
 - 6. The site shall be free of all de-icing materials between April 16th and October 14th.
- B. De-icing materials should be stored in a permanent structure if a suitable storage structure is available. For storage of loose de-icing materials in a permanent structure, such storage may be permanent, and thus not restricted to October 15 -April 15.
- C. Blank.
- D. The property owner, or owner of the de-icing materials if different, shall designate a person(s) responsible for operations at the site where these materials are stored outdoors, and who shall document that weekly inspections are conducted to ensure that the conditions of this ordinance are met. Inspection records shall be kept on site and made available to the municipality upon request.
 - 1. Residents who operate businesses from their homes that utilize de-icing materials are required to perform weekly inspections.

§ 130-131. Exemptions:

Residents may store de-icing materials outside in a solid-walled, closed container that prevents precipitation from entering and exiting the container, and which prevents the de-icing materials from leaking or spilling out. Under these circumstances, weekly inspections are not necessary, but repair or replacement of damaged or inadequate containers shall occur within 2 weeks.

If containerized (in bags or buckets) de-icing materials are stored within a permanent structure, they are not subject to the storage and inspection requirements in Section III above. Piles of de-icing materials are not exempt, even if stored in a permanent structure.

This ordinance does not apply to facilities where the stormwater discharges from de-icing material storage activities are regulated under another NJPDES permit.

§ 130-132. Enforcement:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Police Department and/or other Municipal Officials of Sea Bright Borough during the course of ordinary enforcement duties.

§ 130-133. Violations and Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall have 72 hours to complete corrective action. Repeat violations and/or failure to complete corrective action shall be subject to a penalty of not less than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

SECTION TWO: All Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION THREE: If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other portion of this Ordinance be adjudged by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION FOUR: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication according to law and upon filing with the Monmouth County Planning Board.

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true and correct Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, introduced on March 19, 2024 and will be further considered after a Public Hearing held on April 16, 2024 in the Municipal Building at 1099 Ocean Avenue at 7:00 p.m.

Introduction: Mayor Kelly to read the ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT, CHAPTER 130, "LAND USE", AND TO ESTABLISH "TREE PRESERVATION AND REPLACEMENT REGULATIONS"

Councilmember Leckstein offered a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 05-2024 for a public hearing to be held on April 16, 2024 and advertise according to law; seconded by Councilmember Keeler:

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

SECTION ONE: Chapter 130 of the Code of the Borough of Sea Bright is amended and supplemented to add Article XIX "TREE PRESERVATION AND REPLACEMENT REGULATIONS" as follows:

§ 130-122. Purpose:

An ordinance to establish requirements for tree removal and replacement and penalties for noncompliance in Sea Bright Borough to protect the environment, public health, safety and welfare.

§ 130-123. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this ordinance clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When consistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The use of the word "shall" mean the requirement is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- A. "Applicant" means any "person", as defined below, who applies for approval to remove trees regulated under this ordinance.
- B. "Diameter at Breast Height (DBH)" means the diameter of the trunk of a tree generally measured at a point four and a half feet above ground level from the downhill side of the tree.
- C. "Tree of Significance" means any tree that is recognized by the municipal governing body or local historical organization(s) as being of significance due to its size, unique value, age, rarity, or the aesthetic, botanical, ecological, and historical value.
- D. "Homeowner" means a person(s) who owns a residence.
- E. "Nuisance tree" means any tree, or limb thereof, that has an infectious disease or insect; is dead or dying; obstructs the view of traffic signs or the free passage of pedestrians or vehicles; is causing obvious damage to structures (such as building foundations, sidewalks, etc.); or threatens public health, safety, and welfare.
- F. "Person" means any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, political subdivision of this State and any state, interstate or Federal agency.

- G. "Planting strip" means the part of a street right-of-way between the abutting property line and the curb or traveled portion of the street, exclusive of any sidewalk.
- H. "Street Tree" means a tree planted in the sidewalk or a planting strip in the public right-of-way.
- I. "Tree" means a woody perennial plant, typically having a single stem or trunk growing to a considerable height and bearing lateral branches at some distance from the ground.
- J. "Tree removal" means to kill or to cause irreparable damage that leads to the decline and/or death of a tree. This includes, but is not limited to, excessive pruning, application of substances that are toxic to the tree, and improper grading and/or soil compaction around the base of the tree that leads to the decline and/or death of a tree. Removal does not include responsible pruning and maintenance of a tree, or the application of tree treatments intended to manage invasive species.

§ 130-124. Regulated Activities:

A. Tree Replacement Requirements

- 1. Within a five-year period, any person who removes one or more street tree(s) with a DBH of 2.5" or more, unless exempt under Section 130-125, shall be subject to the requirements of the Tree Replacement Requirements Table below.
- 2. For non-Homeowners:
 Within a five-year period, any person, other than a homeowner, who removes one or more tree(s) with a DBH of 6" or more per acre, unless exempt under Section 130-125, shall be subject to the requirements of the Tree Replacement Requirements Table below.
- 3. For Homeowners: Within a five-year period, any person that removes more than three (3) trees per acre that fall into categories 1, 2, or 3, combined, or any one (1) tree in categories 4 or 5 in the Tree Replacement Requirements table below, unless exempt under Section IV, shall be subject to the requirements of the Tree Replacement Requirements Table below.

Replacement tree(s) shall meet the Required Actions in Table below and shall be planted within twelve (12) months of the date of removal of the original tree(s). Replacement tree(s) shall be monitored by the property owner for a period of two (2) years to ensure their survival and shall be replaced as needed within twelve (12) months. Trees planted in temporary containers or pots do not count towards tree replacement requirements. The planting season will be March 15 – June 15 or September 15 – December 15. See Appendix A for replacement tree list

Tree Replacement Requirements Table:

Category	Tree Removed (DBH)	Required Action
1	DBH of 2.5" (for street trees) or 6" (for other trees) to 12.99"	Replant 1 tree in accordance with Appendix A, with a minimum DBH of 1.5" for each tree removed
2	DBH of 13" to 22.99"	Replant 2 trees in accordance with Appendix A, with minimum DBHs of 1.5" for each tree removed
3	DBH of 23" to 32.99"	Replant 3 trees with minimum DBHs of 1.5" for each tree removed
4	DBH of 33" or greater	Replant 4 trees with minimum DBHs of 1.5" for each tree removed
5	Tree of Significance	Replant 5 trees with minimum DBHs of 1/5" for each tree removed

^{*}Tree of Significance removals shall be approved by the Code Enforcement Officer.

4. If the municipality determines that some or all required replacement trees cannot be planted on the property where the tree removal activity occurred, then the applicant shall do one of the following:

- a. Plant replacement trees in a separate area(s) approved by the municipality.
- b. Pay a fee of \$25 per tree removed. This fee shall be placed into a fund dedicated to tree planting.

§ 130-125. Exemptions:

All persons shall comply with the tree replacement standard outlined above, except in the following cases. Proper justification shall be provided in writing to the municipality by a licensed tree expert or arborist, from all persons claiming an exemption.

- A. Clearing, cutting, and/or removal of trees which is necessary to service, maintain, or ensure the continued safe use of a lawfully existing structure, right- of-way, field, park, and/or garden.
- B. Tree farms in active operation, nurseries, fruit orchards, and garden centers;
- C. Properties used for the practice of silviculture under an approved forest stewardship or woodland management plan;
- D. Any trees removed pursuant to a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved environmental clean-up, or NJDEP approved habitat enhancement plan;
- E. Approved game management practices, as recommended by the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife;
- F. Nuisance trees may be removed with no fee or replacement requirement.

§ 130-126. Enforcement:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Code Enforcement Officer and/or other Municipal Officials of the Borough of Sea Bright during the course of ordinary enforcement duties.

§ 130-127. Violations and Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to the following:

A. First offense: Warning issued.

B. Second offense: \$100 fine.

SECTION TWO: All Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION THREE: If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other portion of this Ordinance be adjudged by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION FOUR: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication according to law and upon filing with the Monmouth County Planning Board.

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true and correct Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, introduced on March 19, 2024 and will be further considered after a Public Hearing held on April 16, 2024 in the Municipal Building at 1099 Ocean Avenue at 7:00 p.m.

Introduction: Mayor Kelly to read the ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 201 OF THE BOROUGH CODE REGARDING MOTORIZED VEHICLES

Councilmember Leckstein offered a motion to **table** Ordinance No. 06-2024; seconded by Councilmember Catalano:

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Introduction: Mayor Kelly to read the ordinance by title:

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 07-2024 BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-13 FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY ON AUGUST 17, 2021

Councilmember Leckstein offered a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 07-2024 for a public hearing to be held on April 16, 2024 and advertise according to law; seconded by Councilmember Keeler:

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The Bond Ordinance of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey (the "Borough") entitled "Bond Ordinance Providing An Appropriation Of \$140,000 For Sewer Utility Improvements For And By The Borough Of Sea Bright In The County Of Monmouth, New Jersey And, Authorizing The Issuance Of \$133,000 Bonds Or Notes Of The Borough For Financing Part Of The Appropriation" finally adopted on August 17, 2021 (the "Ordinance") is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.
- Section 2. The Ordinance is hereby amended by (a) deleting the reference of "\$140,000" for the appropriation and estimated cost and "\$133,000" for the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes and substituting in lieu therefor "\$300,000" and "\$285,000", (b) deleting the reference to \$7,000 for the down payment and substituting in lieu therefor \$15,000 and by (c) deleting the reference to "\$40,000" for Section 20 costs and substituting in lieu therefor "\$60,000".
- Section 3. The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolutions in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.
- Section 4. This Section 4 constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Borough reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that the Borough incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Borough under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of

debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$285,000. All other provisions of the Ordinance shall remain unchanged.

- Section 5. This amendatory bond ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final adoption as provided by Local Bond Law.
- Section 6. **I HEREBY CERTIFY** this to be a true and correct Bond Ordinance No. 07-2024 of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, introduced on March 19, 2023, and will be further considered after a Public Hearing held on April 16, 2024, in the Mayor Dina Long Community Room, 1097 Ocean Avenue, at 7:00 pm.

Introduction: Mayor Kelly to read the ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2024 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 201, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT

Councilmember Leckstein offered a motion to **table** Ordinance No. 08-2024; seconded by Councilmember Lamia:

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

INDIVIDUAL ACTION/New Business:

Vouchers: \$ 547,437.31

Councilmember Keeler offered a motion to approve the <u>Voucher List</u> dated March 19, 2024 as submitted by the Finance Manager; seconded by Councilmember Gorman:

Roll Call:		Catalano, Yes				
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2597 AT 24-00345 0				0	pen	670.35
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02036 BA 24-00262 0				0	pen	79.95
01241 BA 24-00334 0				0;	pen	432.35
2640 BA 24-00281 0				0	pen	1,489.75
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01631 BC 24-00314 0				0	pen	6,500.00
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00982 CI 24-00307 0				0	pen	5,281.40
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2406 FP MAILING SOLUTIONS 24-00301 03/08/24 A&E	Open	98.85
00978 FRIEDMAN, BRETT 24-00273 02/28/24 POLICE	Open	329.47
02101 GANNETT NY/NJ LOCALI-Q		
24-00258 02/27/24 PLAN.BOARD	Open	32.56
24-00280 03/04/24 CLERK 24-00336 03/14/24 CLERK	Open Open	26.40 75.68
		134.64
2281 GRAINGER 24-00119 01/24/24 Sewer	Open	601.20
24-00158 02/06/24 Tool Fuel	Open	168.04
02252 GRAINGER, INC.		769.24
23-00938 08/15/23 Sewer Depart.	Open	80.52
2588 HOAGLAND, LONGO, MORAN, DUNST 24-00330 03/13/24 PROSECUTOR	Open	700.00
2478 HOLISTIC WELLNESS, LLC	орен	700.00
24-00259 02/27/24 LIBRARY	Open	300.00
2710 HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP		2 656 24
24-00313 03/11/24 SHARED SERVICE	Open	3,656.34
01285 HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES 24-00144 01/31/24 Buildings & Grounds	Open	479.40
24-00230 02/23/24 Streets & Roads	Open	14.75
24-00243 02/23/24 Buildings & Grounds 24-00269 02/28/24 Beach	Open Open	362.21 146.66
24-00295 03/07/24 A&E	Open	104.33
0701		1,107.35
2791 HUDSON ENERGY SERVICES 24-00344 03/14/24 ELECTRIC	Open	113.96
2323 INTEGRATED SYSTEMS & SERVICES		
24-00248 02/23/24 Buildings & Grounds	Open	264.00
2297 INTEGRATED TECHNICAL SYSTEMS 24-00256 02/27/24 PARKING	Open	12,330.00
2561 INTRON TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS 24-00162 02/06/24 Replacement Laptop	Open	928.31
24-00335 03/14/24 COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY	Open	6,005.34
0572 TOP 6 T		6,933.65
2573 JCP & L 24-00264 02/27/24 ELECTRIC	Open	14,130.40
01784 JUNGLE LASERS, LLC 24-00300 03/08/24 BLDG DEPT	Open	350.00
00015 LANIGAN ASSOCIATES, INC.		
24-00242 02/23/24	Open	303.00
2708 LETIZIA M.D., MATTHEW 24-00332 03/14/24 BEACH	Open	3,000.00
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24-00238 02/23/24	Open	245.00
01603 M AND N VENTURES 24-00247 02/23/24 Sea Bright Banner	Open	195.00
24-00247 02/25/24 Sea Bright Banner 24-00282 03/05/24 PLAN BOARD	Open	17.00
		212.00
00799 MAGLOCLEN 24-00268 02/28/24 POLICE: CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	Open	400.00
2278 MCLAUGHLIN, STAUFFER & SHAKLEE		
24-00297 03/07/24 LEGAL	Open	6,770.50
00107 MIDDLESEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL 24-00303 03/08/24 INSURANCE	Open	4,676.52
01322 MONMOUTH AND OCEAN COUNTY		
24-00239 02/23/24	Open	50.00
00109 MONMOUTH COUNTY POLICE CHIEF'S 24-00126 01/24/24	Open	150.00
24-00128 01/24/24	Open	500.00
0004F NOWWOMEN CONTROL COST		650.00
02045 MONMOUTH COUNTY SPCA 24-00263 02/27/24 ANIMAL	Open	37.50
24-00312 03/11/24 ANIMAL	Open	325.00
		362.50

REGULAR MEETING		
00441 MONMOUTH COUNTY TREASURER 24-00302 03/08/24 SHARED SERVICE-911 DISPATCH	Open	90,001.74
01499 MONMOUTH SPRINKLER CO., INC. 24-00141 01/31/24 Buildings & Grounds	Open	184.00
2883 MONTENEGRO, THOMPSON, MONTENEGRO 24-00331 03/13/24 PLAN. BOARD	Open	2,739.00
00339 NAPA AUTO PARTS CENTER 24-00237 02/23/24 Streets & Roads	Open	448.32
00433 NATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT 24-00172 02/06/24 RECREATION	Open	1,590.00
01399 NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER 24-00279 03/04/24 WATER	Open	4,957.37
01810 NJ DEPT OF HEALTH 24-00278 03/04/24 ANIMAL	Open	6.00
00113 NJ NATURAL GAS COMPANY 24-00257 02/27/24 NATURAL GAS	Open	2,874.78
02094 NJ OFFICE WEIGHTS & MEASURES 24-00231 02/23/24	Open	100.00
00502 NJ STATE LEAGUE/MUNICIPALITIES 24-00323 03/13/24 DPW Seasonal Laborer Job Ad	Open	115.00
01309 OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION 23-00773 07/13/23 SCHOOL TAX	Open	74,140.00
00046 ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. 24-00285 03/05/24 SEWER	Open	25.74
2372 PAYARGO, INC. 24-00342 03/14/24 TAX	Open	123.10
2525 POOR JOHNS PORTABLE TOILETS		
23-00086 01/27/23 Beach 24-00341 03/14/24 BEACH	Open Open	366.00 366.00
	-	732.00
01463 PUMPING SERVICES, INC. 24-00140 01/31/24 Sewer	Open	1,385.10
00164 RAIN, WILLIAM 24-00274 02/28/24 HEALTH	Open	161.10
2330 RAW POWER GENERATOR SERVICE		
24-00079 01/16/24 Sewer 24-00080 01/16/24 Buildings & Grounds	Open Open	731.25 887.50
2728 READY REFRESH BY NESTLE		1,618.75
24-00339 03/14/24 SPRING WATER	Open	1,345.61
3137 RUMPH,ABIGAIL 24-00260 02/27/24 LIBRARY	Open	250.00
24-00294 03/07/24 LIBRARY	Open	125.00
		375.00
01554 SEA BRIGHT SERVICE CENTER 24-00251 02/23/24 POLICE: VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	Open	239.95
00027 SEABOARD WELDING SUPPLY, INC. 24-00338 03/14/24 DPW	Open	18.50
3142 SHARMA, BINDU & SHANJIV 24-00255 02/27/24 REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT	Open	703.00
01027 SHORE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 24-00343 03/14/24 COPIERS	Open	879.42
00053 SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL 23-00778 07/13/23 HIGH SCHOOL TAX	Open	184,110.84
00125 SPAHR, PATRICIA 23-01354 12/14/23 Reimb. Renewal CTC - 1189	Open	50.00
02225 STAPLES ADVANTAGE 24-00163 02/06/24 Office Supplies	Open	135.86
2535 SUBURBAN DISPOSAL, INC.		6 - 6
24-00308 03/11/24 TRASH 24-00309 03/11/24 TRASH	Open Open	6,794.09 22,121.91
24-00310 03/11/24 DUMPSTERS	Open	701.32
		29,617.32
00192 TAX COLL & TREAS ASSOC OF NJ 24-00304 03/11/24 TAX COLLECTOR	Open	480.00

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Open	323.00
Open	200.00
Open	320.00
Open	948.85
Open	659.95
Open Open	827.94 154.55
Open Open	187.85 318.08 505.93
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TOTAL: \$ 528,586.68

Manual Checks / Wire Transfers

24-00296	BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT-CURRENT FUND	\$100.00
3/7/2024	REPLENISH PETTY CASH FUND	
24-00277	MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOC. OF NJ	\$425.00
3/4/2024	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE	
24-00227	TREASURER, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH	\$13,550.90
2/21/2024	ADDED & OMITTED COUNTY TAX	
24-00228	TREASURER, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH	\$1,926.35
2/21/2024	ADDED & OMITTED OPEN SPACE TAX	
24-00229	TREASURER, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH	\$996.39
2/21/2024	ADDED & OMITTED LIBRARY TAX	
24-00275	U.S.BANK CORP.TRUST	\$350.00
2/28/2024	ANNUAL TRUSTEE FEE	
24-00337	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	\$1,000.00
3/14/2024	REPLENISH BULK MAIL ACCT.	
24-00276	WEX BANK	\$501.99
2/28/2024	GASOLINE: JANUARY	_
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TOTAL: \$ 18,850.63

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 547,437.31

2024 BUDGET:

Mayor Kelly stated that on tonight's agenda, the Borough Council will be asked to introduce the 2024 Municipal Budget. The budget we will vote on this evening reflects a slight decrease in spending as compared to 2023.

Like everyone else, the Borough is impacted by increasing costs and general economic impacts. Items of note in the 2024 budget include:

• An increase health insurance costs for our employees as a result of another increase from the State of NJ Health Benefits Program totaling approximately \$60,000.00.

• A new appropriation of \$30,000.00 intended to focus on recruiting and retaining volunteer firefighters and EMT's.

• A one-time appropriation to fund an ordinance in the amount of \$241,040.00 using capital surplus as an offsetting revenue.

In spite of this, the Borough's projected tax rate will decrease by 14.14% (6.5 cents) from 45.7 cents per \$100.00 of assessed value in 2023 to \$39.2 cents per \$100.00 of assessed value in 2024.

The budget recognizes the expected retirement of a few Department Heads in 2024 and includes funding for their replacements.

The Borough Council is confident that the Department Heads and the Governing Body will continue to work closely throughout 2024 to improve revenues and reduce costs to continue the Borough's long history of municipal tax rate stability.

The public hearing on this budget will be held at our regular meeting of April 16, 2024.

Res. No. 72-2024 Introduction of the 2024 Municipal Budget

Councilmember Leckstein offered a motion to introduce the 2024 Municipal Budget and to hold a public hearing on April 16, 2024; seconded by Councilmember Bieber:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the Year 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said budget be published in the Two River Times in the issue of March 28, 2024; and

The Governing Body of the Borough of Sea Bright does hereby approve the following, as the Budget for the year 2024:

RECORDED VOTE	Ayes	Nays	Abstained	Absent
COUNCILMEMBER ERWIN BIEBER	X			
COUNCILMEMBER SAMUEL A. CATALANO	X			
COUNCILMEMBER HEATHER GORMAN	X			
COUNCILMEMBER WILIAM J. KEELER	X			
COUNCILMEMBER JOHN M. LAMIA, JR.	X			
COUNCILMEMBER MARC A. LECKSTEIN	X			

Notice is Hereby Given, that the Budget and Tax resolution was approved by the Councilmembers of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth on March 19, 2024.

A Public Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held on April 16, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at which time objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2024 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested parties. This meeting will be held in The Mayor Dina Long Community Room, 1097 Ocean Avenue, Sea Bright, NJ - remote access information is available on the Borough website (www.seabrightnj.org).

Res. No. 73-2024 Self Examination of Budget

Councilmember Keeler introduced and offered for adoption the following Resolution; seconded by Councilmember Leckstein:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the *Borough of Sea Bright* has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2024 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the *Borough of Sea Bright* that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

MARCH 19, 2024

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:

- a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
- b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
- c. Cash deficit of preceding year
- d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
- e. Other reserves and non-disbursement itemsf. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.
- 2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-
- 45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget
- 4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:

Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.

REGULAR MEETING

- a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
- b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
- c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
- 5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
- 6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Catalano reported the dune grass planting was a success with 3,000 plants in the ground and a lot of dune fence has been installed. Repairs will begin on access points soon.

Councilman Bieber reported on behalf of the Administration Committee they have chosen a candidate to replace Mr. Verruni upon his retirement – he will certainly be missed. He also reported the upcoming retirement of Tax/Sewer Collector Patricia Spahr after decades of service – we appreciate everything she has done for the town.

Councilman Keeler stated that he is working with the DOT to see if they can push back the storm sewer drains into the curb when they repave Ocean Avenue after the bridge project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Leckstein offered a motion to enter in to Closed Session; seconded by Councilmember Keeler:

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. Litigation (Mad Hatter)

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

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

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Councilmember Leckstein offered a motion to re-open the meeting; seconded by Councilmember Gorman:

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Resolution(s):

No. 74-2024 Consideration of Proposals Received for the Re-Development of the

"Mad Hatter" Property, Block 19, Lot 3 – 10 East Ocean Avenue

within the Borough of Sea Bright

Councilmember Leckstein offered the following resolution and moved its adoption; seconded by Councilmember Keeler:

WHEREAS, the Borough Council authorized receiving proposals for the completion of the proposed development of the "Mad Hatter" located at 10 East Ocean Avenue in the Borough of Sea Bright on January 17, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk did duly advertise on May 9, 2023 to receive proposals on August 4, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in connection therewith, four proposals were received from: 1) Kalian Companies, Atlantic Highlands, NJ; 2) Landmark Developers, Plainfield, NJ; 3) LMRG Hospitality LLC, Shrewsbury, NJ; and 4) R. Baker and Son, Marlboro NJ; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to further negotiate and present to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) all four of the proposals received for their consideration.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey do hereby authorize the Borough Attorney to forward the four proposals received for the re-development of the Mad Hatter property to the NJEDA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

- 1. Borough Attorney
- 2. NJEDA

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Councilman Leckstein stated that this resolution gives the residents an opportunity to view the proposals prior to any decisions being made.

Councilman Bieber stated that on Wednesday March 27th he and his wife Jody will be hosting a Jersey Mike's lunch for all Borough employees and volunteers. Jersey Mikes will be donating 100% of the proceeds this day to the Valerie Fund – this organization is near and dear to them and this is a great opportunity to say "thank you" to all employees and volunteers.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Leckstein offered a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilmember Keeler:

Roll Call: Bieber, Catalano, Gorman, Keeler, Lamia, Leckstein

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pfeiffer Borough Clerk