

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING  
BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT**

**JULY 26, 2024 (Friday)**

**SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY**

**TO ATTEND THIS MEETING REMOTELY PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING:**

<https://meet.goto.com/178159885>

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**Access Code:** 178-159-885

**Mayor Kelly** called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and requested those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Mayor Kelly** read the following Compliance Statement:

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 the **48-hour** notice requirement for this meeting has been met. A copy of the agenda was sent to the Asbury Park Press and other local newspapers on July 23, 2024, and posted on the bulletin board in the Borough office. This meeting is open to the public.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Brian P. Kelly

Councilmembers Erwin Bieber, Heather Gorman,  
William J. Keeler, John M. Lamia, Jr., Marc A. Leckstein

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Samuel A. Catalano

**OTHERS:** Administrator Rachel Giolitto, Borough 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.

Danny Heller, resident, asked for an update on both the Mad Hatter and the riverfront development project. Mayor Kelly responded that notices have gone out regarding the riverfront development project that demolition will begin soon and construction will begin soon after starting in the northern end – which includes the bulkhead. Regarding the Mad Hatter, Mayor Kelly would like to speak to this at the next meeting when our Attorney is present who can provide the update as it is a complicated matter with many moving parts.

**Resolution(s):**

**No. 144-2024**

**AUTHORIZING A NON-BINDING QUESTION TO BE PRINTED ON  
THE BALLOT FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE VOTERS WITHIN THE  
BOROUGH AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Sea Bright, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey (the "Borough") has determined that it is in the interest of the Borough to explore the possibility of tax relief by sending Borough students to schools in the Henry Hudson School District (the "School District"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough wishes to ascertain the sentiment of its legal voters with respect to having Borough students attend the schools in the School District; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:37-1, authorizes the Borough to request that the Clerk of the County of Monmouth place a non-binding question on the ballot used at the next general election in the Borough, which is scheduled for November 5, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough desires to place a non-binding question on the ballot for the general election in order to ascertain the sentiment of its voters regarding having Borough students attend the schools in the School District.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION I**

The recitals are hereby incorporated as if set forth in full herein.

**SECTION II**

The Borough Council hereby requests and directs the Clerk of the County of Monmouth to place the following question on the ballot of the next general election, such to be substantially in the form as follows:

**"Do you support the borough exploring educational opportunities and property tax relief available to Sea Bright by having students from Sea Bright attend the Henry Hudson Regional School District?"**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**          \_\_\_\_\_ **No**

**SECTION III**

The Borough Clerk shall immediately file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Clerk of the County of Monmouth together with the request that the above ballot question be placed upon the ballot for the general election to be held on November 5, 2024. The Mayor, Administrator, Clerk and all other appropriate officials of the Borough are hereby authorized to take such other actions deemed necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pfeiffer  
Borough Clerk