

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING – REMOTE ACCESS ONLY
BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT**

SEPTEMBER 25, 2024 (Wednesday) SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY

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Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 September 20, 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, Samuel A. Catalano, William J. Keeler,
Marc A. Leckstein

ABSENT: Councilmembers Heather Gorman, John M. Lamia, Jr.

OTHERS: Borough Attorney Richard Shaklee, Administrator Rachel Giolitto,
Deputy Clerk Michelle Graham

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.

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution(s):

Councilman Leckstein stated that he attended the court hearing regarding this matter and although the Judge made it clear that there wasn't anything wrong with the original passage of this resolution, out of an abundance of caution, he asked the Borough to re-authorize the resolution.

No. 161-2024 **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT REITERATING ITS AUTHORIZATION OF 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 Bieber offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption; seconded by Councilmember Leckstein:

WHEREAS, the Borough Council, of the Borough of Sea Bright approved Resolution No. 144-2024 on July 26, 2024 which authorized 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; and

WHEREAS, out of an abundance of caution, the Borough Council wishes to reiterate its approval of Resolution No. 144-2024 as stated below:

RESOLUTION NO. 144-2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT 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

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 Yes Absent Yes Absent 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 Yes Absent Yes Absent Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Pfeiffer
Borough Clerk