

**MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT**

OCTOBER 9, 2024 (Wednesday)

SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY

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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:

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

OTHERS: Administrator Rachel Giolitto, Attorney Richard Shaklee,
Engineer Greg 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.

Kevin Birdsall, resident, expressed his concerns regarding the potential reduction in parking passes for downtown residents. He feels there are a number of things that need to be fixed before we start changing things – for ex. residents who live in the downtown should be allowed to park by the curb in front of their garage. He would like to see cars getting towed instead of ticketed. Business employees and delivery drivers are parking on the side streets taking up all the spaces. He wants the Governing Body to take a closer look at the homes that have had driveways put in since they have eliminated parking spaces on the street, along with the Airbnb's, and reevaluate the overall parking situation. Councilman Leckstein explained that the discussion item on the agenda is simply a starting point to work on a solution. Mayor Kelly acknowledged it is a sensitive conversation, but we are working on a resolution.

Jamie Taylor, resident, expressed her concerns with the parking as she lives on Ocean Avenue with small children and does not have a close place to park in the summer. Reducing passes will greatly impact her family.

Gareth Middleton, resident, feels that increased enforcement would solve some of the parking issues. He understands that without the business parking lot next year it will be a challenge, and he would recommend the Borough going out for RFPs for a traffic or planning consultant. Lastly, it is a slippery slope for the Borough to tell the homeowners how to utilize the space under their homes.

Julie Kellner, resident, stated that she does not feel it is right to take away parking passes from downtown residents.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

SUBJECT: Capital Projects Update

ACTION: Administrator Giolitto stated she met with Borough Engineer Greg Blash yesterday to go over numerous projects. The new DPW building should have a bid awarded by late October / early November. There will be two resolutions added to Tuesday night's agenda authorizing Mr. Blash to move forward with the removal of the utility wires on Peninsula Avenue as well as authorizing him to replace the manhole in front of the Rum Runner. The Imbrie Place sanitary sewer bond ordinance is on the agenda for adoption on Tuesday night as well as the resolution to approve the proposal for engineering services related to the project which is a 50/50 cost share with Rumson. Mr. Blash stated that he received a preliminary plan (which is actually the final plan) for the check valves from the DOT and they are waiting for us to get authorization from the property owners to move forward.

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SUBJECT: Public Safety & Public Works Updates

ACTION: Police Chief Friedman reported 565 calls for service for the month of September including various incidents. Our summer help has significantly decreased and we are looking for some new people for next summer. The Chief mentioned the recent pole fires which were a bit of a challenge, but all in all, it is business as usual.

Fire Chief Murphy reported 83 calls for the month of September (including four poles fires within the past two weeks), bringing the total calls to 650 for the year. There was a sailboat accident at the bridge and they took six people off the boat with no injuries. We hosted the Secret Service and Army for two days for training in our Beach Pavilion. The department is focusing on flood training and the open house is scheduled for Saturday, October 12th from 12:00pm-3:00pm.

Dave Bahrle, Public Works Director, stated that we had another successful summer season. They got all the lockers and ticket booths off the beach. The department painted the meeting room and conference space in the pavilion and street sweeping is ongoing until the end of the month. There are multiple off season projects that they will continue to work on. There was a terrible grease build up in the sewer lines by the Rum Runner about a mile long which they are continuing to clean up. New trash/recycling receptacles are ordered for the municipal parking lot. There elevator in the pavilion is not working, it will be repaired when the parts come in. There are leaks in the collection system between Beach Way and the middle pump station so he has been in contact with Borough Engineer Greg Blash to come up with a solution as there is a good amount of ground water entering our system. Tim Linden submitted a letter of resignation and the department is advertising for a replacement.

SUBJECT: Utility Infrastructure

ACTION: Ms. Giolitto stated that we have experienced four utility pole fires within the past few weeks which is a clear public safety issue. Ms. Giolitto has reached out to Frank Luna, our Government Representative from JCP&L who is reaching out to his operational team to see if there are any trends or cause they can see directly. The response is typically that saltwater causes the fires to occur but clearly there is an infrastructure issue. She will draft a letter to Frank Luna and his supervisor to initiate a meeting to address the matter and see what options we have moving forward. Councilman Bieber asked the Administrator and Engineer how a major upgrade of the infrastructure would be funded – JCPL or federal grants? The Mayor added that this is a two prong matter – need to get the utility to buy in and the funding. Mr. Blash added that even if the wiring was below ground, the transformers would remain above ground.

SUBJECT: Rec Center Mural

ACTION: Councilwoman Gorman distributed the artwork done by Jay Alders who was the leading contender for the mural – she would like to bring energy and vibrancy and attention back to the community center. The cost would be about \$15,000 funded by grants. Council was mixed on the idea of a mural. The Governing Body agreed to continue this discussion on the next workshop meeting to get more feedback from the public.

SUBJECT: Solid Waste Bid

ACTION: Mayor Kelly stated that we received one bid for solid waste from Roselle, which is who we currently use. Administrator Giolitto stated that if we went from twice a week pick up to once a week pick up during the off season we would save around \$70,000 annually. Mayor Kelly questioned if the cost benefit analysis of the town is really worth saving the money. Council agreed to award the contract to Roselle for Option 1 – year-round, twice a week pick up at the October 15th meeting.

SUBJECT: RFPs for 2025 Professionals

ACTION: Mayor Kelly stated that RFPs for 2025 professionals will be advertised and due on December 6th. Administrator Giolitto stated that we are also looking for a Program Director but is hoping to hire someone inhouse.

SUBJECT: Beach Badge and Locker Prices for 2025

ACTION: Administrator Giolitto provided a summary of badge and locker prices for surrounding communities and feels that we are in line with what others are charging and Beach Manager Don Klein did not feel that the fees needed to be increased at this time. Councilman Bieber would like to see how much we make on daily badges before finalizing the fees for 2025. Ms. Giolitto will work with Tax/Sewer Collector Jesse Faasen to pull the numbers.

SUBJECT: Parking Options

ACTION: Mayor Kelly explained that with regard to the comments he heard from residents today, he will work with Administrator Giolitto and Code Enforcement Chair Councilman Leckstein to find a solution. Councilman Leckstein would like to move forward with towing. Councilman Bieber requested he be involved in the conversation and mentioned that if everyone respected the rules – we would have enough parking and mentioned towing during the summer would be very difficult. Chief Friedman stated that since we lost the business parking lot we are going to run into some issues next summer. Ms. Giolitto will work with Borough Engineer Greg Blash to see if we can fit any more parking spaces in the northern areas of the Municipal Lot.

Borough Engineer Greg Blash reported that the CDBG grant application submitted for the upgrades to the Community Center was not awarded – we came in 10th and they only awarded the first 7 projects.

SUBJECT: Resolutions

1. Approving Proposal from Leon S. Avakian, Inc. for Engineering Services for the Ocean Avenue Sanitary Lining at Imbrie Place
2. Approving Final Payment, Change Order No. 1 and Acceptance of Maintenance Guarantee for FY2021 and 2022 Municipal Aid Programs for Road Improvements – Fiore Paing Co., Inc.
3. Authorizing Agreement with Quench for a Drinking Water Filtration System
4. Authorizing Receipt of Bids Summer Business to Operate on the Sea Bright Municipal Beach
5. Halloween Curfew
6. Donation of 2025 Beach Badges
7. Approving 2025 SPCA Contract

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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. Contracts

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

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Leckstein offered a motion to Adjourn the Workshop meeting; seconded by Councilmember Bieber:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Pfeiffer
Borough Clerk