

MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT

MARCH 14, 2013

SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY

The Workshop Meeting of the Borough Council was held in the Cecile F. Norton Community Center Meeting Room, 1167 Ocean Avenue, Sea Bright, NJ 07760 at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Long called the meeting to order and request those present to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

OPENING STATEMENT: Mayor Long read the following statement:

"GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. THIS MEETING IS 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", THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC."

PRESENT: Mayor Dina Long
Councilmember's Brian Kelly, William J. Keeler, Marc A. Leckstein,
C. Read Murphy

ABSENT: Councilmember's Peggy Bills, James A. LoBiondo

OTHERS: Attorney Patrick McNamara, , Borough Engineer Jaclyn J. Flor,
Acting Borough Administrator/Clerk Joseph L. Verruni
Chief Financial Officer Michael Bascom, Chief of Police John Sorrentino

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE (limited to 3 minutes per person) The Public Comment portion of this meeting allow 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.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

SUBJECT: Liaison for Monmouth County Regional Health Commission No.1 (Verruni)

ACTION: Council agreed to discuss and will come up with two names to serve on this Commission, one as our representative and one as an alternate. Will put on next agenda.

SUBJECT: Shrewsbury River Cleanup Contract
Police Department Temporary move
Emergency Communications – Shawn Golden speaker

ACTION: Shrewsbury River Cleanup Contract Chief Sorrentino said all contracts have been awarded and to contact him to coordinate if you have debris that needs to be removed from the river.

Police Department Temporary Move

Chief Sorrentino - at this point, we need to take care of getting a new generator ASAP - even tomorrow as we have a storm coming next week.

Emergency Communications - Shawn Golden Speaker - The Chief reported that he has spoken to Shawn and he would be happy to come to our next workshop meeting to talk about communications.

SUBJECT: FEMA Advisory Base Flood Elevation (Leckstein)

ACTION: Councilman Leckstein asked Council to make a decision on whether they were going to challenge the ABFE's or not.....he is adamantly in favor. Jackie Flor, Borough Engineer, is going to prepare comments to submit by March 21.

SUBJECT: Dan Calandrillo Letter to build Basketball courts

ACTION: The Council agreed that they need to get more information about where the courts would be located, if lights are necessary, when they would be available for public use, etc. Kathy Morris, Recreation Director, will follow up with Dan and try to get more information.

The Mayor opened the floor for comments from the public...

Heather Bedenko, 400 Ocean Avenue, said there is not enough space for three courts and it would take away parking spaces from the businesses..the town should be focusing on bigger issues at this point, not worrying about basketball courts.

Kathy Morris, 28 Island View Way, asked Council to seriously consider the proposal as the town needs some source of recreation for teens. Would also bring people to town and that would help the businesses.

Michelle McMullin, 1062 Ocean Avenue, using up the parking spots would be a big problem. If they could put them somewhere else in town and not take away parking spots, it would be a great idea.

Marianne McKenzie, 612 Ocean Avenue, need to get community involved in these kinds of decisions. The Council can't spend the time and energy on this.

SUBJECT: Sandy Damage prioritization (Mayor Long)

ACTION: Public Assistance Grant Program will pay approximately 75% of repair cost.....The Council needs to make a decision on what projects should be addressed in order of priority. Jackie Flor, Borough Engineer will distribute a final spreadsheet with projects to Council and Joe Verruni, Acting Borough Administrator, tomorrow and they will add their comments and give to Councilmen Kelly, Murphy and Leckstein to compile by next Tuesday's Council meeting.

SUBJECT: Letter of Intent ranking

ACTION: The four projects need to be ranked in order of priority and the consensus is: residential home elevation, bulkheads, seawall repair and flood proofing businesses.

Comments from Audience

Michelle McMullin, 1062 Ocean Avenue, The biggest problem the town is facing is Ocean Avenue flooding making town impassable. Need to take care of infrastructure of town first.

Kono Trezza, Sea Bright Pizza, likes basketball idea - but giving up parking spots would be a real problem. Feels the priority should be bulkhead, raising homes, seawall, and businesses can take care of themselves.

Butch Henschel, 7 East Church Street, agrees that Bulkheads should be first priority....we need to deal with the nuisance flooding.

SUBJECT: STEP – Program update (Mayor Long)

ACTION: Update Mayor Long met with FEMA people to discuss revising the program. Based on the memo we got back from FEMA addressing our issues, the meeting was not productive. FEMA will not reimburse the Borough if we pay the homeowners directly for repairs. FEMA will only consider reimbursing the Borough if we pay the contractors. Mike Bascom is going to talk to the State to see if they will allow us the pay the contractors directly. We need to insure that we are getting a fair price.

SUBJECT: Fireworks

ACTION: Chief Sorrentino thinks we should have a meeting within the next week with department heads to discuss what needs to be done should we go forward. Businesses are going to donate the money to pay for the display.

SUBJECT: Public Works Building

ACTION: (Joe Verruni) Regarding donated building to house our Public Works Department, we need a public hearing, an emergency exception from CAFRA and we need a Planning Board review. These things have to take place in order to proceed

SUBJECT: Monmouth County Unemployment personnel

ACTION: (Joe Verruni) They are offering us 100% reimbursable labor. Seems like a particularly good program for us to participate in. Marc Leckstein is going to look in to the county program to back up computer data.

SUBJECT: Emergency Temporary Budget / Budget update

ACTION: (Mike Bascom) Regarding Emergency Temporary Budget you will receive a Resolution at the next meeting to appropriate additional funds to carry us through until we adopt budget....appropriations are about 1/2 of what we used in 2012. For the regular budget - at the next meeting you will need the resolutions to formally authorize the Community Disaster Loan application....\$1,297,000 is the maximum we qualify for. Will be meeting with Tom Neff to discuss transitional aide to make up for our lost ratables and unreimbursed costs due to Sandy. Realistically, we are looking at a late April/early May introduction to the budget.

SUBJECT: UPDATES:

- a. **Next edition of Sea Breeze – April 1 – July 1, 2013**
- b. **Letter's to Mayor & Council**
- c. **Recreation**
- d. **Google – Recreation Calendar schedules**
- e. **Sand relocation**

ACTION: a. The Mayor would like to see a Sandy Recovery Sea Breeze to update those who don't have access to computers. The Mayor asked Heather Bedenko to contact Joan Osgoodby and work with her to get the pertinent information included. We need to make sure the information is accurate.

b. Put together a list of letters that have been received by Mayor and Council and prepared responses. These items will be listed for approval vote at next Tuesday's meeting.

c. Recreation Reviewed list of proposed recreation events. Movies on the beach will be put on the next Council meeting agenda for approval.

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Sandy Hook memorial playground had been scheduled for this Saturday. The Mayor asked to postpone until April 6 at 9:30 am when the town should be in better shape. The family of Ann Marie Murphy is invited to attend.

Need to replace picnic tables and benches for the summer. Kathy Morris has been contacted by a charitable organization who would like to donate monies for benches.

d. Recreation Calendar: Kathy Morris put together a calendar that will go on our website. Anyone who would like to put an event or meeting on the calendar should coordinate through Kathy.

e. Sand Relocation: Jackie got the bid specs ready and the job will be put out to bid tomorrow - bids will be in by Tuesday, March 26. If they come in correctly, Joe would like to have a special meeting as soon as possible to award the bid. Job needs to be completed within 30 days of awarding contract.

Mayor Long added that the volunteers with Heather Bedenko and John Lamia worked really hard to combine addresses and contact information for Borough residents in to one database!! They will be doing a mailing reminding residents of our next Town Hall Meeting. Thanks to all involved. Frank Lawrence has been working lining up case management for Sea Brighters. World Renew is going to be contacting residents to do "needs assessments." FEMA has provided them with the contact info for those who have filed FEMA claims.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE: (limited to 3 minutes)

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Heather Bendenko asked about what the town is doing to address the flooding on Ocean Avenue. The compromised seawall is causing the flooding in north beach.

Kono Trezza said the we need to fix the entrance walls to the Peninsula parking lot. The businesses are worried that when they open the town will still look like a warzone. We need to concentrate on the big problems bulkheads and fixing the seawall. Also, the press is killing the business for Sea Bright by saying it always floods here.

Janet Henschel, 7 East Church Street, asked if there was any progress on getting reimbursed for "front doors." Also asked about the status of applications for business grants.

Marianne McKenzie, 612 Ocean Avenue, asked if the town could use the reverse 911 when Ocean Avenue is closed due to flooding. Also, need to restructure website to make it easier to get Borough information.

John Lamia, 2 Village Road, said the town needs to do a better job cleaning up the town - sand removal, etc. There are a lot of people willing to volunteer that need direction.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilmember Leckstein offered the following resolution for approval; seconded by Councilmember Murphy

RESOLUTION NO. 56-2013
EXECUTIVE SESSION
BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT

Resolution to Enter Executive Session

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

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, New Jersey, that they meet in closed session to discuss the issues as herein set forth and when the need for confidentiality no longer exists the decisions made therein will be made available to the public.

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed are as follows:

A. PERSONNEL

3. It is anticipated at this time that the subject matters will be made public, if and when , confidentiality is no longer needed. Action may be taken.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately

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

Vote: Bills, Keeler, Kelly, Leckstein, Lobiondo, Murphy
Absent Yes Yes Yes Absent Yes

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Keeler motion to Adjourn: Second by Councilmember Kelly

Vote: Bills, Keeler, Kelly, Leckstein, Lobiondo, Murphy
Absent Yes Yes Yes Absent Yes

