

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

July 31, 2013

SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY

The Special 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 11:00 a.m. Councilmember Bills called the meeting to order at 11:23 a.m. and requested those present join her in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

OPENING STATEMENT: Councilmember Bills read the following 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 has been forwarded to the Asbury Park Press and the LINK News on July 29, 2013 and posted on the bulletin board in the Borough office. This meeting is open to the public.

PRESENT: Councilmember's Peggy Bills, William J. Keeler, Marc A. Leckstein, James A. LoBiondo, C. Read Murphy

ABSENT: Mayor Dina Long, Councilmember Brian P. Kelly

OTHERS: Attorney Patrick McNamara, Borough Engineer Jaclyn J. Flor, Acting Borough Administrator/Clerk Joseph L. Verruni

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

SUBJECT: Monmouth County Recreation and Open Space Grant

ACTION: Mr. Verruni will work with Councilmember's Murphy and Keeler on ideas for use of the grant.

SUBJECT: Debriefing as a result and preparation of future events

ACTION: Mr. Verruni will set up a meeting in early September to discuss Sandy and make preparations for future storms. OEM should attend, and Council members will give a list of names of suggested attendees to Joe.

SUBJECT: Updates of various projects

ACTION:

1. County street sand project in the south end of town will be completed in a day or two. The borough will need to go out for bids for the screening. The north end is clean but will be used as a staging area through the fall. 55,000 cubic yards of sand have been removed.
2. Public accesses are complete. On Monday, Councilmember's Leckstein, Murphy, and Kelly will be interviewing architects for the fire house, beach pavilion, and library projects.
3. Tomorrow, in Monmouth Beach, there is a sea wall meeting with the state, which will be attended by Councilmember Keeler and Mr. Verruni. At the meeting, a project worksheet will be written. The break at Trade Winds has been repaired. T & M will provide the borough with plans for the sea wall.
4. Councilmember Murphy reported on a meeting he just attended in Highlands. Sand pumping will be done first in the north end, then Sandy Hook, then the south end.
5. Engineer Jaclyn Flor reported on several projects. She will be attending a sea wall meeting. She will discuss costs for sea wall repair and bids for the Anchorage lot, which will be awarded on Tuesday night. The parking lot project went out to bid on Wednesday; Sand Piper Lane comments are being addressed with revisions by T & M. Comments will be submitted to DOT. The 2013 Roads Program will go out to bid in mid-August, be awarded in September, and work will begin in October. The Restroom and Ramp project is lagging a few weeks behind. Regarding the elevation project at 25 Center Street, the scope of the project will be changed, and the plans will be revised. Regarding DPW, Jacki provided a copy of the dioxide spec. Joe recommended pursuing a grant for the Roads Program, and Jacki suggested selecting a road to focus on.

- SUBJECT:** Letter of Skim Bash skim-boarding competition request
ACTION: Council approved the request. Councilmember Leckstein stated his concern about special event requests, in general, received with little notice. He suggested setting up a Special Events Committee. Applicants would come before the committee which would review their requests.
- SUBJECT:** Final Design Approval Municipal Parking Lot by Planning Board
ACTION: Jacki Flor displayed a large plan drawing of the parking lot and discussed comments made by the Planning Board. She reviewed the plan and answered various questions.
- SUBJECT:** Application for Mercantile License: 'Mister Softee' mobile ice cream business
ACTION: Councilmember Leckstein would like to know more about the ordinance pertaining to this type of business. Mr. Verruni will provide it in packets for the next meeting.
- SUBJECT:** Citizen Advisory Committee to Study Municipal Consolidation Options
ACTION: Mr. Verruni will put this subject on the next meeting agenda. Councilmember Keeler stated that a member of Council should be on the committee.
- SUBJECT:** Post Office Discontinuance Study- Public Meeting Thursday, August 22, 2013, Sea Bright Community Center
ACTION: A survey was sent out by the Post Office and is also available on the website.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE (limited to 3 minutes)

The Public Comment portions 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.

1. Janet Hentschel, 7 East Church Street, expressed interest in participating in a brainstorming meeting regarding the Citizen Advisory Committee. Regarding the Skim Bash event, Ms. Hentschel suggested adding merchandise vendors to the event, limiting the vendors to local vendors. She asked for specifics on Municipal Parking Lot signage. Councilmember Murphy answered that the requirements and guidelines are in the ordinance, and the borough will do whatever the ordinance says. Ms. Hentschel asked for clarification on the Pavilion. Councilmember Leckstein answered that there has to be another meeting about the Pavilion to discuss it further. Ms. Hentschel requested the repaving of Church Street.
2. Jessica Morris, 3 East New Street, asked for more details on the bulkhead and sea wall. Councilmember Murphy answered that there is a meeting with the DEP in the morning. Jacki Flor explained the process of replacement/ re-cementing to make the repair. At tomorrow's meeting two different options will be looked at.
3. Ira Schussheim, 730 Ocean Avenue, commented about the sea wall, the bulkhead, and the sand project. He commented about the "911" call center being better coordinated. There was a problem the other day and a time delay. Councilmember Murphy responded that he has talked with the County about the delay and expressed concerns.
4. Heather Bedenko, 400 Ocean Avenue, commented on "911" calls regarding two children in distress. Two calls were made, and there was confusion about who should respond to the call. Both the PD and the paramedics came.
5. Michelle McMullin, 1062 Ocean Avenue, of the business 'Gracie and the Dudes', expressed concerns over the possibility of Mister Softee approval. Ms. McMullin also expressed concern with the firemen selling food from the firehouse, stating that their operation presents a conflict and competition with the food businesses in town. Councilmember Keeler offered to look into it, and Councilmember Murphy stated that it would have to be shut down.
6. JoAnn Kalaka, 356 Ocean Avenue, commented on "911" response, stating it may have been an isolated incident. She asked whether, with the approaching storm season, the Borough would consider doing "reverse 911" calls.

7. Tom Murray, of Beach Burger & Grille, 1064 Ocean Avenue, expressed concerns over approving Mister Softee, because it would create competition for food places in town that have rebuilt. He also thinks a mobile ice cream truck could present a safety hazard on the streets. Mr. Murray also expressed concern over not having a post office in town.

8. Butch Hentschel, 7 East Church Street, commented about the sea wall, expressed concern over Mister Softee approval, and had a question for the Building Department.

9. Jean Kingman, 36 Waterview Way, expressed her opinion about the use of chain link fences around construction areas. Privacy fencing should be used; the town will look more attractive. Ms. Kingman also commented that the streets are too narrow to accommodate a Mister Softee truck. She suggested a committee for standards and unification in making decisions regarding visual elements in town, such as lamp posts.

10. Heather Bedenko, 400 Ocean Avenue, commented about several topics: "Sand Days": She thanked Mark Philpot and stated that Mark should be commended. She thanked Mr. Verruni for coordinating with the County, which worked very well. She also expressed sincere and abundant thanks to those students of Collier High School who volunteered their time and worked extremely hard. Ms. Bedenko stated that the Collier High School volunteers were fantastic. Ms. Bedenko commented that we cannot have the firemen selling food on the beach. She stated a concern with Mister Softee presenting a safety issue and also a business conflict issue. She stated her opinion that privacy fencing should be used around construction projects. Lastly, Ms. Bedenko commented that there are dead trees that need to be addressed. They can be seen at the beach club just as you come over the bridge.

11. Jean Kingman, 36 Waterview Way, asked where other shore towns are getting their abundant funding for boardwalks and other storm recovery projects. Mr. Verruni answered that Sea Bright is doing OK with funding, and is being reimbursed by FEMA, which has been fair with us.

12. Suze Markson, 1187 Ocean Avenue, commented in support of allowing our firemen to earn money for the Fire Department by selling food items on the beach.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel and Litigation

Resolution No. 143-2013 to discuss Personnel and Litigation

RESOLUTION NO. 80-2013
EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:56 p.m. Councilmember Murphy offered the following resolution and moved its adoption; seconded by Councilmember Bills

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
 - B. Litigation
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.

Roll Call: Bills, Keeler, Kelly, Leckstein, LoBiondo, Murphy
Yes Yes Absent Yes Yes Yes

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Murphy offered a motion to adjourn the public meeting; seconded by Councilmember Bills.

Roll Call: Bills, Keeler, Kelly, Leckstein, LoBiondo, Murphy
Yes Yes Absent Yes Yes Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph L. Verruni
Acting Clerk/Administrator