

**MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT**

DECEMBER 12, 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 pm.

Mayor Long called the meeting to order and requested those present to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. - 7:30pm

Mayor Long read the following Compliance Statement:

"GOOD EVENING 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 has been advertised in the Asbury Park Press on January 11, 2013 and posted on the bulletin board in the Borough office. In each instance, the date, time and location of this meeting were provided in the notice. This meeting is open to the public."

ROLL CALL:

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

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Peggy Bills, Brian P. Kelly, Chief Financial Officer Michael Bascom

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

SUBJECT: Fort Monmouth - Pete McCarthy

ACTION: Presentation on the development plans for Ft. Hancock.

SUBJECT: Discuss Sea Bright 20/20 Draft plan – Mayor Long

ACTION: Needs endorsement by the governing body to submit to FEMA. Council agreed to put on Tuesday's agenda for action.

SUBJECT: Streetscape Grant (enc) - Steve Nelson

ACTION: Authorized a Resolution for the Grant to be on Tuesday's agenda.

SUBJECT: NJDOT Bus Stop Survey - (enc) J. Verruni

ACTION: Chief Sorrentino will put together a list of all bus stops in the Borough.

SUBJECT: Annual Beach Badge Schedule (enc)

ACTION: Resolution will be listed on Tuesday's Council meeting agenda.

SUBJECT: Curb cuts – J. Verruni

ACTION: Councilman Leckstein will work with the Planning Board to re-establish our policy.

SUBJECT: Draft Ordinance 1/16/14 meeting

(Height of bulkhead when property owners are replacing bulkhead on their property)

ACTION: Needs further discussion.

UPDATES:

- a. January 1, 2014 SBFD Chief's Day 11:00 am to 8:00 pm
 - 1) Social Affair Permit
 - 2) Raffle License #7-2013 On-Premise Big Six Wheel
 - 3) Raffle License #8-2013 On-Premise 50/50 Raffle
- b. Mail Service Returning to Sea Bright- Bain's Hardware
- c. Resolution – RFP's Engineering for Planning Assistance Grant

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.

Linda Richter, 2 Village Road – Thanked the Council for acting on the abandoned properties. Suggested Borough post a list of abandoned properties – maybe in the Resource Center newsletter. Also suggested that the street sweeping could be moved to the early morning hours on Mondays – “Maintenance Mondays.” Attended Summit this week in Trenton and reported that the DOT said all they need is a letter from the Mayor to get Ocean Avenue restriped. Also, Academy Bus is willing to put a ticket kiosk if Council approves.

Heather Bedenko, 400 Ocean Avenue – thanked Linda for all her work and said she supports the street scape plans.

Liz Von Ziegesar, 174 Ocean Avenue – asked Council for an update on the Library. Council agreed to continue the discussion with Councilman Kelly returns from his trip. Liz urged the Council to repair the library.

Jean Kingman added her sentiments about rebuilding the library.

Butch Hentschel, 7 East Church Street – suggested that Council add commercial properties to the list of abandoned properties. Suggested putting parking signage on E. Church Street for the summer.

Al Pra Sisto, 174 Ocean Avenue – asked what is being done about vacant buildings and property to keep them safe and clean? Councilman Murphy said an Ordinance was recently passed to allow the Borough to go after the property owner to clean up.

Chris Doxey, 9 Church Street – asked about the status of school and if the vacant building is considered abandoned property? The Council answered “yes.”

Butch Hentschel, 7 East Church Street – asked about the road and curb program. 7 East Church Street is in need of repairs, specifically a hole around the water meter cap in front of his house that has been there since Sandy. The Mayor said they would send Public Works over to take a look.

Vince Lapore, Long Branch – asked the Council if T&M Associates would be re-named as the Borough Engineering firm on January 4, 2014. He said there are some internal problems at the firm and if they were unable to complete their work it could be very costly to the taxpayers.

Peggy Saxton, 1184 Ocean Avenue – asked for a clarification on the Osborne sidewalk status.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Resolution No.216-2013 to discuss Personnel & Litigation

RESOLUTION NO. 216-2013
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Leckstein offered the following resolution and moved its adoption; seconded by Councilmember LoBiondo:

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:

Personnel and 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
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