

**MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT**

MAY 15, 2014 (Thursday) SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY

Mayor Long called the meeting to order and requested those present to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance - 8:30 am.

Mayor Long 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 adequate notice of this regularly scheduled meeting has been advertised in the Asbury Park Press and faxed to local newspapers on December 10, 2013 and posted on the bulletin board in the Borough office. This meeting is open to the public."

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Dina Long, Councilmembers William J. Keeler, Brian Kelly, Marc Leckstein, James LoBiondo C. Read Murphy

ABSENT: Councilmember Peggy Bills

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Attorney Pat McMamara, Borough Engineer Jacklyn Flor, Acting Borough Administrator Joseph L. Verruni

PRESENTATION

Municipal Parking Lot Pay Stations - Joe Yorlano from Integrated Technical Systems summarized and demonstrated the how the pay stations work, how they would benefit the Borough and explained how the pay station features can be personalized to best accommodate the Borough of Sea Bright.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

SUBJECT: Borough of Sea Bright - Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual

ACTION: Borough Administrator Joe Verruni summarized the revisions and updates to the manual which were highlighted in red. Mayor Long asked the Personnel Committee to review and report back to Council with any recommendations.

SUBJECT: Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant Program

ACTION: Borough Administrator reported that this is an annual matching grant program through the County up to \$250,000. Mayor Long suggested the Sustainable Sea Bright Committee recommend possible grants to apply for. Borough Engineer FLor said there is also funding available for the Municipal Public Access Plan which should also be coordinated with the other grants.

SUBJECT: Strategic Recovery Planning Report

ACTION: Steve Nelson and Anthony Rodriguez from T&M walked Council through the report and explained its purpose... it opens the door for additional state funding for planning grants and also for regulation rewriting. Also, part of the process involved reviewing the current plans, reports and studies that have been done in the past for the Borough, pulling all the recommendations together on one report to help the Mayor and Council make decisions in a more comprehensive strategic fashion. A lengthy discussion ensued and Council agreed to have a resolution prepared for the Regular Council meeting on May 20, 2014 for approval of the SRPR.

SUBJECT: Meridian Health Hospital Corporation request to use Municipal Parking Lot on the evening of Thursday, August 7, 2014 for overflow parking from their annual beach party at the Surfrider Beach Club/Windows on the Water.

ACTION: Council unanimously agreed to honor the request for overflow parking at the Sea Bright parking lot. Councilman LoBiondo said he would ask Meridian if they would consider donating the proceeds from their 50/50 Raffle to the lighting project.

Councilman LoBiondo left meeting at 10:00 am**SUBJECT: Grant Funding for Ocean Avenue Projects**

ACTION: Steve Nelson recommended to Council that they apply for Municipal Public Access Planning Grant - deadline is June 6, 2014. A resolution will be prepared for Tuesday, May 20, 2014 Council Meeting. Mr. Nelson explained in detail the Transportation Alternate Program (TAP). Council agreed to have a Resolution prepared for to approve TAP on the next Council meeting agenda.

UPDATES (FYI):

- Saturday, May 17 from 10 - 2 pm - Main Street Matters Community Celebration; Mayor Long reported on the Benjamin Moore progress and the plans for the May 17 celebration.
- Back-in parking on W. Ocean Avenue; Mayor Long reported we are ready to try out the back-in angle parking and thanked all involved in making this happen.
- Dune Crossovers; Borough Administrator, Joe Verruni reported that we currently have 17 dune crossovers mapped out. Mark Philpot, Public Works Superintendent explained the dune crossover mat options. Mr. Philpot also urged Council to work on finding ways to keep the beach rake - we are still in need of \$18,000.00. Council will also consider offering raking services to other towns which would generate revenue for the Borough.

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.

Heather Bedenko, 400 Ocean Avenue, commented on the beach rake funding. Also suggested we consider updating the dune crossovers on an annual basis. Lastly, Ms. Bedenko asked about the fees for using the Council room and asked if that fee applies to Sea Bright Embracing Action and other Sea Bright groups? Councilman Leckstein answered that the fee applies to any group that doesn't fall under "Recreation." Mayor Long recommended we revise the Ordinance to include "any group working on a Borough sanctioned project." A lengthy discussion ensued and Council agreed to adopt Ordinance No 08-2014 as is and amend it to remove the fee. The Borough Attorney will prepare an amendment.

Marianne McKenzie, 612 Ocean Avenue, asked Council if they can put the Resolutions and Ordinances on the website which will improve communication. Regarding charging a fee for use of the Council room for resident community groups is a waste of energy. Also feels the Recreation Committee should not decide the rules and regulations for the rental of the Council room. Ms. McKenzie suggested seeing what other towns submitted on their SRPR grant applications to see what is more likely to be accepted and asked if unused parking lots, such as the Cove, could charge for parking when the municipal lot is full. Councilman Leckstein stated that we would need to amend the zoning to allow private parking lots in the Borough. Finally, Ms. McKenzie made a number of suggestions for our beach access points - change the beach access signs to face north/south vs. east/west so people can see them, add three public access locations and suggested getting flags for the public access points.

Gene Fried, Ocean Reef Condominiums, asked why it took so long to figure out there was mold in the police and fire stations. Councilman Murphy responded that FEMA had initially determined that the building needed to be replaced but eventually changed their decision and said it could be repaired. It was just recently that the firehouse was determined unsafe as it had worsened since Sandy. The mold in the police station had been contained but became airborne after the floor came up. Mr. Fried also asked for an update on the temporary firehouse.

Margaret Leifert, 786 Ocean Avenue, asked if the Mayor and Council would create an ordinance for residents to build apartments in their homes to help people generate income to pay for their renovations; would also create some low income housing since the Anchorage Apartments are gone.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**RESOLUTION
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Councilmember Murphy offered the following resolution and moved its adoption; seconded by Councilmember Keeler

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.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Leckstein offered a motion to Adjourn the Workshop meeting; second by Councilmember Keeler

Vote:	Bills,	Keeler,	Kelly,	Leckstein,	LoBiondo,	Murphy
	absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	absent	yes

Time: 10:00 am

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pfeiffer
Deputy Clerk