

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

MARCH 18, 2015 (Wednesday)

SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY

Mayor Long called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm and requested those present to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Long read the following Compliance Statement:

48 Hour Notice Requirement:

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 March 5, 2015 and posted on the bulletin board in the Borough office. This meeting is open to the public. No official action will be taken.

PRESENT: Mayor Dina Long

Councilmember's Peggy Bills, William J. Keeler, Brian P. Kelly, John M. Lamia, Marc A. Leckstein, Charles H. Rooney

OTHERS: Attorney Patrick McNamara, Borough Administrator Joseph L. Verruni, Chief John Sorrentino, Borough Clerk Christine Pfeiffer

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION:

SUBJECT: MUNICIPAL FACILITIES OPTIONS

ACTION: Borough Administrator Joseph L. Verruni presented the plans for the two proposed new facilities buildings. Mr. Verruni first reviewed the plans for the new beach pavilion and explained the associated costs. Second, Mr. Verruni reviewed plans and projected costs for the Public Safety building/Municipal Facility. Council discussed what departments, in addition to fire and police, could potentially be housed in this facility. This new building could provide much needed storage for Public Works. The Borough anticipates FEMA will pay for 90% of the cost for these projects. Council agreed and approved the concept for both buildings (including the modification to add an extra bay in the firehouse) and instructed Mr. Verruni to prepare the plans and designs for Council to formally approve. Once approved, the FEMA project worksheets can be completed and submitted.

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.

James Forsman, 10 E. Church Street, inquired about the elevation of the new firehouse. Also commented that he feels public safety should have their own space that remains secure as it could be very disruptive for all. Is concerned that if all facilities are housed under one roof, there won't be space for expansion in the coming years.

Butch Hentschel, 7 E. Church Street, commented that the bathrooms in the beach pavilion should be larger. Also suggested the municipal facility be located in the center of town in the parking lot to be more of a focal point and away from residential homes.

Susie Markson, 1187 Ocean Avenue, commented that more bathrooms be added to the beach pavilion.

Read Murphy, Sea Bright, commented that the Borough needs to move quickly or they could lose the FEMA funding.

Chad Murphy, reviewed the amount of space in the current firehouse vs. the new facility and reported that the space was tight in the old building and would like Council to take this in to consideration when allocating the new space; is concerned if all municipal facilities are located in the new building their space will be too limited.

Liz Homer, Imbrie Place, urged Council to approve the plans - the new buildings will make Sea Bright more of a destination and attract more visitors year round.

Vince LaPore, Long Branch, asked if the new fire/police building needs to be located in the same footprint as the old building. Also commented that monies generated from the beach pavilion could help pay down the bond needed for funding.

Kathy Morris, Island View Way, urged Council to proceed with these plans and feels the improvement will ultimately make money for the town and businesses.

7:40 pm - Councilwoman Bills left meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Leckstein offered a motion to Adjourn the Special Workshop meeting; second by Councilmember Kelly:

Vote:	Bills,	Keeler,	Kelly,	Lamia,	Leckstein,	Rooney
	absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Time: 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pfeiffer
Borough Clerk