

**MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT**

JANUARY 14, 2016 (Thursday)

SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY

Mayor Long called the meeting to order at 8:45 am.

Mayor Long read the following compliance statement:

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT (N.J.S.A. 10:4-18)

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 Faxed to the Asbury Park Press and other local newspapers on November 23, 2015. In each instance, the Date, Time, And Location Of This Meeting Were Provided In The Notice. This Meeting Is Open To The Public."

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 Roger J. McLaughlin, Engineer Jaclyn Flor, Administrator Verruni,
Clerk Christine Pfeiffer

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

SUBJECT: General Code / Coded Systems Proposal review

ACTION: Council received proposals for consideration to provide a complete renovation of the Borough's Code Book. The proposed cost would be just under \$15,000 and can be paid for over five years. The Mayor would like the Borough Clerk, custodian of records, to be involved in this decision. Councilmember's Lamia and Rooney expressed an interest in interviewing representatives from both firms. The Clerk will schedule meetings and report back at the next Workshop.

SUBJECT: Green Team

ACTION: Mayor Long would like to re-establish a Green Team in the Borough at the staff level vs. volunteers and asked for recommendations from Council to discuss at the next Workshop meeting.

SUBJECT: Amendments to Chapter 130 of the Borough Code - Area Bulk & Use Requirement and Awnings

ACTION: Attorney McLaughlin explained the Ordinance amendment; the section - "area Bulk & Use Requirement in question is no longer relevant because of the change in the R3 Zone. Administrator Verruni explained the "Awning" section of the proposed amendment. Council agreed to amend to allow striped awnings but will continue to prohibit neon colored awnings and underneath lighting. Council agreed with both amendments; Mr. McLaughlin will prepare an ordinance for introduction at the January 19, 2016 meeting.

SUBJECT: Permit Fees for Road Opening Permits

ACTION: Councilman Leckstein asked the Engineer to review the Borough's street opening fees to see if they are in line with other municipalities. Ms. Flor feels we do not need to make any changes at this time. Councilman Lamia brought up the crumbling sidewalks around town and asked if it was the property owner's responsibility, the Borough and/or NJDOT to repair them. A discussion ensued and the Engineer was asked to contact NJDOT to see if they had plans to repair them when they repave Rt. 36.

SUBJECT: Grant Representative for Borough

ACTION: Councilman Leckstein expressed concern about our SRPR grants not being properly maintained in SIROMS to receive reimbursements. The Borough Engineer offered to have her grant writer help train someone to work with the grant system. Council agreed that all the grant follow-up and tracking for all departments be in one centralized location.

SUBJECT: Sea Bright Village resident complaint re: blowing sand from Tradewinds property

ACTION: Administrator Verruni brought to Council's attention the Borough has received a complaint from Sea Bright Village residents regarding a resident adjacent to Sea Bright Village that has filled their backyard with a very fine sand. Residents from the Village are complaining that this sand blows into their yards and through their window screens. Mr. Verruni spoke to the Code Enforcement Officer, Tom Haege and there is little the Borough can do. Chief Sorrentino suggested the Village homeowner(s) file a legal complaint and proceed to criminal court.

SUBJECT: Request for donation of beach badges to Mater Dei Gala and Gift Auction

ACTION: Council agreed to make the donation of two beach badges asked the Clerk to prepare an approving resolution for the January 19, 2016 meeting.

SUBJECT: Street Vacation Bellevue Place

ACTION: Attorney McLaughlin explained that the Borough does not own the property with a title to sell it but does have the authority to vacate it if the public doesn't use it. After a lengthy discussion, Council agreed to have an ordinance to vacate the property on the January 19, 2016 meeting agenda for introduction.

SUBJECT: Chief recommendation to auction two vehicles: Police Motorcycle and Fire Chief Durango

ACTION: Council agreed to auction the above two items along with an old copier in the Borough offices no longer in use and two old pumps that were destroyed in Sandy.

SUBJECT: River Flooding Issues

ACTION: Council discussed the recent flood event which took place on January 10th and the diesel fuel spill that occurred in the flood waters. County Hazmat was called in to investigate the fuel spill which is still pending which will determine the extent of the contamination as well as probable causes for it. The JIF was also notified. Anyone with damages caused by the fuel spill has been advised to contact the police department. Councilman Kelly reported on the complaints that residents didn't have any warning prior to the flooding and why it didn't drain properly. Mayor Long explained that certain streets didn't drain because the floats weren't set properly in the immersible pumps and expressed concern about anything else that may have been overlooked. Council agreed that someone should have thought to reset the sensors prior to the storm. The Borough Engineer reported on all the steps taken to ensure this doesn't happen again and explained that the pumps will remove the water quicker but will not prevent flooding - until we have one continuous bulkhead. The Engineer also reported on available grants to fund building to build additional bulkheads.

Councilwoman Bills left meeting at 10:40 am.

UPDATES (FYI):

- Borough Hall will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King day on Monday, January 18.
- Councilman Kelly summarized and updated the Borough's Green Team status and projects....energy efficiency in the new buildings.

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.

Marianne McKenzie, 612 Ocean Avenue, commented on the Tradewinds sand situation - the problem is that it is moving from one property to another causing damage and recommended the town taking a friendly approach to try to rectify. Ms. McKenzie commented on the vacation on Bellevue Place and strongly urged the Council not to approve the request.....there is no benefit to the town and hurts our public access issues.

Vince LePore, Long Branch, supports the Green Team initiative and the format we are taking and hopes Sea Bright is successful in their initiatives - not just obtaining sustainable points. The grant deadline for Sustainable Jersey is February 7. Mr. LePore also commented he is very against vacating the property on Bellevue Place because it is a public access point.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**RESOLUTION
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Councilmember Leckstein offered the following resolution and moved its adoption; seconded by Councilmember Kelly:

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. 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,	Lamia,	Leckstein,	Rooney
	absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Councilmember Leckstein offered a motion to go back into Regular Session; seconded by Councilmember Kelly:

Roll Call:	Bills,	Keeler,	Kelly,	Lamia,	Leckstein,	Rooney
	absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Roll Call:	Bills,	Keeler,	Kelly,	Lamia,	Leckstein,	Rooney
	absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Time: 11:00 am