# MINUTES WORKSHOP MEETING BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT

JANUARY 12, 2017 (Thursday)

SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY

<u>Council President Keeler</u> called the meeting to order at 8:30 am and requested those present to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Council President Keeler** 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 Was Sent to the Asbury Park Press and other local newspapers on November 15, 2016. 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 (delayed)

Councilmember's Kevin Birdsall, William J. Keeler, Brian P. Kelly,

Marc A. Leckstein, Charles H. Rooney

ABSENT: John M. Lamia, Jr.

**OTHERS:** Attorney Roger J. McLaughlin, Engineers Fran Mullan and Jenna Stagliano,

Administrator Joseph L. Verruni, Clerk Christine Pfeiffer

### **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, questioned if anyone was in touch with Loch Arbour in reference to the school taxes. Administrator Verruni said he reached out to their professionals and they have sent over a copy of their decision and appeal which has now been forwarded to the Mayor and Council to look at.

Mayor Long joined the meeting.

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**SUBJECT:** NJ American Water Project - follow up

**ACTION:** Leslie Steven's from NJ American Water provided an update on the project to replace the water mains between Sea Bright and Rumson under the Shrewsbury River and in the northern end of Ocean Avenue (Rt. 36). The targeted start date is March 7, 2017 and they hope to complete the project by April 14. The scope of this project necessitates the use of a horizontal directional drill across the Shrewsbury River. The second part of the project will be to replace all of the water mains on route 36 in the northern end. The project will be broken up into 2 phases to ensure that the work being done does not interfere with the summer traffic or beach club parking. Borough Engineer Mullan asked Ms. Stevens to provide an overall plan and a copy of the bid specs. Administrator Verruni questioned the completion date of the Shrewsbury River portion of the project as the Borough has the completion of their bulkhead project on hold. Attorney McLaughlin stressed the importance of not having this work run into the summer season. Ms. Stevens reinforced to Council that if the project gets pushed back and it would interfere with the summer months then it would be postponed to the fall.

Ms. Stevens shared a typical "flyer" they send to residents to notify them of upcoming

Kiernan Tintle from JCP&L stopped by to re-introduce himself and let it be known that he is the contact for Sea Bright and available if we ever need him.

**SUBJECT:** Capital Projects Update

**ACTION:** Borough Engineer Fran Mullan presented the final draft Capital Improvement Plan - the five year strategic plan that is subject to Council's consideration and changes on a quarterly or yearly basis - a roadmap forward for the Borough. Council will review the plan at a special workshop to be held on Saturday, January 14, 2017.

**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES** 

**JANUARY 12, 2017** 

**SUBJECT:** Resolution - Accepting Capital Improvement Plan

**ACTION:** Council will need to accept the final plan by resolution at the January 17, 2017 regular meeting prior to its submission to the DCA.

**SUBJECT:** Intro of Ordinance - amending temporary uses of parking on private lots **ACTION:** Attorney McLaughlin add seasonal parking facilities as a temporary use - a draft of the ordinance will be distributed tomorrow and will be on the January 17, 2017 agenda for introduction.

Councilman Leckstein asked the Attorney about the status of the proposed amendment to the noise ordinance. Mayor Long asked to list this on the agenda for the next workshop for further discussion.

**SUBJECT:** East New/East Church Streets Zoning - follow up

**ACTION:** Councilman Leckstein explained that the Planning Board discussed this as part of the master plan and the majority of the board is in agreement to re-zone East New, East Church and East Surf Streets to R3 zones. Currently this area is considered a non residential zone and any time one of the residential units want to do something, they have to go before the planning board to get approval because it is a non conforming use in the zone. As there are more residences than businesses in the zone, the goal of the Planning Board is to change the permitted use to residential. Administrator Verruni will notify the property owners that have questioned this that the planning board is considering the change and will make recommendations in the master plan review.

**SUBJECT:** Live Streaming Council Meetings

**ACTION:** Councilman Leckstein will contact Gramco to make an appointment to discuss live streaming and the associated costs and will bring it back to Council for discussion at the next workshop meeting. Councilman Birdsall said Council should be sure the system can be transferred to the new facilities. Mayor Long said she received a call from Two Rivers Times reporter, Liz Sheehan about this and suggested live streaming might suppress citizen participation as some people don't want to ask their questions on camera. Councilman Birdsall suggested that maybe the camera can be in the back of the room and directed at the council - not the public.

Marianne McKenzie, 612 Ocean Avenue, commented that it is an individual thing - some people will like it and others will be intimidated by cameras.

Vincent LePore, Long Branch, commented that he is in favor of this because he encourages transparency but is fearful that some people may get camera shy.

**SUBJECT:** Chamber of Commerce

**ACTION:** Councilman Leckstein said he has nothing new to report at this time. The BSB is trying some new things and were recently approved for a special event called "Sip and Stroll." This event will allow any business to participate without being a member of the BSB. Councilman Leckstein said, if the BSB is going this course and is going to be all inclusive, the Borough may not need a chamber of commerce. For now, he would like to hold off and see how that develops.

**SUBJECT:** Road Paving Project Grant Application - Transportation Trust Fund **ACTION:** Administrator Verruni said Council needs to discuss and decide on what streets to list in the grant application. Mr. Verruni emphasized that East Ocean Avenue needs repaving. A list of streets and their current condition/rating is included in the Capital Improvement Plan created by T&M Associates for the special workshop meeting on Saturday. The paperwork for the grant must be filed by February 3rd. Borough Engineer Fran Mullen needs a resolution authorizing T&M to submit this grant application on the Borough's behalf with the specific the roads requested to be worked on. Resolution will be prepared for the January 17, 2017 regular Council meeting.

**SUBJECT:** Shared Services - Highlands

**ACTION:** Administrator Verruni has been talking to the Borough of Highlands about Sea Bright providing the them with lifeguard services for their municipal beaches and the Highlands would do street sweeping for us as they recently purchased a new street sweeper. Both projects will require further discussion. Don Klein is concerned about the number of lifeguards coming back this year to ensure we would be able to provide adequate services. Administrator Verruni said the providing of the lifeguard services is more money than the street sweeping services so the Borough of Highlands would owe Sea Bright the difference. Councilman Birdsall said DPW is concerned about the frequency and service Highlands would provide.

**SUBJECT:** Introduction of Ordinance - extension of dog licensing period

**ACTION:** Borough Clerk Christine Pfeiffer explained the Ordinance will extend the licensing period from one month to six (January thru June) which allows residents a bigger window to give their pets rabies shots.

#### MAYOR LONG MADE THE FOLLOWINGANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Special Workshop Meeting this Saturday, January 14 at 10 am to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan
- Borough offices will be closed on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- It is that time of the year for Elected Officials to attend the annual Risk Management seminar. For each official that attends, the Borough will receive a \$250 credit towards our insurance.
- Mayor Long provided an update on the Beach Club tax appeal cases and the Shore Regional School Board which will be discussed further in the closed session.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION**

Councilmember Leckstein stated he will only participate in the closed session discussion on personnel as he has a conflict of interest on the litigation matters.

Councilmember Leckstein offered a motion to enter into Closed Session; second 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. Litigation
  - B. 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: Birdsall, Keeler, Kelly, Lamia, Leckstein, Rooney Yes Yes absent absent Yes Yes

There being no further business to discuss a motion to go back into the regular meeting was made by Councilman Keeler and seconded by Councilman Rooney with unanimous voice vote approval.

# **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pfeiffer Borough Clerk