

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

MARCH 7, 2017 (Tuesday)

SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY

Council President Keeler called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and requested those present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Keeler read the following Compliance Statement:

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

48 Hour Notice Requirement:

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 the 48 hour notice requirement for this meeting has been met. A copy of the agenda has been sent to the Asbury Park Press and other local newspapers on February 21, 2017 and posted on the bulletin board in the Borough office. This meeting is open to the public.

PRESENT: Mayor Dina Long
Councilmember's, William J. Keeler, John M. Lamia, Jr.,
Marc A. Leckstein Charles H. Rooney

ABSENT: Kevin Birdsall, Brian P. Kelly

OTHERS: CFO Michael J. Bascom, 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.

Murphy Anderson and Laurie Calabrese, 8 Center Street, addressed Council regarding the letter they received from the Borough Attorney advising them that legal action will be taken to recover the outstanding Hazard Mitigation grant money due the Borough for their house lift at 8 Center Street. Mr. Anderson and Ms. Calabrese feel they have been wronged by the Borough, their home is barely habitable and feel it is absolutely shameful that the Borough is "threatening" them for this money. Ms. Calabrese alleged the contract was changed after she signed. Mayor Long stressed she wants to make this right and wants to figure out a way forward.

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

SUBJECT: 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET

ACTION: Chief Financial Officer Michael J. Bascom reviewed the financial standing of the Borough and presented an overview of the proposed 2017 draft budget. Mr. Bascom reviewed the Annual Debt Statement which reflects a 1.518% net debt ratio which is double where the Borough has been the past 10-15 years but is attributable to the large upcoming projects. Mr. Bascom reported the Sewer and Beach utilities are self liquidating and are covering 100% of their costs. Mr. Bascom reviewed the Annual Financial Statement page by page and answered questions from the governing body.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pfeiffer
Borough Clerk