# MINUTES WORKSHOP MEETING BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT

MAY 16, 2019 (Thursday)

**SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY** 

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

**Council President Leckstein** 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 January 7, 2019. In each instance, the Date, Time, And Location Of This Meeting Were Provided In The Notice. This Meeting Is Open To The Public."

**PRESENT:** Councilmember's Kevin Birdsall, Brian P. Kelly (via telephone),

Marc A. Leckstein, Charles H. Rooney

**ABSENT:** Mayor Dina Long

Councilmembers William J. Keeler, Jon Schwartz

**OTHERS:** Attorney Roger McLaughlin, Engineer Claire Petruzzella,

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.

Elizabeth DeGiulio, spoke on behalf of the library committee – urging Council to consider designating parking spaces for library patrons - the old library had 5 patron and 2 employee parking spots and the new library does not have any.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilmember Birdsall offered a motion to enter into Closed Session; second by Councilmember Rooney:

**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, Leckstein, Rooney, Schwartz Yes Absent Yes Yes Yes Absent

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

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**SUBJECT:** Capital Projects Update

**ACTION:** Administrator Verruni stated that there will be a meeting with Sea Bright

and Rumson on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 pm to review the design for the bridge tender house on the new

bridge.

**SUBJECT:** Anchorage parking Lot

**ACTION:** Carried

**SUBJECT:** Public Safety Update & Fireworks Update

**ACTION:** Chief Friedman reported that Officers Jon Arias and Chris Fisler rode their bikes to Washington D.C. (and are home safely) along with a couple hundred officers from New Jersey to raise money for the families of fallen officers. Chief Friedman recently spoke with our Judge and everything is running smoothly at the Court. The parking kiosks will be installed within the next couple of days and will be fully operational by Memorial Day Weekend. Resident and business parking passes are now available. There were 398 calls for service in the month of April. Chief Friedman reported he held a 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks meeting which was held on May 7<sup>th</sup>, which included Brough Fire, OEM and Beach officials as well as officials from the County and Homeland Security – it will be a huge undertaking. The costs for outside agencies, Police, DPW and lifeguards would be approximately \$10,000. Council asked Chief Friedman to continue moving forward with the plans. Once the funding is confirmed, Council would like to publicly announce the fireworks.

**SUBJECT:** Liquor License Renewals – Special Conditions

**ACTION:** Council agreed to keep all the special conditions in place for the 2019-2020 licensing term. The special conditions for Tommy's Tavern & Tap's will be modified to reflect the improvements that have been completed since last year.

**SUBJECT:** Amending Sidewalk Café Permit Ordinance

**ACTION:** Councilman Birdsall would like to establish the sidewalk café permits earlier next year. Borough Clerk, Christine Pfeiffer, explained that the current system was not working - it would be more efficient to calculate fees by number of seats instead of square footage. Councilman Birdsall stressed that there needs to be enough space so that the sidewalks remain ADA compliant between tables. Council agreed that the fees should be increased. The clerk will revise the amendment with Council's changes for introduction at the May 21, 2019 Council meeting.

SUBJECT: Proposal for Engineering for Beach Way outfall Extension Project and preparation of

the NJDEP CAFRA permit

**ACTION:** Engineer Claire Petruzzella explained T&Ms proposal for engineering for Beach Way and that they will be preparing the CAFRA permit. The proposal will be on the May 21, 2019 agenda for consideration.

**SUBJECT:** Beautification Plans – North and South Beach Entrances

**ACTION:** Councilman Kelly asked Council to look at the design proposal that was prepared several years ago for the beach public access entrances and would like feedback and recommendations so he can begin to look at pricing. The Beautification Trust Fund will pay for this project.

**SUBJECT:** Policy for Usage/Leasing Beach Pavilion Room/Library

**ACTION:** Councilman Leckstein explained that Council previously agreed that they would not be renting the pavilion room this summer. The beach and library staff need to get settled in. Councilman Rooney explained that he spoke with the Sea Bright Seniors and they will be having their first meeting in the new pavilion September 4<sup>th</sup> and understand the situation. The Knitting Club will meet on Monday evenings in Borough Hall during the summer months and will revisit meeting in the Pavilion in the fall.

**SUBJECT:** Downtown Flood Warning Sirens

**ACTION:** OEM Coordinator Daniel Chernavsky explained the options for re-establishing downtown flood warning sirens – models and locations. Administrator Verruni explained that the old sirens still work but would require a cost for the installation. Further discussion will be carried to a future meeting when Mayor Long is present.

**SUBJECT:** Sewer Deduct Meter Ordinance **ACTION:** Carried to the next meeting

**SUBJECT:** Sea Bright Beach Club Deed Property to Borough – Rooney Park

**ACTION:** Sea Bright Beach Club wants to give the Borough this property however, the would need an easement because they have a pipe that runs underneath the property. Council approved and asked the Administrator to move forward.

**SUBJECT:** Special Meeting Date – end of May 30 or 31 to award Road Program contract **ACTION:** Council agreed that the Special Meeting will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

**SUBJECT:** Library bookcases in church

**ACTION:** Administrator Verruni explained that we paid \$15,000 for bookcases to be built when we rented the library in the Church. Mr. Verruni suggested moving them to his current office so they can be used for storage of records instead of the attic. Council agreed that if we can use the bookcases, then we should take them. Mr. Verruni will contact the Church and see if they will let us keep them there until we are moved out of Borough Hall.

**SUBJECT:** Garbage Cans on Seawall

**ACTION:** Councilman Birdsall does not think it is necessary to have garbage cans on top of the seawall since we have them by the stairs. Administrator Verruni explained that we have money in the Clean Communities grant if this is something we wanted to move forward with. Council agreed to have cans by the bathrooms but not all along the walkway.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Leckstein offered a motion to Adjourn the Workshop meeting; seconded by Councilmember Rooney:

Roll Call: Birdsall, Keeler, Kelly, Leckstein, Rooney, Schwartz

Yes Absent Yes Yes Absent

Time: 10:00 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Pfeiffer Borough Clerk