

**MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT**

JULY 14, 2021 (Wednesday)

SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY

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Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and requested those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Kelly 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 4, 2021. 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 Brian P. Kelly
Councilmember's Kevin Birdsall, Jefferey M. Booker, Sr.,
Samuel A. Catalano, William J. Keeler, Marc A. Leckstein

ABSENT: Councilmember John M. Lamia, Jr.

OTHERS: Administrator Joseph L. Verruni, Attorney Richard Shaklee,
Engineer William White, Borough 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.

No one wished to be heard.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

SUBJECT: Capital Projects Update
ACTION: Administrator Verruni explained we are completing all the punch list items in the beach pavilion and the municipal complex – both projects are coming to an end. The bonding company has been working with Public Works on numerous issues. The Beach Way outfall pipe is nearing completion – the backflow preventor has been ordered and should be installed and finalized soon. In addition, the 2020 Road Project is near completion. Councilman Birdsall requested that the Engineer take a look at the large puddle that forms in front of Rory's Pub when designing the upcoming road project.

SUBJECT: Public Safety Update (Chiefs of Police and Fire)
ACTION: Police Chief Friedman reported that we are up \$16,000 in paid parking so far from last year and have already written 750 parking tickets. In June there were over 600 calls for service – multiple arrests and DWIs. The Chief said that between the Church Street and Dunkin Donuts parking lots, there is plenty of parking for all the residents and employees in this town with proper permits. Fire Chief Murphy reported they've had 173 calls for service to date. In June the firehouse was staffed a combined 4,000 hours – they are trying to be staffed 24/7 and are doing a very good job. The average response time including mutual aid is 4 minutes and 21 seconds from the call to 911 to when the fire truck arrives and for the Sea Bright Fire Department it is 2 minutes and 50 seconds – which is unheard of. The Chief reported there is seems to be an unusually high amount of apparatus maintenance this year - Mr. Verruni stated that CFO, Bascom is preparing a Bond Ordinance to be introduced at Tuesday night's meeting to cover the cost of the purchase of fire equipment.

SUBJECT: Establishing Procedures and Standards Regarding Deployment of Small Wireless Facilities in Public Rights-of-Way in the Borough
ACTION: Councilman Leckstein stated the Attorney reviewed the sample ordinance that was provided feels it includes everything we need - he is putting together a similar ordinance that is more specific to Sea Bright. Councilman Birdsall would like to include a clause regarding removing old unused wires. Borough Clerk, Christine Pfeiffer, questioned if we have had any updates on the Comcast agreement since the current agreement expired July 1, 2021. Ms. Pfeiffer reached out to Comcast and has yet to hear back.

SUBJECT: NJDOT FY2022 Municipal Aid Grant Application

ACTION: Mayor Kelly stated that Borough Engineer Bill White has put together and will be submitting the grant application for Imbrie Place, Osborne Place, and Surf Street. Councilman Birdsall asked Mr. White to make sure the flooding that accumulates at the corner of New Street is addressed in this application.

SUBJECT: Basketball Court Flood Lights

ACTION: Councilman Birdsall would like to add flood lights to the basketball court area so that it can be utilized at night. In addition, the gravel lot adjacent to it is dangerously dark at night as well as the stairs coming off the seawall. Deputy Director of Public Works Shawn Thomas will prepare some options for Council consideration.

SUBJECT: Safety Issues

ACTION: Councilman Keeler stated that we have had a significant increase in the number of patrons who are riding bikes through Sea Bright – they aren't wearing bright clothing or helmets, sometimes they do not have lights, and they are often seen riding in the wrong direction. The splash pad is not an official bike path but bikers frequently are riding very fast near people walking dogs, etc. Councilman Keeler has spoken with Chief Friedman to come up with some ideas and they are considering putting out a flyer addressing bike safety. Councilman Birdsall feels we need to do a study to come up with a proper bike lane within the Borough. Another safety issue is the double parking of delivery trucks on Ocean Avenue - there is not an easy solution, but he feels we need to address this. Lastly, the low powerlines running behind the downtown businesses and the leaning utility poles need to be addressed. Councilman Leckstein would like to do a survey to determine who the lines belong to so we can address it properly. This item will be carried to the next workshop for further discussion.

Correspondence: Email from Jama Russano

Councilman Keeler explained that the Governing Body received a letter from the young man's mother who lost his life on Anchorage Beach who is looking to donate a defibrillator machine for Anchorage beach. Beach Manager Don Klein feels that this would be very helpful and useful since these machines get ruined easily being exposed to the salt air.

Councilman Keeler also mentioned that a Sea Bright Maple Place student has graduated valedictorian and would like to send her a letter of commendation and put her name on the electronic sign.

Councilman Keeler would also like a new policy for new employees to come to Council meetings to meet the Governing Body.

SUBJECT: Resolutions

1. Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Imbrie Place, Osborne Place, Surf Street Improvements Project
2. Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Ocean Ave Crosswalk Safety Enhancements Phase 1 Project
3. Authorizing the Acceptance of State Funds and the Borough's Participation in the State Body-Worn Camera Grant Program, Administered by the State of New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety
4. Chapter 159 Budget Amendment - State Of New Jersey - SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant
5. Authorizing Hiring of Police Officer - Designation of SLEO Class II
6. Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantees Edgewater Beach Club – 1465 Ocean Avenue
7. Authorizing Receipt of Bids for Construction of Viewing Platforms on Center & Beach Streets

ACTION: The above resolutions will be prepared for the July 20th meeting for approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilmember Leckstein offered the following resolution and moved its adoption; seconded by Councilmember Birdsall:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Borough Attorney and Administrator that the Borough Council go into executive session to discuss matters set forth hereinafter which are permissible for discussion in executive session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that they meet in closed session to discuss the issues as herein set forth:

1. The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed are as follows:

A. Litigation (School Regionalization)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council may come back into Regular Session to conduct additional business.

Roll Call: Birdsall Booker Catalano Keeler Lamia Leckstein
 Yes Yes Yes Yes Absent Yes

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Roll Call: Birdsall Booker Catalano Keeler Lamia Leckstein
 Yes Yes Yes Yes Absent Yes

Prepared by,

Christine Pfeiffer, Borough Clerk