

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT**

FEBRUARY 1, 2022

SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY

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Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and requested those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Kelly read the following Compliance Statement:

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 Adequate Notice of This Regularly Scheduled Meeting Was Sent to the Asbury Park Press and other local newspapers on January 10, 2022. 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 Erwin Bieber, Kevin Birdsall, Jefferey M. Booker, Sr.,
Samuel A. Catalano, William J. Keeler

ABSENT: Councilmember John M. Lamia, Jr.

OTHERS: Administrator Joseph L. Verruni, Attorney Richard Shaklee,
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, 8 Center Street, thanked the town for their great work with the snow removal, although he was reminded of the issues with his house when he slipped down his icy stairs due to the improper construction and lack of gutters. Mr. Anderson urged the new faces on the Governing Body to take some responsibility for the problems with his house lift project – as it is their job to help residents. Mr. Anderson added that he felt the governing body treated his wife rudely when holding her to the three minute comment rule – and not holding others to it.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Birdsall offered a motion to approve the items that are considered routine in nature under the consent agenda; seconded by Councilmember Booker:

Minutes

01-13-2022	Workshop Meeting
01-13-2022	Executive Session
01-18-2022	Regular Meeting
01-18-2022	Executive Session

Roll Call:	Bieber,	Birdsall,	Booker,	Catalano,	Keeler,	Lamia
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

Resolutions:

**No. 39-2022 2022 Software Support and License Agreement with
Edmunds & Associates, Inc.**

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sea Bright wishes to maintain a software support and license agreement for the Sea Bright Administrative Offices from Edmunds & Associates, Inc. for CY2022 as follows:

2022 SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FEES:

Tax Collections	\$2,343.25
Financial Accounting	\$3,512.30
Utility Billing	\$2,461.70
MCSJ WIPP Tax Annual Fee	\$1,277.20
MCSJ WIPP Utility Annual Fee	\$1,277.20
SS Escrow Accounting	\$1,004.25
WIPP Misc. Annual Fee	\$ 319.30
SS Electronic Requisitions I	<u>\$ 975.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$13,170.20

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by Local Public Contracts Laws, N.J.S.40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, the actual cost for the support agreements listed herein shall be \$13,170.20 for calendar year 2022.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

I, Michael J. Bascom, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Sea Bright do hereby certify that funds will be available in the 2022 Temporary Budget and funds for the balance of 2022 will be provided in the Budget for the year 2022, when finally adopted, in the appropriations entitled Tax Collector 7-01-20-145-220, Finance 7-01-20-130-220, Sewer 7-07-55-502-220, for the purpose stated in this resolution.



MICHAEL J. BASCOM, CFO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Borough Clerk to execute the support agreements for computer software and maintenance as described herein for the calendar year 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

- 1. Edmunds & Associates, Inc.
- 2. Chief Financial Officer
- 3. Tax Collector
- 4. Finance Manager

Roll Call:	Bieber,	Birdsall,	Booker,	Catalano,	Keeler,	Lamia
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

No. 40-2022 Consideration of Award Lease Agreement for Surf Camp

Councilmember Birdsall introduced and offered the following resolution for approval; seconded by Councilmember Booker:

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2021, the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright authorized the receipt of bids for summer businesses to operate on the Sea Bright Municipal Beach with the option of a one to five-year lease agreement during the summer season; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk did duly advertise on October 28, 2021 to receive bids no later than 12 noon on November 19, 2021, for vendors to conduct a surf camp on the Sea Bright Municipal Beach for a minimum bid amount of \$100.00 for the first year which would increase 15% each year following; and

WHEREAS, in connection therewith, one (1) bid was received, and the Borough Council rejected said bid and authorized the Borough Clerk to re-advertise on January 6, 2022 to receive bids no later than 12 noon on January 21, 2022, for vendors to conduct a surf camp on a portion of the Sea Bright Municipal Beach for a minimum amount of \$8,000.00 to be paid over the five years of lease outlined in the bid specifications; and

WHEREAS, in connection therewith one (1) bid was received by the Borough Clerk from Lucky Dog Surf School, Sea Bright, NJ for a five-year lease in the total amount of \$8,500; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the bid documents, the Borough Administrator recommends a five-year lease agreement be awarded to Lucky Dog Surf School, Sea Bright, NJ as per the bid proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey does hereby authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute a five-year lease agreement with Lucky Dog Surf School, Sea Bright, NJ to operate a surf camp commencing in summer 2022 according to the terms and conditions outlined in the bid proposal which is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

- 1. Finance Manager
- 2. Police Department
- 3. Beach Manager
- 4. Borough Attorney
- 5. Lucky Dog Surf School

Roll Call:	Bieber,	Birdsall,	Booker,	Catalano,	Keeler,	Lamia
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent

No. 41-2022 Appoint Representative and Alternate Representative to the Monmouth County Regional Board of Health Commission No. 1

Councilmember Birdsall introduced and offered the following resolution for approval; seconded by Councilmember Booker:

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-1 et seq, the Borough of Sea Bright entered into a public health program agreement with the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission No. 1. effective September 1, 2011; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Borough Sea Bright, Monmouth County, New Jersey that Paul Roman is hereby appointed to serve as the Borough’s Representative on the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission No. 1, effective immediately through June 1, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Margaret C. Fisher, M.D. is hereby approved to continue serving as the Borough’s Alternate Representative for the 2022 calendar year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

- 1. Finance Manager
- 2. Monmouth County Regional Health Commission No. 1
- 3. Paul Roman
- 4. Dr. Margaret C. Fisher, M.D.

Roll Call: Bieber, Birdsall, Booker, Catalano, Keeler, Lamia
 Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Absent

No. 42-2022 Approving a Final Payment, Change Order No. 2 and Acceptance of Maintenance Guarantee for the Beach Way Outfall Improvement Contract

Councilmember Birdsall introduced and offered the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilmember Booker:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution No. 68-2021, the Borough of Sea Bright awarded a contract to Capela Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$33,800.00, for the Beach Way Outfall Improvements in the Borough of Sea Bright; and

WHEREAS, by way of Resolution No. 158-2021, Council authorized Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$12,500 to install a backflow preventer in the outfall line which was not included in the original contract, increasing the total contract amount to \$46,300.00; and

WHEREAS, Borough Engineer, Gregory S. Blash, P.E. of Leon S. Avakian, Inc. submitted a letter to the Borough Clerk dated January 10, 2022, advising of Change Order No. 2, modifying Item No. SA2-1, Landscaping Grass, for a reduction of \$2,500 to the total contract amount; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer further advised that all work for said project has been completed, inspected and found to be in compliance with the approved plans and specifications and recommends release of the final payment in the amount of \$13,380.00.

WHEREAS, as required, Capela Construction, Inc. as Contractor, and Lexon Insurance Company of Texas, as Surety, have provided a two-year Maintenance Bond (No. EACX4008049/ LICX1205167) effective as of the date of substantial completion of the project (August 1, 2021) in the amount of \$11,575.00.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

I, Michael J. Bascom, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Sea Bright, do hereby certify that funds in the amount of \$13,380.00 are available for the purpose stated herein in the following account: B/O No. 14-2019.



MICHAEL J. BASCOM, CFO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey does hereby approve Change Order No. 2 and the final payment of \$13,380.00 to Capela Construction, Inc. for the Beach Way Outfall Improvement Project resulting in a total contract amount of \$43,800.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the two-year maintenance bond submitted by Capela Construction, Inc. is hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

- 1. Borough Engineer
- 2. Capela Construction, Inc.
- 3. Finance Manager

Roll Call: Bieber, Birdsall, Booker, Catalano, Keeler, Lamia
 Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Absent

No. 43-2022 Authorizing Special Counsel to Submit a Petition to the Commissioner of Education Seeking Authorization to Hold a Referendum on the Issue of the Creation of a PK-12 All Purpose Regional School District with Sea Bright, Highlands, and Atlantic Highlands

Councilmember Birdsall introduced and offered the following Resolution for adoption; seconded by Councilmember Booker:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sea Bright ("Sea Bright") is a member of the consolidated Oceanport School District ("Oceanport") pursuant to a 2009 mandatory merger under P.L. 2009, c. 78 (eliminating non-operating school districts) and, by virtue of that membership, students residing in Sea Bright in grades PK-8 are educated in schools operated by Oceanport; and

WHEREAS, Sea Bright is a member of a limited purpose regional school district, Shore Regional High School District ("Shore Regional"), whereby students residing in Sea Bright in grades 9-12 are educated in schools operated by Shore Regional; and

WHEREAS, Sea Bright, the Borough of Highlands ("Highlands"), and the Borough of Atlantic Highlands ("Atlantic Highlands") wished to determine the viability and impact of a proposed school district reconfiguration whereby a new All-Purpose PK-12 Regional School District would be created with Sea Bright, Atlantic Highlands, and Highlands as constituent districts of this new district and which would educate all students residing in the three communities in grades PK-12;

WHEREAS, in an effort to explore this proposed school district reconfiguration, Sea Bright, Highlands, and Atlantic Highlands retained Porzio, Bromberg, & Newman, P.C., to facilitate a feasibility study that would be prepared by Statistical Forecasting, LLC, Porzio Compliance Services, LLC; James L. Kirtland, CPA, and David Corso; and

WHEREAS, in March 2020 Statistical Forecasting, LLC, Porzio Compliance Services, LLC; James L. Kirtland, CPA, and David Corso issued a report that analyzed the financial, demographic, and educational impact of creating a new All-Purpose PK-12 regional school district which would be responsible for educating students residing in Sea Bright, Highlands, and Atlantic Highlands; and

WHEREAS, in January 2022 Statistical Forecasting, LLC, Porzio Compliance Services, LLC; and Steven Cea issued an update to the March 2020 report that analyzed the financial, demographic, and educational impact of creating a new All-Purpose PK-12 regional school district which would be responsible for educating students residing in Highlands, Atlantic Highlands, and Sea Bright; and

WHEREAS, with regard to educational impact, the feasibility study concluded that "[t]he All-Purpose PK-12 Regional District will present distinct advantages" for students from Sea Bright, Highlands, and Atlantic Highlands "as opposed to the status quo given the degree of cooperation, alignment and articulation possible through a unified district from PK-12 in areas of curriculum, instruction, student services, transitions, enrichment, athletics and clubs, governance and leadership;" and

WHEREAS, the feasibility study further concluded "that a new All-Purpose PK-12 Regional District consisting of Highlands, Atlantic Highlands and Sea Bright will have the best opportunity to put in place those characteristics of successful schools and will be best able to respond to demographic, educational, and fiscal challenges in the future" and that "[t]o the extent the Sea Bright students bring greater diversity to these schools, the proposal will have a positive educational impact on students from Highlands and Atlantic Highlands."

WHEREAS, with regard to the financial impact of the possible reconfiguration, the feasibility study concluded that "the increased financial resources that Sea Bright students will bring to the regional district provides the opportunity for greater investments in education resources, programs and services" while still providing long-term tax savings to Sea Bright and moving "to an arguably fairer and more equitable allocation of cost methodology" for all three communities; and

WHEREAS, the criteria established in Section 11(a) of P.L 2021, c.402 paragraphs (2) through (8) have been met as the Feasibility Study demonstrates that the approval of the application:

1. "is not foreseeably likely to increase or exacerbate the segregation of students by racial, socioeconomic, disability, or English Language Learner status..."
2. "consolidates school districts that are in close geographic proximity of each other...;"
3. "to the maximum extent practicable, reduces student seat time and transportation costs;"
4. "possesses the potential for improved efficiency and cost savings;"
5. "possesses the potential to advance an enhanced learning environment for participating school districts;"
6. "coordinates curriculum across schools and grades throughout the proposed limited purpose or all purpose regional district; and"
7. "reflects a documented commitment from the affected boards of education to make good faith efforts to implement practices that promote efficiency and quality of education."

WHEREAS, the proposed regionalization provides for the payment, pursuant to Section 11(c) of P.L 2021, c.402, of "transitional support to the limited purpose or all purpose regional district or consolidated school district..." which is being separated from; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the consultants who prepared the feasibility study recommended "that Highlands, Atlantic Highlands and Sea Bright Regional continue to pursue the creation of a new All-Purpose PK-12 Regional District as outlined in the proposed scenario;" and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, after due consideration, Sea Bright has determined that its students can receive an outstanding and fully aligned and articulated PK-12 education by withdrawing from Oceanport and Shore Regional and forming a new All-Purpose PK-12 Regional School District with Highlands and Atlantic Highlands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sea Bright has determined that there exists good cause to pursue a referendum on the creation of a new PK-12 All Purpose Regional School District with Highlands and Atlantic Highlands so as to provide its voters with the ability to decide how their tax dollars are spent and how their children are educated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sea Bright seeks to have a referendum placed on the November 2022 ballot with regard to the creation of this new PK-12 All Purpose Regional School District and simultaneously to withdraw from Oceanport and Shore Regional, with approval from the Commissioner of Education pursuant to Section 11 of P.L 2021, c.402; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sea Bright authorizes special counsel, Porzio, Bromberg, & Newman, P.C., to prepare and submit a petition, pursuant to state law, to the Commissioner of Education seeking authorization to hold a referendum on the issue of the creation of a PK-12 All Purpose Regional School District with Sea Bright, Highlands, and Atlantic Highlands and by which passage of such referendum will simultaneously withdraw Sea Bright from Oceanport and Shore Regional; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sea Bright authorizes special counsel, Porzio, Bromberg, & Newman, P.C., to take any and all appropriate action to obtain the aforementioned authorization from the Commissioner of Education and to effectuate same.

Roll Call: Bieber, Birdsall, Booker, Catalano, Keeler, Lamia
Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Absent

ORDINANCE(s):

Introduction: Mayor Kelly to read the ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2022
CALENDAR YEAR 2021
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Councilmember Booker offered a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 01-2022 for a public hearing to be held on February 15, 2022 and advertise according to law; seconded by Councilmember Keeler:

Roll Call: Bieber, Birdsall, Booker, Catalano, Keeler, Lamia
Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Absent

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright in the County of Monmouth finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2022 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$70,730.68 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, in the County of Monmouth, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2022 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Sea Bright shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$247,557.38. and that the CY 2022 municipal budget for the Borough of Sea Bright be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

INDIVIDUAL ACTION/New Business:

Vouchers: \$ 963,937.00

Councilmember Keeler offered a motion to approve the Voucher List dated February 1, 2022 as submitted by the Finance Manager; seconded by Councilmember Booker:

Roll Call:	Bieber,	Birdsall,	Booker,	Catalano,	Keeler,	Lamia
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent
02227						
22-00031					Open	375.00
2770						
21-01295					Open	2,750.00
01631						
22-00125					Open	6,500.00
2670						
21-00614					Open	13,380.00
2680						
22-00114					Open	290.58
2777						
21-01053					Open	1,012.25
01801						
22-00099					Open	5,635.00
22-00100					Open	5,218.30
						10,853.30
02231						
22-00029					Open	1,530.00
2528						
22-00118					Open	74.38
2286						
22-00098					Open	1,500.00
01817						
22-00134					Open	576.87
02101						
22-00120					Open	36.96
01549						
22-00090					Open	219.00
2562						
22-00104					Open	714.00
01887						
22-00139					Open	485.22

REGULAR MEETING

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2710	HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP		
22-00127	01/27/22 FISCAL	Open	3,312.50
01285	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES		
22-00112	01/26/22 SEWER- MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	Open	1,063.12
00229	INTERSTATE MOBILE CARE, INC.		
22-00115	01/26/22 STREETS- TRAINING	Open	305.00
00297	JESSE A. HOWLAND & SONS, INC.		
22-00128	01/27/22 DPW	Open	1,705.00
2442	KINTECH, INC.		
22-00138	01/27/22 A&E	Open	286.90
00108	LEON S. AVAKIAN, INC.		
20-01383	12/02/20 ENGINEER	Open	5,235.00
22-00123	01/26/22 ENGINEER	Open	1,007.50

			6,242.50
00109	MONMOUTH COUNTY POLICE CHIEF'S		
22-00093	01/20/22	Open	150.00
22-00094	01/20/22	Open	500.00
22-00095	01/20/22	Open	500.00
22-00096	01/20/22	Open	150.00

			1,300.00
02045	MONMOUTH COUNTY SPCA		
22-00124	01/27/22 ANIMAL	Open	325.00
22-00135	01/27/22 ANIMAL CONTROL	Open	112.50

			437.50
00188	MONMOUTH/OCEAN TCTA		
22-00133	01/27/22 TAX COLLECTOR	Open	80.00
00189	MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSN/MONMOUTH		
22-00087	01/20/22 2022 Membership Dues	Open	150.00
00190	MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOC OF NJ		
22-00085	01/20/22 Clerks Conference Registration	Open	750.00
00131	NJ CONFERENCE OF MAYORS		
22-00088	01/20/22 2022 Membership Dues	Open	295.00
00113	NJ NATURAL GAS COMPANY		
22-00121	01/26/22 NATURAL GAS	Open	2,740.97
00502	NJ STATE LEAGUE/MUNICIPALITIES		
22-00089	01/20/22 2022 Membership Dues	Open	295.00
00885	OCEAN TWP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2		
22-00126	01/27/22 FIRE OFFICIAL	Open	350.00
01309	OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION		
21-00795	07/07/21 SCHOOL TAX	Open	72,010.00
00164	RAIN, WILLIAM		
22-00101	01/21/22 HEALTH	Open	322.20
01554	SEA BRIGHT SERVICE CENTER		
21-01488	12/28/21 Repairs 4366	Open	508.97
22-00030	01/11/22 POLICE: VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	Open	83.45

			592.42
01027	SHORE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS		
22-00136	01/27/22 POLICE	Open	163.00
00053	SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL		
21-00794	07/07/21 HIGH SCHOOL TAX	Open	180,818.00
02225	STAPLES ADVANTAGE		
21-00650	05/27/21 BEACH	Open	792.41
21-01383	11/22/21 STREETS- OFFICE SUPPLIES	Open	450.14
22-00033	01/11/22 POLICE:OFFICE EQUIPMENT	Open	86.43

			1,328.98
00192	TAX COLL & TREAS ASSOC OF NJ		
22-00132	01/27/22 TAX COLLECTOR	Open	100.00
2349	TAYLOR COMMUNICATIONS		
22-00137	01/27/22 COURT	Open	461.00
00523	TREASURER, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH		
22-00129	01/27/22 OPEN SPACE TAX	Open	64,785.65
00223	TREASURER, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH		
22-00130	01/27/22 COUNTY TAX	Open	539,093.04
00439	TREASURER, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH		
22-00131	01/27/22 LIBRARY TAX	Open	40,448.96

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2291	VERIZON		
21-01461	12/13/21 A&E	Open	367.98
2658	VERIZON		
22-00102	01/21/22 SEWER	Open	1,579.11
TOTAL:			\$961,681.39

Manual Checks

22-00140	David Hoder Associates		\$1,295.00
1/28/2022	Plan. Board:Engineer-Review/Escrow Acct.		
22-00119	Gannett NJ		\$19.36
1/26/2022	Plan. Board:Legal Ad-Review/Escrow Acct.		
22-00122	Leon S. Avakian, Inc.		\$741.25
1/26/2022	Engineer:Plot Plans/Escrow Accts.		
22-00097	State Of New Jersey-DEP		\$200.00
1/20/2022	Sewer:Connection Permit Fee		
TOTAL:			\$ 2,255.61
GRAND TOTAL:			\$ 963,937.00

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Councilman Birdsall commended DPW, the Police Department, and all public safety members who assisted with the storm – everyone did a great job! Mayor Kelly agreed and thanked everyone involved. Chief Friedman stated that all the departments really worked hard and did a good job.

Councilman Bieber reported the next administration committee meeting will be held next week (February 9) and they will be evaluating how they can further implement personnel policies and procedures, data records retention, and enforcing ordinances. He also reported as the Council Liaison to the Planning Board that the last meeting had five residential properties reviewed but it was a relatively quiet month overall for the Planning Board.

Councilman Keeler thanked our first responders for keeping the town safe during the storm this past weekend and applauded the team who remained onsite for the duration of the storm. The new truck we acquired from Deal was picked up and, on the drive back, a number of problems were discovered. Dave Estelle and Jim Forsman worked on the truck out in the cold weather and it is now back in service. Councilman Keeler explained that Resolution No. 41-2022 is just an interim appointment of representatives to the Monmouth County Health Commission giving Council a few months to evaluate their options. The Court is going well and the next session is this Thursday if anyone would like to attend.

Councilman Booker reported the budget meetings will be held on Wednesday. They will be looking specifically at ways to cut back spending on non-essential items and increase revenues. Councilman Booker will present a complete report of the budget meetings after meeting with the Finance Committee.

Mayor Kelly reported we have been working with the Mayors of Highlands and Atlantic Highlands to consider forming a new school district. The resolution on the agenda approved earlier tonight authorized sending the revised Feasibility Study to the State for their review in anticipation of having a referendum in November, 2022. We are also all working on dates to hold town hall meetings in each of the three towns to hold discussions regarding the schools. Mayor Kelly announced the annual budget meetings are being held tomorrow. Mayor Kelly reported progress on all other matters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session not held.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Bieber offered a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilmember Booker:

Roll Call: Bieber, Birdsall, Booker, Catalano, Keeler, Lamia
 Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Absent

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Pfeiffer
 Borough Clerk