

**MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT**

DECEMBER 15, 2022 (Thursday)

SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY

TO ATTEND THIS MEETING REMOTELY PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING:

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Council President Keeler called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and requested those present to join 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 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: Councilmember's Erwin Bieber, Kevin Birdsall, Jefferey M. Booker, Sr., Samuel A. Catalano, William J. Keeler, John M. Lamia, Jr.

ABSENT: Mayor Brian P. Kelly

OTHERS: Administrator Joseph L. Verruni, Attorney Richard Shaklee, Engineer Gregory Blash, 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 stated the check valves in the downtown are finally being installed after numerous delays and most recently tide delays. Our Borough Engineer Greg Blash continues to talk to the DOT about the check valves that they are responsible for on Ocean Avenue in the north end. Mr. Blash added that he feels the residents involved are likely to agree to the new proposal which reduces the easement. The road program is scheduled to begin in March or April. Mr. Verruni spoke with Rumson to discuss our obligation to repair the force main on Ocean Avenue. Mr. Verruni reported he, Attorney Shaklee, Frank Lawrence, and our review architect Joe Tomano, met with Kevin Settembrino yesterday to talk about our issues with the municipal facilities. They are going to provide us with additional information and the hope is we will brief Council at Tuesday's meeting and discuss how to move forward.

SUBJECT: Public Safety Update (Chiefs of Police and Fire)

ACTION: Lieutenant McCue stated that Chief Friedman is attending a policy update at the Monmouth County Prosecutors Office today. He reported that for the month of November there were 462 calls for service, 182 motor vehicle stops, 4 arrests, 3 were for DWI, and 1 was for assault of domestic violence. They issued 52 moving violations, 6 parking violations – currently for the year we have issued a total of 369 moving violations and 2,186 parking violations. Many of our officers have recently attended training and we have 3 recruits who will be attending the academy in January. Lt. McCue also noted that our Special Class II Officer Twinning conducted a motor vehicle stop – the vehicle was stolen and fled heading south towards Long Branch where the chase was terminated. The vehicle was eventually recovered in Neptune after a brief standoff, the driver was taken into custody. Kevin Morey from EMS provided a report on First Aid operations. They have had 323 calls for service – only 8 were missed, response time is 8 minutes and have responded to over 50 mutual aid calls ranging from Sandy Hook to Hazlet. Kevin summarized the new equipment that has been acquired over the year and reported that they are planning to hold a CPR course that will be open for residents to attend as well. They have one newly trained EMT and one member that will begin training in January.

SUBJECT: Monmouth County Regional Health **Alternate** Representative

ACTION: Mr. Verruni stated that we are in need of an alternate representative, and anyone interested who may have questions can contact our current representative Paul Roman. He also explained that some municipalities have left the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission and we may have to leave in the future as the cost will be increasing.

SUBJECT: Middlesex County JIF Special Assessment

ACTION: Mr. Verruni stated that we were in the Middlesex JIF a long time ago and they recently did an audit and found their fee structure was insufficient to provide a reserve as required by the Office of Banking. We received an old special assessment of \$43,617 – our JIF and Risk Managers have gotten involved – and they advised us we have to pay it – many towns are fighting it.

The Middlesex JIF put us on a payment schedule over 7 years so we don't need to pay it all at once. Attorney Shaklee explained that once we start the payments – it will be considered a settlement.

SUBJECT: Beach Businesses (Bids Received & Yoga)

ACTION: Borough Clerk Christine Pfeiffer stated that we received bids for beach businesses – a 5-year bid was received for the rental of umbrellas and chairs and a 1-year bid was received for a skim board camp. A resolution will be prepared awarding the contracts at the December 20th meeting for approval. Councilman Bieber requested that we discuss increasing the minimum bid prior to going out to bid next year. Councilman Keeler stated that he spoke with Beach Manager Don Klein and he is very pleased with the operations of businesses on the beach.

SUBJECT: 2023 Borough Fees

ACTION: Councilman Keeler explained that this resolution will be listed on the re-org meeting agenda if anyone has any changes they would like to see. Councilman Birdsall feels Council should consider increasing fees for sidewalk cafés. Mr. Verruni explained that he meets with each business in the beginning of the season to go over what will be permitted. Councilman Bieber questioned if anyone has looked at other Borough fees outside of what is on the resolution to make sure they are in line – Mr. Verruni stated that our Construction Official Ed Wheeler has been looking into updating the building department fees. Mr. Verruni also explained that the chairman of the departments should have meetings to discuss fees to make sure they are all appropriate.

SUBJECT: Municipal Court – Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Oceanport

ACTION: Councilman Keeler explained that we have a good relationship with Oceanport and our Court Administrator Carol is very pleased with operations. Mr. Verruni explained that Highlands would love to have us once their new facilities are complete which will be good competition. A resolution will be prepared for a one-year extension to our shared service agreement for the December 20th meeting.

SUBJECT: Resolutions

1. 2023 Software Support and License Agreement with Edmunds & Associates, Inc.
2. Resolution Confirming the Sale of \$2,550,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022 of the Borough of Sea Bright, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey to the Monmouth County Improvement Authority
3. Authorize the Release of Various Closed Session Minutes for Years 2017-2019
4. Budget Transfers

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

Councilman Lamia asked if we have looked into a program to schedule activities in the gym – specifically pickleball. Mr. Verruni explained that we have been looking into Community Pass, Edmunds, Intron, and Zumu to see which has the best program for our needs.

Priya Fox, Surf Street, questioned why there is a minimum of 7 consecutive days in the short-term rental ordinance. Councilman Bieber explained that it was based on the strategies of neighboring towns and felt that this was the way that best fit the objectives of the renters and the way the Council would like the town to be operated.

Danny Heller, Center Street, asked for an update on the crosswalk by Donovan's, the Mad Hatter, and the redevelopment project. Councilman Birdsall explained that we do not have any updates for the crosswalk as it is a state highway so we really don't have much say, however, the Police Department were working on increasing the walk time crossing Ocean Avenue. Regarding the Mad Hatter, the Borough Attorney did not have any updates. Councilman Bieber reported on the riverfront project – it continues to progress and there will be public Council and Planning Board meetings and the finalization of that project moves forward. Councilman Birdsall strongly suggested attending planning board meetings when this application is before them to submit any comments or concerns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilmember Bieber offered a motion to enter in to Closed Session; second 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. Contract Negotiations

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: Bieber, Birdsall, Booker, Catalano, Keeler, Lamia
 Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pfeiffer
Borough Clerk