

**RESOLUTION No. 144-2017**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD'S PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO TITLE 33 OF THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS (CFR) §117.755 REGARDING THE DRAW SPAN OPENING SCHEDULE FOR MONMOUTH COUNTY BRIDGE S-32 ON COUNTY ROUTE 520 OVER THE SHREWSBURY RIVER IN THE BOROUGHES OF RUMSON AND SEA BRIGHT**

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

**WHEREAS**, Monmouth County Bridge S-32 on County Route 520 (CR 520) over the Shrewsbury River in the Boroughs of Rumson and Sea Bright is a movable drawbridge with its operating regulations under the control of the United States Coast Guard (USCG); and

**WHEREAS**, the current demands of roadway/vehicular and waterways/marine traffic at Bridge S-32 are significant, particularly during peak summer seasons; and

**WHEREAS**, vehicular delays during peak seasons have become extraordinary, due in part to the frequent interruption to the vehicular traffic flow from the numerous scheduled bridge openings for boat passage under Bridge S-32; and

**WHEREAS**, the USCG regulates the schedule of drawbridge openings for bridges spanning navigable waterways; and

**WHEREAS**, the current schedule of drawbridge openings at Bridge S-32 as codified in Title 33 CFR §117.755 – Shrewsbury River requires opening on signal at all times; except that, from May 15 through September 30, on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays, between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., the draw need open only on the hour and half hour; and

**WHEREAS**, the frequency of these scheduled openings is found to be a major contributor to the vehicular traffic delays in both the Boroughs of Rumson and Sea Bright during these peak travel times; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Monmouth County Engineer presented its findings to the USCG with the request to reduce scheduled bridge openings from on the hour and half hour to only on the hour and include Fridays within the seasonal weekend operating schedule to reduce existing vehicular congestion during peak summer seasons; and

**WHEREAS**, the USCG published the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the July 18, 2017 Federal Register (Docket No. USCG-2017-0460) to amend the existing Title 33 CFR §117.755 – Shrewsbury River to the above requested reduced scheduled opening for only on the hour from May 15 through September 30, on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays, between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., with a public comment period until September 18, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Monmouth has considered this matter and is in support of the USCG's proposed Bridge S-32 openings seasonal schedule amendment as published in the July 18, 2017 Federal Register (Docket No. USCG-2017-0460).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, does hereby affirm its support for the United States Coast Guard's proposed rulemaking, as published in the July 18, 2017 Federal Register (Docket No. USCG-2017-0460), to amend the existing Title 33 CFR §117.755 – Shrewsbury River to the bridge opening: on signal at all times, except that, from May 15 through September 30, on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., the draw need open only on the hour.

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

1. The United States Coast Guard
2. The Board of Chosen Freeholders
3. The Borough of Rumson

Roll Call:   Birdsall,   Keeler,   Keeler,   Lamia,   Leckstein,   Rooney  
                  Yes            Yes       absent    Yes           Yes        Yes

September 5, 2017

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Christine Pfeiffer, Borough Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a Resolution adopted by the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey at a Council Meeting held September 5, 2017.

  
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Christine Pfeiffer, Borough Clerk