

**MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT**

MARCH 16, 2023 (Thursday)

SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY

TO ATTEND THIS MEETING REMOTELY PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING:

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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:0

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, 2023. 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, Jefferey M. Booker, Sr., Samuel A. Catalano,
Heather Gorman, William J. Keeler, John M. Lamia, Jr.

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 reported we have hit a bump in the road with the State regarding the backflow preventors in north beach. He and Borough Engineer Greg Blash met with the homeowners and had thought they came to an agreement however, the State altered the plans they does not seem to be satisfactory with the property owners. Mr. Blash summarized the change to the plans which would discharge the runoff on the beach instead of in the water – Mr. Blash will send a letter to the State to see if they would extend the pipe to runoff into the river. The road program repaving project is underway and will be completed prior to the busy season. We continue to proceed towards mediation with the architect for our new facilities and Attorney Shaklee is awaiting his response to a letter. We received pricing to fix the steel girders on the Municipal Complex that are rusting and are looking to proceed with those repairs. Mr. Verruni said we are looking for a new contractor to complete the check valve installation in the downtown – we still have two to install. Councilman Lamia suggested putting the road work updates on the electronic sign.

SUBJECT: Public Safety Update (Police, Fire, EMS)

ACTION: Police Chief Friedman reported 323 calls for service, there was an OEM meeting last week, jail cell inspections were completed yesterday and there have been multiple arrests, complaints, and motor vehicle stops. There was a fire above Bains Hardware that could have been a lot worse – everyone did a great job. Councilman Bieber questioned if there are any trends regarding stolen cars – Chief Friedman responded that the thieves are looking for FOBS!! Also, with all the plate readers around the State it is common for stolen cars to get flagged.

Fire Chief Murphy reported 21 calls for service in the month of February. There will be an influx of seasonal member resolutions at upcoming meetings. The Department responded to a house fire in Rumson and the guys did what they do and ultimately prevented a significant loss. The guys also did a great job at the Bain's fire which is a true testament to what we have going on at the firehouse. It was a collaborative effort with Police, Fire, EMS and Public Works. They were able to mitigate the fire with only 100 gallons of water and only major damage to one apartment. The northeast wind also helped contain the fire and the cause was determined to be a refrigerator. The Mayor and Council thanked and commended everyone for their great job – and are grateful for the mutual aid.

Councilman Bieber said he spoke to Fire Code Enforcement Officer, Tom Haege, who suggested the Borough look into enacting a fire pit ordinance which his committee will do.

SUBJECT: Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority Bonding

ACTION: Mr. Verruni explained that we received notice of bonding from the Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority but have known for a while that this was coming. They are adding and renovating their facilities and infrastructure. It is a large undertaking for TRWRA but he believes their debt will be stable. However, it does have the potential to impact our rates in the future but we have prepared for it.

SUBJECT: Mad Hatter RFP

ACTION: Mayor Kelly stated that our attorneys have prepared an RFP for the Mad Hatter which will be discussed in executive session.

SUBJECT: 5G Ordinance/Right of Way Agreements (Discussion involves contract negotiations – moved to Executive Session).

ACTION: Attorney Shaklee would like to discuss this matter in executive session as it involves contract negotiations.

SUBJECT: Website and Electronic Sign Policy

ACTION: Mayor Kelly explained that we need to set a protocol for how we post messages on our website and electronic sign and determine who manages the requests. Mr. Verruni stated that what Council has before them is a fine tuned/revised policy. A resolution will be prepared for approval at the March 21st meeting.

SUBJECT: Recreation Center/Beach Pavilion Rental Fees and Usage

ACTION: Mayor Kelly explained that the recreation center and beach pavilion rental fees need to be reviewed, again, as the requests for usage is increasing. Mr. Verruni stated that the recreation center is getting busier from both residents and nonresidents and it is hard to differentiate the groups as residents are using the facility with non-residents. We require liability insurance to use the space and Councilwoman Gorman suggested that the fee cover the costs of cleaning the building at a minimum. Mayor Kelly feels that we can always adjust the fees if necessary as we move forward. Any fee recommendations can be forwarded to Administrator Verruni.

SUBJECT: Downtown Parking Assessment Team

ACTION: Mayor Kelly stated that there are residents in the downtown that asked Council to take a look at the parking and possibly make some changes. Councilman Bieber stated that he has formed a committee to assess the challenge and make recommendations to Council. The committee consists of himself, Administrator Verruni, the Police, Councilwoman Gorman and will invite residents to take a look at any potential parking improvements. Councilman Bieber plans to also evaluate the resident parking for the redevelopment project. Regarding summer business parking, Mr. Verruni reported the owner of the old schoolhouse lot has unfortunately passed away - his estate is in the process of marketing the property but he is following up to see if it might be available for additional business parking this season.

SUBJECT: Beach Ordinance

ACTION: Councilman Bieber stated that this initiative is being driven by the complaint of smoking on the beach but includes alcohol consumption as well. He held a committee meeting to discuss what have they done in the past, if it a significant enough issue to take additional action on, and if it is in fact worthy of taking additional action/enforcement, what would that look like. They know this will put a strain on our resources in the police department and with beach personnel but there is good potential - the group will get back together and plan to bring recommendations back to Council.

SUBJECT: DOT Mid-block Crosswalk Update

ACTION: Councilman Bieber explained that he provided a brief update at the last Council meeting as he attended a meeting with the DOT. The state has identified and will fully fund 5 mid-block crosswalks that are considered high risk areas to be included in the state funded safety program. They are continuing to develop the plans which should be completed in 2024 and the project would be completed by 2027. There are two additional crossings by Ship Ahoy and Sands Beach Club that were submitted prior to this safety program and were placed on an "expedited" list to get done this year – there is a cost share with these - the action right now sits with the DOT to see what the projected costs are to add the crosswalks by the beach clubs and hopefully get those done as well. Unfortunately, the crossing by the Highlands Bridge is not included in this project. Council agreed that we should try to get the DOT out here to look at the area in person.

SUBJECT: DOT Correspondence – Cell Tower

ACTION: Mayor Kelly reported we received correspondence from the NJDOT that Verizon will be placing a temporary cell tower by the Highlands bridge which will be operation from April to October to meet increased seasonal demand.

SUBJECT: Recertification of Municipal Emergency Operations Plan

ACTION: Mayor Kelly stated that Ryan Murphy, Deputy OEM Coordinator, will be at our next workshop meeting to discuss modifications to the Borough's Emergency Operations Plan.

Councilman Booker stated that he plans to get the finance committee together to take a final look at the budget prior to introduction.

SUBJECT: Resolutions

- 1. 2023 Budget Introduction
- 2. Beach Badge Donations

ACTION: The above resolutions will be prepared for approval at the March 21st meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilmember Bieber offered a motion to enter in to Closed Session; second by Councilmember Booker:

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. Personnel
- 2. 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,	Booker,	Catalano,	Gorman,	Keeler,	Lamia
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Gorman offered a motion to Adjourn the Workshop meeting; seconded by Councilmember Bieber:

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

THERE WILL BE A DEMONSTRATION OF THE POWERLIFT STRETCHER FOLLOWING THE MEETING IN THE FIREHOUSE.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pfeiffer
Borough Clerk