

**MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT**

JUNE 15, 2023 (Thursday)

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 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.,
Heather Gorman, William J. Keeler

ABSENT: Councilmembers Samuel A. Catalano, John M. Lamia, Jr.

OTHERS: Administrator Joseph L. Verruni, Attorney Richard Shaklee
Engineer Gregory Blash, CFO Michael Bascom, 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
- Five-year capital plan

ACTION: Administrator Verruni stated that we are moving forward with a number of items in the 5-year capital plan – specifically the 2023 items. The 2022 roadway paving project has been completed and we should be hearing from Borough Engineer Greg Blash with recommendations for the 2024 road improvement project. We are working on the downtown Ocean Avenue sewer relining and the manhole reconstruction at McLoones. Also, we have a proposal from Mr. Blash for engineering for the initial phase of the bulkhead project which CFO Michael Bascom has put a funding mechanism in place. Mr. Verruni also stated that we have \$60,000 allocated in the plan to repair our pumper fire truck which Fire Chief Murphy will explain further. The parking lot on River Street is operational for Borough employees, first responders, and volunteers. Mr. Verruni reminded everyone that we only have 12 months to figure out next year's parking situation since we will be losing the lots that we currently lease. Councilman Bieber suggested putting together a committee to look at alternatives.

Fire Chief Murphy explained that \$60,000 that has been allocated to do a heavy overhaul to the current pumper fire truck in hopes of getting a few more years of use out of it. Chief Murphy said he has started the process of contacting vendors for this work. In addition, Chief Murphy reported in the next five years they will need to replace the ladder truck. Chief Murphy formed a committee to discuss specifications and evaluate what their needs are today and for the future in Sea Bright. Mr. Bascom explained the funding options including utilizing the Monmouth County Improvement Authority's Pooled Capital Equipment Lease Program to assist with obtaining lower rates. Councilman Bieber questioned if we have looked into purchasing a refurbished truck – Chief Murphy responded that he has not looked into it but the issue would be that it wouldn't be customized for Sea Bright's needs. Councilman Keeler questioned the need for 75 or 100-foot ladder – Chief Murphy explained that some of the new construction in Sea Bright would benefit from the larger ladder but the 75-foot ladder truck would work and be fiscally responsible. It was agreed to move forward with the purchase of a 75-foot ladder truck and Mr. Bascom will reach out to the County and then speak to Mr. Verruni regarding a plan for funding.

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

ACTION: Fire Chief Murphy reported 206 calls for service so far for 2023 compared to 188 last year at this time. The Rookie's have completed their training and there will be additional river training this weekend with Sea Bright Ocean Rescue. Fireworks are scheduled and are good to go on June 30th. Chief Murphy will speak with DPW Deputy Director Rob Smith regarding installing a swing gate at the river for better access in the event of a rescue.

Police Chief Friedman reported 540 calls for service and the department has already issued over 500 parking tickets. Paid Parking revenue is approximately \$110,000 which is down a little from last year due to poor weather. Stolen cars are on the rise so please remember to lock and remove your fobs. There will be a meeting on Tuesday at 3:00pm to finalize the fireworks details. Councilman Bieber commented it was good to see a Special Officer walking in front of the street sweeper giving out warnings to those who did not move their vehicles and asked the Chief to start reporting on the number of smoking and alcohol violations on the beach at the workshops.

SUBJECT: Lead-based Paint Ordinance draft

ACTION: Code Enforcement Officer Tom Haege explained that a new law requiring lead paint inspections was put into effect for any home built prior to 1978 that is rented for more than 6 months. We need to adopt an ordinance to set necessary inspection fees as a portion of the fee collected will go to the State. Councilman Bieber stated that Mr. Haege approached him about putting an ordinance in place for fire pits as it could be a hazardous situation. As Fire Marshall, Mr. Haege explained that he is concerned that there is not enough room between properties to have recreational fire pits and he has no jurisdictional powers to enforce any safety measures. Chief Murphy added that most of the complaints he receives are due to smoke. Council agreed this is something we should look into.

SUBJECT: Trash Rack and Wet Well Repairs – River Street Pump Station

ACTION: Borough Engineer Greg Blash explained that the River Street pump station is need of repairs to the trash rack and wet well. He received proposals for both issues and will move forward as Mr. Verruni confirmed there is money appropriated for these repairs.

SUBJECT: 2024 NJDOT State Aid Road Program

ACTION: Mr. Blash recommends Via Ripa and South Way be included in the 2024 NJDOT State Aid Road Program and will prepare and submit the application which is due July 1.

SUBJECT: Bulkhead Initiative

ACTION: Councilman Bieber explained that he has been working on a three-phase plan for the bulkhead initiative starting with the downtown. The Borough Engineer put together a quote for the preliminary design phase which is the overall design and permitting phase - will cost about \$420,000 – financing for this has not been determined yet. The initial effort to get the ball rolling for this year and also do sufficient work to allow us to submit grant applications for funding is \$100,000. A draft ordinance has been prepared for introduction at the upcoming meeting to begin financing for the project.

SUBJECT: JCPL – Street Light Conversions

ACTION: Mr. Verruni explained that JCP&L is upgrading street lighting and asked for our support to go to all LED street lights – Council agreed as the new lights would result in cost savings. Councilman Bieber asked if they will still repair the existing lights that aren't working – the Chief said that about 40 lights have been replaced.

SUBJECT: Walk Smart Campaign

ACTION: Councilwoman Gorman reported she was recently in Princeton and saw pedestrian stencils on the sidewalks (ex. "Please walk your wheels") and suggested adding these to our sidewalks to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety. She also mentioned that Red Bank has a "walk smart campaign" with signage explaining the proper use of pedestrian zones/crosswalks and bikes. Public works will work with the Chief of Police to coordinate these efforts.

SUBJECT: Solid Waste Contract – one year extension (\$238,000 to \$245,000)

ACTION: Mr. Verruni explained that our current solid waste contract is for three years with two one-year extensions. We exercised the first one-year extension last year and he recommended exercising the second extension. Council agreed. Councilman Bieber questioned if there have been any issues with the garbage pickup from businesses – Mr. Verruni explained that some have scheduled additional private pickups which has helped.

SUBJECT: Evening Yoga Classes Bid

ACTION: Borough Clerk Christine Pfeiffer explained that we were approached by the business owner who currently holds the contract for the morning yoga classes – to see if she could start an evening yoga class. We requested bids for this and received one response from said applicant which met all requirements. An award of contract resolution will be prepared for the June 20th meeting for evening yoga classes 6:00pm-8:00pm.

SUBJECT: Ira Schussheim Correspondence

ACTION: Mr. Verruni explained that we received a letter from a resident expressing concerns for e-bike safety on the splash pad and asked Council to consider putting an ordinance together to expand safety efforts. Chief Friedman stated that we currently do not have anything on the books which makes it difficult to write tickets. Councilman Bieber would like the Public Safety Committee to meet to discuss this further and come up with a recommendation.

SUBJECT: Resolutions

1. Liquor License Renewals (not attached)
2. Memorializing Participation in the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program
3. Authorizing the Public Display of Fireworks on June 30, 2023
4. In Support of Assembly Bill No. A-4789 Supporting an Increase in Municipal Energy Tax Receipts Property Tax Relief Aid to Offset the Increase in Local Government Costs for Employee Health Care and Prescription Benefits Coverage
5. Donation of 2023 Beach Badges
6. Chapter 159 Budget Amendment - State Of New Jersey - FY2023 Clean Communities Grant
7. Authorizing Hiring of Police Officers Designation of Special Law Enforcement Office – Class II
8. Grace Period Extension for Payment of 3rd Quarter 2023 Taxes

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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
2. Real Estate
3. Litigation

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	Absent	Yes	Yes	Absent

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pfeiffer
Borough Clerk