

**MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT**

JULY 13, 2023 (Thursday)

SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY

TO ATTEND THIS MEETING REMOTELY PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING:

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Access Code: 442-660-165

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., Samuel A. Catalano,
Heather Gorman, William J. Keeler, John M. Lamia, Jr.

OTHERS: Administrator Joseph L. Verruni, Attorney Roger McLaughlin
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 the downtown back flow preventors are complete and we are asking for a maintenance agreement to check them 1-2 times per year. Borough Engineer Greg Blash has been working with the DOT did not endorse the "compromise" plan for the installation of the back flow preventers in the north and south ends of town – he has contacted Senator O'Scanlon's office for assistance. The roadway improvement program for Islandview Way, Garden Way, and Longview is scheduled to get underway in the fall. We are holding off on the manhole repair on Ocean Avenue near Sands Beach Club until after the summer. Borough Engineer Greg Blash met with JCP&L and confirmed that we are able to build a new DPW facility on River Street and will provide cost estimates for the building. The GIS mapping for our stormwater infrastructure that is required by the state is almost completed and paid for by a grant. Mr. Blash is obtaining prices for the trash rack repairs for the river street pump station. We have funding in place for the engineering of the bulkhead project and our consultant, Millenium Strategies, is looking into additional grant opportunities.

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

ACTION: Police Chief Friedman reported over 1,500 tickets have already been issued, 665 calls for service for the month of June, various arrests, and accidents. Parking revenue so far is \$334,000 which is down \$40,000 from this time last year but a few nice days of weather should increase the revenue. The Chief said he would like to update the fees in the towing ordinance and will have that prepared for review at the next workshop meeting. Councilman Bieber asked Chief Friedman if he had found any ordinances on electric bikes – Chief Friedman responded that Wall Township is the only other municipality in Monmouth County with an E-Bike ordinance – once they review, Councilman Bieber will have a recommendation for Council. The Chief reported that all went well with the fireworks display – there were no issues – and thanked DPW for their hard work.

Fire Chief Murphy reported 291 calls for service so far this year - 65 calls for the month of June – this will likely turn out to be their busiest year yet. They are continuing their training with Ocean Rescue on sand hole collapses and other basic and advanced exercises. Chief Murphy explained that recently Long Branch proposed an agreement to compensate their department when they provide mutual aid in Sea Bright – we did not sign as there aren't funds allocated for this in this year's budget. Mr. Verruni added that we were taken back by this because typically there is no cost for mutual aid but other surrounding towns have signed an agreement with Long Branch. Chief Murphy will speak to the Long Branch Administrator to see if we can hold off until 2024 and account for this potential expenditure in next year's budget.

Kevin Morey from of Sea Bright First Aid thanked the Governing Body for approving the purchase of the new stretcher and the CPR devise – it will be very helpful to the squad and residents. They have responded to 150 calls for service for the year and have 2 members starting EMT courses in August and are staffing the best they can every day with a total of 38 active members.

SUBJECT: Monmouth County Request for Support – Declaration of 9/11 as County Holiday

ACTION: Mayor Kelly stated that the County adopted a resolution declaring 9/11 an official county holiday and he wanted to share it with Council.

SUBJECT: 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence – July 4, 2026
ACTION: A resolution will be prepared for the July 18th meeting supporting the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

SUBJECT: Beach Badge Donation Request
ACTION: Councilman Catalano will coordinate with Beach Manager Don Klein to come up with recommended guidelines and a process for approving beach badge donation requests. A resolution will be prepared for the July 18th meeting authorizing the donation of beach badges.

SUBJECT: Farmers’ Market Proposal
ACTION: Councilwoman Gorman reported that we received a proposal from a farmers market consultant who has worked with various towns in our area who manages all aspects of the market. Ideally, she would like to see the market become established as an all-year round event and move into the recreation center during the colder months. Various locations were discussed and Mr. Verruni suggested bringing the consultant to Sea Bright to look around and provide a recommendation.

SUBJECT: Resolutions

1. Authorizing Leon S. Avakian Inc. to Provide Professional Engineering Services for the Bulkhead Improvement Initiative – Phase I
2. Authorizing Grant Application to NJDOT For Fiscal Year 2024 – Via Ripa Way & South Way
3. Authorizing Contract Extension for Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Collection and Disposal Services
4. Consideration of Bids Received for Construction of a Viewing Platform on Beach Street (Will be forthcoming)

ACTION: The above resolutions will be prepared for approval at the July 18th meeting.

SUBJECT: Ordinance(s)

1. Bond Ordinance providing an appropriation of \$1,100,000 for the acquisition of an aerial truck for the Fire Department for and by the Borough of Sea Bright in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey and, authorizing the issuance of \$1,045,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough for financing part of the appropriation.

ACTION: The above ordinance will be prepared for introduction at the July 18th meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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. Real Estate
2. Personnel

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pfeiffer
Borough Clerk