

SEASIDE PARK BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Work Session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Seaside Park was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2015 in the Borough Council Meeting Room located at Sixth & Central Avenues, Seaside Park.

"In accordance with the requirements of New Jersey's Open Public Meetings Act, public notice of this meeting was included in the required Annual Meeting Notice which was filed in the Office of the Seaside Park Borough Clerk; posted on the Bulletin Board located in the Municipal Building; and forwarded to the Asbury Park Press, the Ocean Star, and to all persons requesting notice and providing self-addressed, postage-paid envelopes."

Roll Call**Present:**

Robert Matthies, Mayor
 Michael Tierney, Council President
 Nancy Koury
 Jean Contessa
 David Nicola
 Gail Coleman
 Faith Liguori

Absent:

None.

Also\ Attending:

Christian Schlegel, Borough Attorney
 Robert Martucci, Borough Administrator
 Karen Barna, Borough Clerk
 Chief Larkin

Mayor Matties recognized the newly appointed Seaside Park C.E.R.T team members and Program Coordinator Sgt. Konfederak. Chief Larkin handed out a certificate to each member: Tom Cali, Matt DeMichele, John Welch, John Bowes, Bonnie Brady, and Ariane Delamater.

Ms. Koury presented a memo from Marina Manager Kleva of his review for fueling in the basin requested by Councilwoman Coleman. Mr. Kleva felt to allow fueling and the risk of a spill accident outweighs any benefit for a few boaters. Ms. Koury also noted the marina has just completed a lengthy environmental remediation under NJDEP regulations.

Ms. Koury also reviewed a recommendation from Mr. Kleva to amend the marina ordinance to insert that in order for a resident slip rental discount the resident owner must be current with tax and water/sewer payments. Council agreed to amend the ordinance.

Ms. Koury reviewed with council members a draft of a policy for memorials and the need to establish guidelines for specific programs similar to other towns, including memorial benches, pavers. Council members were in favor to move the policy forward.

Ms. Koury presented a recommendation from Planning Board to reestablish rear yard setback to twenty feet. Current ordinance is fifteen feet. Council requested more information prior to consideration of their recommendation.

Chief Larkin gave his review to establish a low speed vehicle ordinance commenting vehicles are allowed on the streets in New Jersey but speed must not be greater than 35 mph. Council agreed to move forward to establish regulations.

Mr. Tierney recommended 2015 beach badge prices to remain at 2014 prices along with extending the pre-season price to the end of June as last year. Council accepted his recommendation.

The Council reviewed and approved the following "Use of Boro Facilities" requests.

- Annual PTA Easter Egg hunt on the beach; and Fish Hat Parade.
- Annual Union Church Sunrise Service.
- Walkathons for MS Society; Family Resource Network; Brian Aneurysm Foundation; Sgt. Lyons Run to Remember.
- Seaside Park Education Foundation Flea Markets.
- Soccer Camp.
- Craft Beer Sampling.
- Annual Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweeps clean up.

Council Comments

Mr. Tierney requested Council to consider waiving charges that our borough sponsored organizations would incur for their annual events. Council agreed to support to our local organizations and waive any borough fees in conjunction with their activity.

Council also agreed the flea markets should be held to four weekends not seven. Ms. Contessa noted their signage must conform to borough regulations.

Mayor updated members with a draft letter Mr. Tierney urged be sent to County School Superintendent requesting outlining the required process for a non-operating school district to return property and real estate to the municipality. Council members endorsed the action.

Mr. Martucci reviewed with Council Members the previously discussed Wifi agreement that will provide the entire beach with wifi network. If council agrees it will take a couple of months to set everything up to be ready for the upcoming summer season. Council agreed to amend the agenda to

include awarding a contract to New Jersey Business Systems pending review by our borough attorney.

Mayor Matthies updated Council Members of the March Planning Board meeting that will hear applications for the boardwalk and future development of the pier.

Public Comments

Al Moglia, 145 O Street, felt that the boardwalk height ordinance should be amended to accommodate newer and higher rides. Ms. Koury commented more information is needed to make an informed decision.

Pat DeGutis, 72 Stockton Avenue, hopes council makes a move soon to come to a final resolution with the closed school building.

Steve Giambutti, 35 Farragut Avenue, is against increasing the boardwalk height ordinance as he felt it will have a negative impact on the surrounding neighborhood.

Cheryl Raley, North Ocean Avenue, commented she owns a neighborhood business and is in favor of proposed improvements to the boardwalk and pier.

Barbara McCarthy, 265 O Street, felt the owner of the pier has the right to develop his property to today's standards.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m. by unanimous vote of the Council.

Karen Barna, Borough Clerk
Approved: March 26, 2015