

**SEASIDE PARK BOROUGH COUNCIL**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Seaside Park was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 24, 2014 in the Borough Council Meeting Room located at Sixth & Central Avenues, Seaside Park. Council President Michael Tierney presiding.

Borough Clerk Barna read the following statement for inclusion in the meeting minutes:

*"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."*

Council President Tierney asked all to stand for a moment of silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance remembering those who serve in the Armed Forces to protect our country.

**Roll Call****Present:**

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

**Absent:**

David Nicola (work commitment)

**Also Attending:**

Steven Zabarsky, Borough Attorney  
Karen Barna, Borough Clerk  
Robert Martucci, Borough Administrator  
Police Chief Larkin

**Scheduled Public Hearing for the Amendment to the Approved 2014 Budget:**

Councilman Tierney explained the original budget prepared in early 2014 included a revenue anticipation of \$500,000 for a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. In June we were told that the DCA would only authorize \$200,000 for this grant thus creating the need to adjust these revenues from \$500,000 to \$200,000. We amended the budget to mitigate this shortfall by increasing revenues by \$200,000 (in beach badge revenues) and reducing expenses by approximately \$100,000. The reduction of the grant, along with the application of the \$200,000 proceeds from the grant, including the increase in beach revenues and the decrease of expenses constitutes the items that were amended in the budget. And will not cause an increase in our local tax.

**Public comments:**

Denise Koury, 33 Sixth Avenue, inquired of the employee pension contribution. Mr. Tierney noted it is statutory by the State.

**Resolution No. 2014-211: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL ADOPTING THE 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.**

Motion for approval made by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Ms. Liguori.

For: Mr. Tierney, Ms. Koury, Ms. Contessa, Ms. Coleman, Ms. Liguori.

Absent: Mr. Nicola.

MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution No. 2014-212: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVING PAYMENT OF THE ITEMIZED CLAIMS AS SET FORTH ON THE CHECK REGISTER/BILL LIST FOR THE PERIOD JULY 11, 2014 TO JULY 24, 2014.**

No public comments or questions were offered.

Motion for approval made by Mr. Tierney seconded by Ms. Coleman.

For: Mr. Tierney, Ms. Koury, Ms. Contessa, Ms. Coleman, Ms. Liguori.

Absent: Mr. Nicola.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Council presented the consent agenda.

**Resolution No. 2014-213: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2014-32 TO PROVIDE A TEN DAY GRACE PERIOD FOR THE PAYMENT OF TAXES.****Resolution No. 2014-214: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR THE 14<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE PIER RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.****Resolution No. 2014-215: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF A SEWER UTILITY SERVICE CHARGE.**

Resolution No. 2014-216: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT OF DESIGNATED WATER & SEWER UTILITY ACCOUNT FOR B-49/L-20.

Resolution No. 2014-217: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT OF DESIGNATED WATER & SEWER UTILITY ACCOUNTS.

Resolution No. 2014-218: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTING SEASONAL EMPLOYEES FOR BEACH PATROL FOR THE 2014 SEASON.

Resolution No. 2014-219: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTING SEASONAL EMPLOYEES FOR BEACH CONTROL FOR THE 2014 SEASON.

No public comments or questions were offered.

Ms. Contessa commented on Resolution No. 2014-214 that she toured the pier with our borough engineer and felt the contractor did what he was supposed to do. She is still not happy with the completed project.

Motion for approval made by Ms. Coleman seconded by Mr. Tierney.

For: Mr. Tierney, Ms. Koury, Ms. Contessa, Ms. Coleman, Ms. Liguori.

Absent: Mr. Nicola.

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2014-220: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVING SPECIAL INCREASE FOR BOROUGH OF SEASIDE PARK CHIEF OF POLICE-FRANCIS LARKIN.

No public comments or questions were offered.

Council comments:

Ms. Koury felt she did not have sufficient information to decide how to vote on this resolution. She felt this additional salary increase will benefit from the next PBA contract negotiations. Ms. Koury noted her feelings are not related to his performance but to financial ramifications. Mr. Tierney commented this is a special merit increase based on his performance. Mr. Tierney felt the chief's public relations skills have proven him to be an effective leader.

Ms. Liguori concurred with Mr. Tierney noting that through his leadership he has given so much back to our community. Ms. Coleman concurred with Ms. Liguori and Mr. Tierney.

Motion for approval made by Mr. Tierney seconded by Ms. Coleman.

For: Mr. Tierney, Ms. Contessa, Ms. Coleman, Ms. Liguori.

Abstain: Ms. Koury.

Absent: Mr. Nicola.

MOTION CARRIED.

The following Council committee reports and announcements were given.

Chief Larkin reported that summer operations with his department. Business has picked up with rentals. The children's weekly fishing tournament is a huge success. The weekly drive-in movies are a hit and reminded everyone there is no August meeting for Neighborhood Watch.

Mr. Tierney reported for the Finance Committee the 2014 budget is finally on the books and September begins 2015 budget review. Currently 16 engineering projects are completed. The Wi-Fi project that was put on hold will be included in the 2015 budget.

Ms. Koury reported the Operation Committee discussed tourism projects and the amount of visitors it brought into our borough. She met with the Zoning/Code office regarding abandoned/vacant properties. Another round of letters and summons will be issued to the properties that did not respond to their office initial request to clean up. Her committee toured the current engineering projects and noted the public safety building is the last to be completed. The new beach signs and smoker stations were installed. Ms. Koury attended a meeting with the Sawmill owners in an effort to rectify our easement issues.

Mayor Matthies commented the completion of the boardwalk is important to tourism and felt the owners continue to cooperate with us to resolve this matter.

Ms. Liguori suggested a volunteer committee look into painting legal-sized crabs on the piers.

Ms. Contessa agreed it will help the crabbers to throw back the under-sized crabs.

Ms. Coleman requested public meetings be held with NJDOT regarding the continuing construction of the pump stations on L Street, Eighth and Island Avenues.

Mayor Matthies congratulated our Seaside Park lifeguards on their first place tournament win in Seaside Park. He noted this is one of many annual tournaments that are held. He also attended the grand opening of Seaside Park's sand museum and encouraged everyone to take a journey of New Jersey's boardwalks.

### **Public Comments**

Gloria Stewart, N Street, inquired how the borough is addressing property maintenance. Ms. Koury commented through borough ordinances and fines. Ms. Stewart felt that painting a yellow traffic line on N Street is confusing drivers and is a safety issue. Chief Larkin explained NJDOT repainted it based on an outdated contract. His department is working with DOT to correct it. Ms. Stewart also inquired why ice cream is no longer being sold on our beaches. Mayor Matthies commented council is receiving comments and will address it in the near future.

Art Shilling, H Street, inquired the cost of installing wifi throughout the town. Mr. Tierney commented it may cost as much as \$125,000 for all year round use. He is unsure if it will be a one-time expense.

Shirley Kreszl, 700 North Bayview Avenue, inquired who will utilize the new kitchen inside the fire house. Ms. Contessa explained it will be used by the fire department and OEM. Ms. Kreszl is in favor of an electronic sign for the borough instead of the assortment of signs that are around town. She felt that active backyard fire pits should be regulated. Ms. Coleman commented she will check with the Ocean County Fire Marshall on safety regulations for residential use.

Al Vassallo, 609 NW Central Avenue, was sorry he missed the lifeguard tournament and commented on the need of an electronic sign board that will give the necessary event schedules.

Dave Townes, Central Avenue, is against moving the art show from the police department lawn as it is a tradition. Mayor Matthies commented the council will continue to work to resolve this issue for the future.

George Frank, Brick, NJ, is a spokesperson for the National Council on Aging which is a non-profit through the Department of Labor.

***Adjournment.***

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. by unanimous vote of the Council.

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Karen Barna, Borough Clerk  
Approved: August 14, 2014