

SEASIDE PARK BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Seaside Park was called to order at 8:16 p.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2014 in the Borough Council Meeting Room located at Sixth & Central Avenues, Seaside Park. Mayor Robert W. Matthies 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."

Mayor Matthies 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. Mayor Matthies noted the passing of Vietnam Veteran Donald Golden and Fr. Eric Fenner of St. Catharine's Church. Mayor Matthies made note that we continue to govern under Executive Order No. 104 which grants emergency power by the Governor to the State Office of Emergency Management. Mayor Matthies explained that today is Patriot Day in remembrance of September 11th, 2001 terrorist attack in NYC, Pennsylvania and Washington DC. He noted that earlier in the day the Beautification Committee marked placed a wreath at the borough's 911 memorial clock.

Roll Call	Absent:
Present:	None.
Robert Matthies, Mayor	
Michael Tierney, Council President	Also Attending:
Nancy Koury	John Mercun, Borough Attorney
Jean Contessa	Robert Martucci, Borough Administrator
David Nicola	Karen Barna, Borough Clerk
Gail Coleman	Police Chief Larkin
Liguori	Faith

Mayor Matthies displayed a brass plaque of significance obtained by the Beautification Committee which will be mounted in front of the I-Beam at the base of the 911 Memorial Clock. The committee members were introduced and received an expression of gratitude. Next he introduced Anne Hayes, representing the Asbury Park Press, who presented a \$4,000.00 check each to the Seaside Park Volunteer Fire Company, Tri-Boro First Aid Squad, and the Seaside Heights Volunteer Fire Company from proceeds of the sale of a photo book of Superstorm Sandy and the 2013 boardwalk fire. All units were represented by members in attendance.

On a motion by Mr. Tierney, seconded by Ms. Coleman, the minutes of the Regular Meeting & Executive Session: August 28, 2014; were approved, by the following vote:
For: Mr. Tierney, Ms. Koury, Ms. Contessa, Mr. Nicola, Ms. Coleman, Ms. Liguori.
MOTION CARRIED.

Scheduled Public Hearings:

- a. Second and final reading of Ordinance No. 1657 entitled:
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1645 ENTITLED SALARY RANGES FOR VARIOUS TITLES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE PARK.

No public comments or questions were offered.

Council comments:

Ms. Coleman commented this amended ordinance addresses the salary range for our new CMFO who will be employed as part-time with no additional benefits.
Motion for approval made by Mr. Tierney, seconded by Ms. Koury.
For: Mr. Tierney, Ms. Koury, Ms. Contessa, Mr. Nicola, Ms. Coleman, Ms. Liguori.
MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2014-245: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVING PAYMENT OF THE ITEMIZED CLAIMS AS SET FORTH ON THE CHECK REGISTER/BILL LIST FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 29, 2014 TO SEPTEMBER 11, 2014.
Motion for approval made by Mr. Tierney seconded by Mr. Nicola.
For: Mr. Tierney, Ms. Koury, Ms. Contessa, Mr. Nicola, Ms. Coleman, Ms. Liguori.
MOTION CARRIED.

The Council presented the consent agenda.
Resolution No. 2014-246: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE & APPROPRIATIONS UNDER THE CAPTION POST-SANDY PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANT.

Resolution No. 2014-247: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE & APPROPRIATIONS UNDER THE CAPTION COUNTY OF OCEAN PUMP-OUT BOAT PROGRAM.

Resolution No. 2014-248: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL THE DESIGNATED TAX SALE CERTIFICATE.

Resolution No. 2014-249: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX OVERPAYMENT.

Resolution No. 2014-250: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT OF A WATER/SEWER UTILITY ACCOUNT B-44/L-29.

Resolution No. 2014-251: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL ADJUSTMENT OF A WATER/SEWER UTILITY ACCOUNT B-50/L-15.

Resolution No. 2014-252: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF A MERCANTILE LICENSE.

Resolution No. 2014-253: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGING SEPTMEBER AS HUNGER ACTION MONTH.

No public comments or questions were offered.

Motion for approval of the consent agenda was made by Ms. Coleman seconded by Mr. Tierney.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

The following Council committee reports and announcements were given.

Chief Larkin reported he gave a presentation at the August Environmental Committee; the Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for September 15th and will include a presentation by Ocean County Prosecutor Coronato. His department is busy with end of summer events. Chief Larkin noted the Route 35 road work will continue with changes in the traffic pattern throughout the winter.

Mr. Tierney reported the Finance Committee met with FEMA and insurance representatives to go over storm claims and final settlement.

Ms. Koury reported for the Operations Committee that she attended a meeting with NJDEP and Army Corp representatives regarding the 2015 start date for beach replenishment. Another meeting was held with NJDOT representatives to provide an up-to-date of the startup of the Route 35 road work. Questions were raised as to the elevation of the L Street pump station. Ms. Coleman was told by the contractor that the current elevation grade will remain as permanent. Ms. Koury also reported there are several draft ordinances that her committee is reviewing prior to submitting to council. The question of the amount of the user fee that the Planning Board recommended for the change to a single family has been modified to reflect a lower fee schedule to not impact the property owner. The housing inventory reflects 41 abandoned and/or unsafe structures within the borough. Ms. Liguori inquired what our insurance community rating is. Mr. Martucci will check with borough engineer. Ms. Coleman reported beach badge sales did very well this year as they were higher in 2014 compared to 2013. Mayor Matthies reported the Ocean County Recycling Directory gave tribute to retired director John Haas who was a long-time resident of Seaside Park who served in many capacities including councilman and local school board president. He also reported he attended a Hazard Mitigation kickoff meeting in Toms River. Mayor Matthies noted he sent a letter to NJDOT and our district 9 legislative representatives in response to concerns and complaints of the pebbles causing safety issues and nuisances along Central Avenue.

Public Comments

Al Vassallo, 609 NW Central Avenue, was not aware of the 911 service held this morning on the marina lawn. Mayor Matthies explained a wreath was placed and significant tribute was conducted at this gathering and that it wasn't a formal ceremony. Mr. Vassallo reported many complaints were heard at the Yacht Club DOT meeting regarding the placement of pebbles along the boro's right of way.

Bob Hopkins, 17 Eleventh Avenue, inquired the status with NJDEP acquiring the two northerly beach easements in town. Ms. Koury gave explain of the beach & bay programs to begin next year. He also praised the borough for the Insane Inflatable event.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m. by unanimous vote of the Council.