

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 October 9, 2014 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:

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

Reminder of registration deadline for November's League of Municipalities conference.

Mr. Tierney reported for the Finance Committee the 2014 "Best Practices" report will be sent to the DCA this week. It is a 50 question report the State has developed to gauge the effectiveness of local governments. The questions pertain to the use of shared services, policies and procedures, administrative issues, financial standards and accounting programs. Towns are graded by the number of "yes" votes they record. We answered 43 of the 50 questions as yes. Towns that answer 41 to 50 questions as "yes" qualify for one hundred percent of any aid payments the State may give the municipality and Seaside Park will qualify for one hundred percent payment.

Ms. Barna explained the annual RFP's for 2015 will be prepared for November.

Ms. Koury wanted to make sure the resolution pertaining to timing for election signs are still in effect. Mr. Martucci confirmed that the Code Office notified the candidate whose signs were in violation of protocol and that the signs have been removed.

Ms. Koury reported the Operations Committee that the replacement of correct signage throughout town will begin again along with a process to replace benches. Mr. Tierney would like to see additional benches. Ms. Liguori if a memorial program for benches had been considered. Ms. Koury commented this was looked into a few years ago and will bring to Operations again. Ms. Contessa will look into a donation program that has been used in other towns. Mayor Matthies commented that previous council were to recommend a borough procedure to establish a procedure for memorials but to no conclusion.

Council reviewed a number of ordinances for their consideration. Ms. Koury explained one is to address property right of ways to give a clear way on how it can be utilized with pavers, grass, or a flat surface.

Chief Larkin reviewed a request for a handicap parking space on Brighton Avenue. He explained usually the request is denied as there is a conforming driveway that can be utilized with some landscaping of the overgrown vegetation. The decision to grant it is up to the discretion of council.

Ms. Koury explained the abandonment ordinance has been worked on since the storm.

Ms. Coleman noted this is for the holiday sale. Mr. Tierney agreed the actual beach badge will in the box and not a token. This eliminates and stream lines the purchase next year.

Council considered the repeal of code establishing a Parking Service Agency.

Ms. Koury continues to review the use form and fees and what documentation should be required. Mr. Zabarsky will look into a 'hold harmless' form to be incorporated. Mr. Martucci asked Mr. Zabarsky also review the amount of insurance that is held with an organized event. Ms. Koury noted she researching whether or not to increase fees for use of our parking lots etc. Mr. Tierney commented the number of hours should also be considered.

Ms. Koury noted the NJ350 celebration will be changed to be included with the holiday tree lighting ceremony.

Mayor Matthies reported he has received numerous form letters about the planned landscaping along Route 35. and He would like an effective and efficient way to receive comment. He felt this could be achieved with input from established organizations and the Environmental Committee developing a final recommendation to council and then a resolution to NJDOT. Also "p" pebbles will be eliminated for a larger stone. Mr. Martucci noted a future meeting with the project manager of the whole project has been scheduled.

Council reviewed a request for a resolution from the Environmental Committee regarding the support of legislation to prohibit the use of microbeads from our waterways.

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

- Annual walkathon event from NAMI Organization.
- Annual walkathon event from Kristen's Legacy of Love.
- Various weddings on the beach in 2015.

Council comments:

Ms. Koury inquired of our attorney whether there is any movement with Berkeley Township with regards to the shared service construction permit fees. Mr. Zabarsky anticipates an answer soon. In addition, Ms. Coleman noted at this time Berkeley Township does not plan to move forward with shared services with our police department.

Mayor Matthies noted the film shoot should also include credits to Seaside Park. Ms. Coleman reminded the need to clean the beach after their use.

Mr. Martucci gave explanation of Saturday's MARSOC 5k event. The start of the run will be south along Ocean Avenue which will block off metered parking during the race. However the race should conclude no later than 10:30 am. Chief Larkin reported extra police will be utilized for the amount of activity.

County Engineering was made aware of the revised route. Mr. Martucci and Chief Larkin will make the decision on insurance and safety issues; the \$750.00 fee to use the parking lot will be paid.

Public Comments

Ed Gallagher, 144 K Street, inquired why the Code Office did not address campaign signs sooner. Chief Larkin explained signs on the street is handled differently than a sign on a residential property.

Denise Koury, 33 Sixth Avenue, commented the Environmental Committee welcomes the opportunity to address the Route 35 proposed landscaping plan and asked to sit with council committee members so direction can be given to the Environmental Committee.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. by unanimous vote of the Council.

Karen Barna, Borough Clerk
Approved: October 23, 2014