

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, October 23, 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. He noted the passing of former resident Joe Diamond and son of Seaside Heights Mayor, Bill Akers Jr. 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.

Roll Call

Present:

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

Absent:

- Jean Contessa
 - David Nicola
- Also Attending:
- John Mercun, Borough Attorney
 - Robert Martucci, Borough Administrator
 - Karen Barna, Borough Clerk
 - Police Chief Larkin

On a motion by Mr. Tierney, seconded by Ms. Liguori, the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting: October 9, 2014; were approved, by the following vote:

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

Absent: Ms. Contessa, Mr. Nicola.

MOTION CARRIED.

Scheduled Public Hearings:

Second and final reading of Ordinance No. 1660 entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 1660 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1635 ENTITLED "PERMITS REQUIRED FOR USE OF BEACH RATES".

No public comments were offered.

Council comments:

Mr. Tierney noted this is the same price as last year's holiday sale. Information will be posted to the boro's website. This year is the actual badge sold and no need to have to redeem in 2015.

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

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

Absent: Ms. Contessa, Mr. Nicola.

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2014-267: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVING PAYMENT OF THE ITEMIZED CLAIMS AS SET FORTH ON THE CHECK REGISTER/BILL LIST FOR THE PERIOD October , 2014 TO OCTOBER 9, 2014.

Motion for approval made by Mr. Tierney seconded by Mr. Nicola.

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

Absent: Ms. Contessa, Mr. Nicola.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Council presented the consent agenda.

Resolution No. 2014-268: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND TO INNOVATIONAL CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN INC., FOR THE SEASIDE PARK LIFEGUARD STATION.

Resolution No. 2014-269: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVING THE CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE PARK AND A.C. SCHULTES, INC., FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF WELL NO. 8 PROJECT.

Resolution No. 2014-270: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND TO A.C. SCHULTES, INC., FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF WELL NO. 8 PROJECT.

Resolution No. 2014-271: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL THE DESIGNATED TAX SALE CERTIFICATE.

Resolution No. 2014-272: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE & APPROPRIATION UNDER THE CAPTION 2014 OCEAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT.

Resolution No. 2014-273: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE & APPROPRIATION UNDER THE CAPTION 2014 BODY ARMOR REPLACEMENT FUND PROGRAM.

Resolution No. 2014-274: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ON-LINE AUCTION WEBSITE.

Resolution No. 2014-275: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND TO EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 'O' STREET ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

Resolution No. 2014-276: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE DESIGNATED APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SEASIDE PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY.

Public Comments

No public comments or questions were offered.

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

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

Absent: Ms. Contessa, Mr. Nicola.

MOTION CARRIED.

The following Council committee reports and announcements were given.

Chief Larkin noted they received an OEM grant for new radios and the resolution approved tonight will provide for new vests through a DWI stipend. The Neighborhood Watch meeting will be postponed to November. He reported the Central Avenue/Route 35 construction will have traffic re-routed to the east side and noted the east-west cross-over locations. He asked for anyone needing assistance in and out of their homes to contact his department. The PBA continues working on securing the necessary insurance coverage for future events. Mr. Tierney reported the Finance Committee is reviewing a proposed memorial policy to be presented at a later work session. His committee is also monitoring the FEMA insurance reports; review of the 2015 parking strategy for meter consolidation; the 1947 boardwalk easement agreement; and also the status of the beach replenishment with the Army Corp of Engineers.

Ms. Koury reported for the Operations Committee that the Planning Board is working on a DCA "Post Sandy Planning Assistance Grant". After the preliminary report further grants will be made available. She attended a Route 35 meeting with the NJDOT Project Engineer who provided an update on the future landscaping of the area. Ms. Koury noted the Brick MUA will be in charge of operating our pump stations. Councilman Nicola will schedule a meeting so we may help to develop and implement a plan of action for OEM. Mayor Matthies will organize a joint meeting with our Environmental Committee and DEP. The administration is working on a new funding source for hazard mitigation of the bayfront. Mayor Matthies noted this coming Saturday Clean Ocean Action will be holding their annual ocean and bayshore clean up.

Ms. Coleman spoke with DOT and advised that enough generators are issued to Seaside Park for each pump station. She also thanked the Environmental Committee, Beautification and our local garden club for their tremendous efforts to beautify our town.

Ms. Liguori noted this is fishing season and is frustrated with the State on the continuous road closures and lack of available parking. She would like to have directional signs posted for businesses. Mayor Matthies commented it is being taken care of. Ms. Liguori commented on the approaching second anniversary of Superstorm Sandy and that many people in our town is suffering and struggling for help. She asked everyone to reach out to their neighbors.

Mayor Matthies along with Councilwomen Coleman and Liguori attended a breakfast honoring Berkeley Township Police Chief Karin DeMichele. He thanked resident Marty Wilk for escorting himself, Councilwomen Koury and Contessa and Councilman Nicola in the Ocean County Columbus Day Parade. He also attended along with the entire council, administration staff and department heads and received a "Big Wave" award for resiliency in 2014. Mayor Matthies thanked Executive Director Bob Hilton and the Jersey Shore Tourism Bureau. He hopes that soon the Environmental Committee will host a public meeting to review the pending landscape plan for Rt. 35 with the committee will make recommendation to the council who will then draft a resolution to DOT. Public Works will also host a dune grass planting in November. Mayor Matthies noted the Seaside Heights sign has been removed from our boro property.

Mayor Matthies also announced the pending reconstruction of the Mathis Bridge.

Public Comments

Al Vassallo, 609 Central Avenue, spoke of his frustration with the cost of educating our school children.

Mr. Tierney felt that our biggest concern with Seaside Park is the state's funding formula and hopes that the State researches prior to any future action. Ms. Coleman would like to have a joint school board meeting scheduled.

Shirley Kreszl, 709 North Bayview Avenue, mentioned the annual "Trunk or Treat" is this Sunday and asked if our borough vehicles are moved for the event. Chief Larkin noted his department is handling the event especially due to the road reconstruction. Ms. Kreszl also wondered whether the boulders that were removed from Central Avenue can be utilized along the bayshore to help with flooding problems. Due to the latest flooding event Bayview Avenue is full of sand that needs to be removed from the street. Mr. Martucci will contact Ocean County.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by unanimous vote of the Council.

Karen Barna, Borough Clerk
Approved: October 23, 2014