

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, February 26, 2015 in the Borough Council Meeting Room located at Sixth & Central Avenues, Seaside Park. Mayor 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 Star Ledger 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 remembered longtime resident, veteran, and Tri-Boro First Aid Member Edward Stefanik.

Roll Call**Present:**

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

Absent:

David Nicola

Also\ Attending:

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

On a motion by Mr. Tierney, seconded by Ms. Koury, the minutes of the Work Session: February 5, 2015; was approved, by the following vote:

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

Abstain: Ms. Liguori.

Absent: Mr. Nicola.

MOTION CARRIED.

Scheduled Public Hearings:

Second and final reading of Ordinance No. 1665 entitled:

- a. ORDINANCE NO. 1665 OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE PARK, OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 135 (BEACHES) OF THE BOROUGH CODE as it pertains to "Special Event and Filming Permits".

No public comments were offered.

Council comments:

Ms. Koury noted the charges from this revised fee schedule will be passed along into the event instead of being absorbed by DPW and police department. Ms. Liguori inquired the hours that the parking lot fee covers. Mr. Tierney explained it is for half day usually 7 am to 1 pm. Council members agreed to modify the ordinance to reflect the fee should state approval is according to hours of operation or \$1500.00 for a full day and \$750.00 for half a day use.

Motion for approval made by Ms. Koury, seconded by Mr. Tierney.

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

Absent: Mr. Nicola.

MOTION CARRIED.

Second and final reading of Ordinance No. 1666 entitled:

- b. ORDINANCE NO.1666 OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE PARK, OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 303 ENTITLED "MERCANTILE LICENSES" as it pertains to "fees; licenses".

There were no public comments.

Council comments:

Ms. Koury commented this corrects the category reflecting fee schedule for mobile street vending. Secondly all taxes and utilities must be current in order to qualify for an annual license as the landlord will be collecting rent and should pay his obligations. Ms. Coleman disagreed stating it will hurt the renter if the landlord does not pay the property taxes and utilities. She felt it is a punishment instead of encouraging businesses to operate in town.

Motion for approval made by Ms. Koury, seconded by Mr. Tierney.

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

Against: Ms. Coleman.

Absent: Mr. Nicola.

MOTION CARRIED.

Second and final reading of Ordinance No. 1667 entitled:

- c. ORDINANCE NO.1667 OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE PARK, OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 57 ENTITLED "PERSONNEL POLICIES" as it pertains to "Permanent Part-time Hourly Employees.

There were no public comments.

Council comments:

Mr. Tierney commented after Superstorm Sandy more part-timers were hired and benefits were pro-rated in accordance with the benefits of a full-time employee. This amends it to reflect the part-time employee must work more than twenty hours per week.

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.

Resolution No. 2015-68: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVING PAYMENT OF THE ITEMIZED CLAIMS AS SET FORTH ON THE CHECK REGISTER/BILL LIST FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 6, 2015 TO FEBRUARY 26, 2015.

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. 2015-69: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS PENDING ADOPTION OF THE 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

Resolution No. 2015-70: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG BEACH FOR ACCESS TO THEIR POLICE DEPARTMENT'S P.I.P. SERVER TO OBTAIN LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION INFORMATION.

Resolution No. 2015-71: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL RECYCLING COORDINATOR TO SUBMIT THE 2014 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

Resolution No. 2015-72: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE AGREEMENT FOR 2015.

Resolution No. 2015-73: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT OF DESIGNATED WATER AND SEWER UTILITY ACCOUNTS (1)

Resolution No. 2015-74: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT OF DESIGNATED WATER AND SEWER UTILITY ACCOUNTS (2)

Resolution No. 2015-75: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT OF DESIGNATED WATER AND SEWER UTILITY ACCOUNTS (3)

Resolution No. 2015-76: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE CDBG-RECONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS ADA COMPLIANT CURB RAMPS PHASE II.

Resolution No. 2015-77: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF GREGORY J. HOCK, ESQ., AS PLANNING BOARD ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2015.

Resolution No. 2015-78: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DOUG ROHMEYER AS PLANNING BOARD ENGINEER FOR THE YEAR 2015.

Resolution No. 2015-79: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVING THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL APPLICATION PETITION TO EXTEND LICENSED PREMISES FOR PARK PAVILION DBA SAWMILL CAFE.

Resolution No. 2015-80: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVING DESIGNATED YEAR 2015 RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATION.

Resolution No. 2015-81: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL ACCEPTING PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT THE STRATEGIC RECOVERY PLANNING REPORT.

No Public Comments were offered.

Motion for approval of the consent agenda was made by Mr. Tierney, seconded by Ms. Liguori.
For: Mr. Tierney, Ms. Koury, Ms. Contessa, Ms. Coleman, Ms. Liguori.
Abstain: Ms. Liguori (Resolution No. 2015-75).
Absent: Mr. Nicola.
MOTION CARRIED.

The following Council committee reports and announcements were given.

Chief Larkin reported his department has installed a second plate reader which will increase the efficiency of his department. He also commented on a spin off of the Neighborhood Watch Association to serve as a 'helping hands' group. Chief Larkin announced the Seaside Park CERT Team has completed their instructions and will be introduced at the next council meeting. Also, parking meters and kiosks are up and will be enforced beginning March 1st. There will be a Neighborhood Watch meeting in March.

Mayor Matthies commented the Polar Bear Plunge in Seaside Heights was successful with no negative incidents.

Mayor Matthies attended the latest informational session on the pending reconstruction of the Mathis Bridge. He also attended a meeting with Stevens Institute of Technology on their participation in a national competition. Students will construct a resilient structure. After the competition Seaside Park may be the recipient of the structure. Mayor Matthies noted Seaside Heights will be hosting a major concert event on June 5th and 6th. Also he attended a meeting with a council delegation and Berkeley Township officials. Also, an invitation was extended to the Mayor of Sea Bright to discuss challenges with a regional school district and to continue a dialogue with her. Mayor Matthies also attended an annual Ocean County engineers meeting to review ongoing needs especially flooding on Bayview Avenue.

Mr. Tierney reported for the Finance Committee that the Finance Department continues to work thru this year's budget reports including operating expenses. Also under review are they unaudited financials to determine what funds are available to pay down our short term debt and recommend when it is time to borrow in the long term market. Within the next few weeks the 2014 audit will begin. Our goal is to present the 2015 budget and 2014 audit reports by April. Ms. Coleman reported she accompanied Mayor Matthies to Berkeley Township and hopes to have a final resolution regarding renewal of the interlocal agreement with Berkeley Township for fire protection.

Ms. Koury reported for the Operations Committee that she met with members of the Stevens Institute on their solar decathlon 2016 competition and work with them on a future partnership. Ms. Koury continues to attend meetings to discuss and develop the upcoming summer tourism and recreation programs. She continues to work with the Public Works Supervisor to draft new ordinances in order to have signs more consistent with hours of operation for parking lots, piers, wharfs, recreation areas. Ms. Koury noted the Planning Board will hear applications regarding rebuilding of the boardwalk and amusement pier.

Ms. Contessa attended the Environmental Committee meeting and announced a few of their upcoming public information sessions. The Committee is also planning to build a 'butterfly station' at the 14th Avenue pier.

Ms. Koury commented she also attended the Berkeley Township committee meeting along with Mayor Matthies. She felt that the Berkeley officials are unwilling to work with us on the regional school funding issue. Mr. Tierney concurred.

Public Comments

Al Moglia, 145 O Street, thanked Mayor Matthies and council members for their efforts with Berkeley representatives.

Cheryl Borton, North Ocean Avenue, commented as an owner of a business across from the boardwalk inquired if and when council will consider making changes to the zoning regulations to the boardwalk amusement area as it will financially impact her negatively if improvements are not made. Ms. Koury noted the Planning Board continues with their review of the zoning code and hopes that recommendations will be sent to council soon.

Al Vassallo, 609 Central Avenue, inquired when our special counsel attorney Gagliardi will attend a meeting to update us on progress with the Central Regional School District. Mayor Matthies anticipated it will be sometime in March.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by unanimous vote of the Council.

Karen Barna, Borough Clerk
Approved: March 12, 2015