

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, May 28, 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, Roy Borton, Cyndi Loundy, Ryan Spice, and Kathy Casey.

Roll Call

Present:

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

Absent:

- Jean Contessa
 - David Nicola
- Also Attending:
- Steven Zabarsky, Borough Attorney
 - Karen Barna, Borough Clerk
 - Robert Martucci, Borough Administrator

Chief Larkin remarked on the accomplishments of Seaside Park's newest members to the police force. Mayor Matthies gave special recognition to the Class II Officers of the Seaside Park Police Department present who have completed their training at the academy and are ready to serve our community.

On a motion by Mr. Tierney, seconded by Ms. Coleman, the minutes of the Regular Meeting: April 9, 2015; and Regular Meeting: April 23, 2015; were approved, by the following vote:

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

Absent: Ms. Contessa, Mr. Nicola.

MOTION CARRIED.

Scheduled Public Hearing for the 2015 Budget:

Councilman Tierney gave a presentation of the 2015 budget process. The overall 2015 budget is approximately \$1 million less than the 2014 budget. Taxes to be collected in 2015 is \$10,670,076.52 compared to \$11,662,421.16 in 2014. The reduction is due to both 2013 and 2014 inflated by the amount of funds received from FEMA and our insurance company for Superstorm Sandy and boardwalk fire related payments. These payment reimbursements were used to reduce our short term debt. We owe less money on our short term debt and out-standing long term debt today than we did three years ago. The Ocean County Utility Authority processing costs are reduced from \$854,040 in 2014 to \$725,000 today. Also the debt service will be further reduced when the USDA loanis placed into short term debt this year. The impact will be addressed in next year's budget. Any surplus generated from this funding will be applied to the cost of painting our water towers. The marina budget reimbursement of \$523,724 from FEMA and pays back our short term debt of \$552,000. Mr. Tierney noted our annual audit report is almost completed. Ms. Coleman noted the Parking Authority has been transferred to the Police Department. Ms. Liguori noted our seasonal badge sales has increased from 2014 due to our new online process.

Public Comments.

Denise Koury, 33 Sixth Avenue, applauded Mr. Tierney and the Finance Committee on their efforts to maintain a stable budget. Mr. Tierney answered several items within the budget document that Ms. Koury questioned.

Council comments:

Ms. Koury hopes that 2015 will begin a normal flow and continue to streamline expenses as we continue to look for new revenue streams.

Mayor Matthies thanked Mr. Tierney and the Finance Committee for their presentation.

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

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

Absent: Ms. Contessa, Mr. Nicola.

MOTION CARRIED.

Scheduled Public Hearings:

- a. ORDINANCE NO. 1671 AMENDING Chapter 435-13 ENTITLED "VEHICLES & TRAFFIC" as it pertains to loading zone on Ocean Avenue in front of Sawmill.

Motion for approval made by Ms. Koury, seconded by Ms. Liguori.

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

Absent: Ms. Contessa, Mr. Nicola.

MOTION CARRIED.

- b. ORDINANCE NO. 1673 AMENDING CHAPTER 200 “DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS” amending Section 200-67(E)(3) Rear Yard Setback.

Council comments:

Ms. Coleman felt the ordinance is too restrictive and unfair to corner properties.

Ms. Liguori concurred with Ms. Coleman’s statement.

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

For: Mr. Tierney, Ms. Koury, Mayor Matthies.

Absent: Ms. Contessa, Mr. Nicola.

Against: Ms. Coleman, Ms. Liguori.

MOTION CARRIED.

- C. ORDINANCE NO. 1674 CALENDAR YEAR 2015 TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.14).

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

For: Mr. Tierney, Ms. Koury, Mayor Matthies.

Absent: Ms. Contessa, Mr. Nicola.

MOTION CARRIED.

Proposed Ordinance Introduction:

ORDINANCE NO. 1675 AMENDING CHAPTER 185 ENTITLED "CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM".

ORDINANCE NO. 1676 AMENDING CHAPTER 135 ENTITLED "BEACHES".

ORDINANCE NO. 1677 AMENDING CHAPTER 333 ENTITLED "PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION AREAS" OF THE BOROUGH CODE.

ORDINANCE NO. 1678 AMENDING CHAPTER 338 ENTITLED "PEACE AND GOOD ORDER".

ORDINANCE NO. 1679 RESERVING CHAPTER 417 ENTITLED "TENNIS COURTS, MUNICIPAL".

ORDINANCE NO. 1680 AMENDING CHAPTER 435 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC".

ORDINANCE NO. 1681 AMENDING CHAPTER 458 ENTITLED "WHARF AND PIER LOCATIONS".

Council comments:

Ms. Koury explained the above ordinances are a result of months of review with our DPW Supervisor to create better signage that clearly defines our recreational facilities along our bayshore. She thanked Eric Wojciechowski for all his efforts.

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

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

Absent: Ms. Contessa, Mr. Nicola.

Abstain: Ms. Coleman.

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2015-115: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVING PAYMENT OF THE ITEMIZED CLAIMS AS SET FORTH ON THE CHECK REGISTER/BILL LIST FOR THE PERIOD May 15, TO May 28, 2015.

Motion for approval made by Ms. Contessa 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.

- a. Authorizing the sale and issuance of general obligation bonds.
- b. Appointing seasonal employees for the Department of Public Works for the Summer 2015.
- c. Appointing seasonal employees for the Beach Patrol for the Summer 2015.
- d. Adjusting salary for seasonal employee for the Beach Control Department.
- e. Adjusting salary for part-time employee for the Finance Department.
- f. Authorizing an agreement with Innoventive Company for the provision of technology services and consulting to the Borough of Seaside Park.

No Public Comments were offered.

Motion for approval of the consent agenda was made by Mr. Nicola, seconded by Mr. Tierney.

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

Against: Ms. Koury(Resolution 2015-f).

MOTION CARRIED.

The following Council committee reports and announcements were given.

Chief Larkin reported on Memorial weekend police activities. Parking meters have been consolidated into the Police Department. He noted that parking kiosks and meters were reinstalled and are now in effect. He also reported on the Route 35 road work detours along with the scheduled completion date in June. The J Street traffic light will be operational soon. And a new bicycle lane will run north and south along the roadway. His department is actively preparing for the upcoming concert in Seaside Heights next weekend. Alert messages will be sent out.

Mayor Matthies reported he received a thank you from Seaside Heights Mayor Akers for allowing the crossover of beach badges during the weekend concert. He attended the NJ Building Conference in Atlantic City and congratulated our fire sub code official Ron Pizer who was awarded Fire Inspector for the State. Mayor Matthies announced next weekend will be the dedication of the Butterfly Garden at the 14th Avenue Pier followed by the annual Fish Hat parade. Mayor Matthies acknowledged and thanked WWII Veteran John Loftus for his participation in our Memorial Day Ceremony. He was impressed with Memorial Day startup of our beach operations.

Ms. Koury reported for the Operations Committee all departments are busy finalizing summer activities. Memorial Weekend had the concession stands on the beach for the sale of water and ice cream. The 3 pump stations are currently in test mode.

Mr. Tierney reported for the Finance Committee thanked all departments for the completion of our 2015 municipal budget.

Ms. Coleman commented the L Street, Island Avenue and Eighth Avenue pump stations are creating a lot of noise with alarms going on and off stating this is unacceptable and requested Mr. Martucci to take action with the NJDOT Commissioner.

Ms. Liguori addressed Ms. Atwell's correspondence regarding the pump station on L Street and continued dissatisfaction with the installation of the pumping station and wishes to continue pursuing these complaints until the residents of L Street are satisfied. Ms. Liguori would like to pursue a volunteer committee program.

Public Comments

Georgie Brown, 123 L Street, commented that L Street saw no flooding after this afternoon's rain storm and felt the pump stations worked for what they are intended to do.

Cheryl Raley, North Ocean Avenue, inquired whether the beach chair and umbrella rentals can be reserved ahead of time. Mr. Martucci explained they can through the online system.

Linda Atwell, 116 L Street, complained and asked for mayor and council assistance regarding the ongoing issues with the construction of the L Street pump station at the end of the block. Mayor Matthies explained he and the council are continuing to pursue this issue with the State.

Joann Penn, 208 K Court, was concerned with the lack of safety surrounding the L Street pump station construction. Chief Larkin will make sure it is properly secured.

Ed Gaston, 105 L Street, felt the generator should also be made safe. Chief Larkin will address that also.

Donna Panella, 135 L Street, concurred with her neighbor's complaints.

Chris Anthony, 1205 Berkeley Lane, inquired if the town owns that land with the pump station. Mr. Tierney explained the State owns it as Green Acres.

Barry Breckinridge, 136 K Street, inquired why the L Street generator for the pump station runs all the time. Mayor Matthies explained the NJDOT has it currently in test mode.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m. by unanimous vote of the Council.

Karen Barna, Borough Clerk
Approved: June 25, 2015

