

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 22, 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 offered remembrance to Army Specialist Kevin Rodriguez and Gerald Celentini (aka the Bear).

Roll Call

Present:

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

Absent:

None.

Also Attending:

- Steven Zabarsky, Borough Attorney
- Karen Barna, Borough Clerk
- Robert Martucci, Borough Administrator

On a motion by Mr. Tierney, seconded by Ms. Coleman, the minutes of the Work Session: August 13, 2015; Regular Meeting: August 27, 2015; Re-Scheduled Work Session: September 3, 2015; Regular Meeting: September 24, 2015, were approved, by the following vote:

For: Mr. Tierney, Ms. Koury, Ms. Contessa, Ms. Coleman, Ms. Liguori (Abstain: 9/24/2015), Dr. McHugh.

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2015-240: 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 9, 2015 TO OCTOBER 22, 2015.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

The Council presented the consent agenda.

Resolution No. 2015-241: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEASIDE PARK, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE PHASE II WATER & SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

Resolution No. 2015-242: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEASIDE PARK, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR THE PHASE II WATER & SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

Resolution No. 2015-243: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEASIDE PARK, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT OF A DESIGNATED TAX ACCOUNT.

Resolution No. 2015-244: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT OF DESIGNATED WATER AND SEWER UTILITY ACCOUNTS.

Resolution No. 2015-245: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE HOURS OF ENFORCEMENT FOR PAID PARKING WITHIN THE BOROUGH.

Resolution No. 2015-246: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTING PERMANENT PART-TIME EMPLOYEE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE.

Resolution No. 2015-247: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL URGING THE NJDCA TO RESCIND RECENTLY ADOPTED "COASTAL A ZONES" REQUIREMENT.

No Public Comments were offered.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

The following Council committee reports and announcements were given.

Mr. Tierney reported for the Finance Committee that this summer's beach revenue exceeded 1.7 million compared to the 1.4 million that was budgeted for this year. We sold more daily badges in 2015 than in previous years. Mr. Tierney noted that due to the Route 35 reconstruction the parking year-to-date is \$330,800

and the 2015 budget is \$236,000. The municipal court revenue is \$299,000 against the 2015 budget of \$400,000. The actual receipts lag the calendar by approximately 60 to 90 days. He felt this is due in part to the reduction in lanes and new signs to promote safety. We depend on these numbers to determine if any tax increase will be necessary. Our debt service is better than the previous six years. Mr. Tierney commented we saw this year the beach and recreational facilities was our biggest draw and we must continue to improve and provide outstanding recreational facilities to promote tourism.

Ms. Coleman noted she intends to work with Seaside Heights and Berkeley Township in order to provide Tri-Boro First Aid Squad with a new vehicle as part of our local shared agreements.

Ms. Koury reported for the Operations Committee that Water Superintendent Joe Walker met with her committee and reported the Water Department is currently working to install remote meter sensors in order to read water meters remotely in the near future. The last phase will be to install the remote sensors on the east side of Central Avenue leading up to Ocean Avenue. The Operations Committee also met with Police Chief Larkin who provided the committee with his department's assessment of time limit parking along Central Avenue. It will then be presented to the governing body with final recommendation to be sent to NJDOT for further review. Ms. Koury also notified Public Works Supervisor Eric Wojciechowski to research the possibility of a street cleaning program within the borough.

Mayor Matthies thanked everyone who attended and supported our 911 services. He acknowledged our police and fire departments and gave special thanks to the Lakehurst Naval detachment who also participated. He felt it was a great community day. Mayor Matthies also noted and concurred with the finance committee on the fiscal success of our summer operations.

Public Comments

Sue Masoorli and Ginny Stefanicci presented to Mayor Matthies and Borough Council Members two POW flags donated by the Beautification Committee to replace the two flag poles in the borough. Mayor Matthies acknowledged and thanked the committee on behalf of the borough.

Faye Haring, I Street, inquired whether the water/sewer fees will be reduced. Mr. Tierney noted he does not have any new information at this time.

Rich Benninger, O Street, complained of the continuing deterioration of the O Street bulkhead and urged it be replaced soon. Mayor Matthies acknowledged he recently met with Mr. Benninger and a few O Street residents on site and hopes the council will take quick action to move this project forward. Mr. Martucci commented he is also working on quotes for the bulkheads.

Chuck Appleby, Tenth Avenue, commented there is no curbing along Bayview at Eleventh Avenue, as he witnessed boats being launched and felt this contributes to the deterioration of the area.

Shirley Kreszl, North Bayview Avenue, inquired whether boulders can be utilized along the bay shore to help with the continuing flooding that occurs along H Street. Mr. Martucci will follow up with DEP.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. by unanimous vote of the Council.

Karen Barna, Borough Clerk
Approved: November 23, 2015

