

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 Thursday, February 11, 2016 in the Borough Council Meeting Room located at Sixth & Central Avenues, Seaside Park. Mayor Matthies acknowledged the passing of Seaside Park resident Connie Angelini and Seaside Heights Councilwoman Arlene Ottoson.

"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
 Faith Liguori
 Jean Contessa
 Gail Coleman
 Fritz McHugh

Absent:

None.

Also Attending:

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

Mr. Tierney discussed a comparison of 2010 vs 2015 taxes and specifically the 22% increase in Ocean County taxes. Mr. Tierney updated council members on the progress of the 2016 budget. The next step will be for Ms. Rice to update Mr. Martucci on each department's 2016 requests. Mr. Tierney noted that Moody's rating continues to give Seaside Park an A1 rating status and part of that rating is due to us continuing to pay down our debt. He also credited Ocean County's Utility Authority who credited us and now we will not have a line item in our draft budget.

Mayor Matthies reminded council of the risk management seminar that provides \$250 credit toward our deductible to each council person who attends. Ms. Liguori noted she should receive credit as she attended the class at the November league conference.

Ms. Koury reported an application for donations was developed for our new Memorial Policy. She noted this will not give personal ownership to any donation granted. This will now be reviewed by our attorney.

Ms. Koury also reviewed an amended application for the restricted/handicapped parking noting there is an annual renewal fee. She felt there should be an annual renewal application and delete the fee as it may become a hardship and should not be imposed on a yearly basis. Council members agreed that an initial fee of \$25 for application and posting fee will be sufficient.

Motion to introduce an amendment to the application for a restricted parking space of an initial fee was made by Ms. Coleman, seconded by Dr. McHugh.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Matthies reminded Council members that Second Avenue has received approval from Ocean County and also the State DOT offices to return Second Avenue back to a two-way street.

Motion to introduce an amendment to the ordinance permitting Second Avenue to become a two-way street was made by Ms. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Tierney.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Coleman would like to see a 'for sale' sign be posted at the N St and Ocean Avenue lot as she felt we are losing tax dollars. Ms. Liguori and Dr. McHugh concurred. Mr. Zabarsky explained the first step is to have the lot assessed. He reminded council the lot was put to public auction twice. He will research what the zoning district allows and follow-up with a memo.

Ms. Liguori would like to be present at budget meetings with our department heads to hear them give reason of their requests for 2016. Mr. Tierney explained the usual process is for the CFO and administrator to first meet with each one prior to a review of findings by the Finance Committee. Dr. Ms. Liguori felt council has a responsibility to review requests prior to spending. Dr. McHugh would like to be part of the discussion. Ms. Koury noted council always have the final say on large ticket items. The day to day analysis of the budget is the responsibility of the CFO who reports to the administrator.

Chief Larkin reported his department is ready for Saturday's annual Polar Bear plunge fundraiser and that he is in contact with Seaside Heights who is hosting the event. He also commented the NJDOT has sent out alerts that there will be no change to the bridge under construction and to use the coastal route for easier access to and from Seaside Heights. He will have extra patrols on the beach and boardwalk.

Ms. Coleman would like to have weekly reports from the administrator on borough activities.

Council reviewed the status of whether new kiosks are necessary for this summer season. Mr. Tierney noted he attended a presentation on new kiosks given by the police department. He felt the

new kiosks are warranted as there are a lot of issues with the current kiosks and there is new technology that can be utilized with new machines. They can also be purchased through the new coop agreement we have with Cranford that will keep the cost down. Dr. McHugh explained he is currently working on a parking plan. Ms. Coleman felt other council members should have been invited to this presentation. Ms. Liguori felt this should have been reviewed sooner as we are now to close to the summer season for new machines to be purchased and implemented.

Ms. Contessa read a statement that she felt the police department needs to have their front window staffed all year as people look to the police department for aid and guidance instead of the 'red phone' that is in place. Ms. Contessa further stated our residents and visitors need that sense of security and perhaps it can be achieved through a manned station and felt it will help to bring our law enforcement closer to our community instead of distance. Mayor Matthies asked Chief Larkin to initiate along with Mr. Martucci.

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

- Recreation Department hosting a square dance event.
- Annual Ocean County St. Patrick's Day
- First Baptist Church for "Sunrise Easter Service" at Brighton Avenue Ocean Beach on Sunday, March 27th from 5:30 am to 7:00 am.
- National MS Society to hold walkathon fundraiser on boardwalk.
- The Family Resource Network walkathon Annual PTA Easter Egg hunt on the beach; and Fish Hat Parade.
- Annual walkathon event from NAMI Organization.
- the "Brain Aneurysm Foundation (BAF)" for the annual 5k/1 mile walk/run in memory of Kristen Shafer Englert.
- Seaside Park Education Foundation for annual flea market on the marina lawn
- Annual 5k MARSOC event.
- Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA) for walk on boardwalk.
- wedding on ocean beach on Saturday, May 14th.
- DQ Events for triathlon (bicycle portion)

Council Comments

Council felt 7 flea markets are too many as it prohibits other activities that may occur on the marina lawn and should be held to four weekends. Ms. Coleman noted the last few years we blacked out some weekends for our use. Mr. Meyer will be notified to reduce the number of flea markets.

Ms. Liguori inquired whether each non-profit event is investigated to ensure it is legitimate as funds are raised in Seaside Park and we should know that prior to giving approval. Council felt this is a legitimate concern and would like to see it included on the 'use' form.

Council took formal action on the following requests for resolutions:

Resolution No. 2015-85: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEASIDE PARK, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING BILL LIST FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 29, 2016 THRU FEBRUARY 11, 2016.

Resolution No. 2015-86: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEASIDE PARK, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING DESIGNATED YEAR 2016 RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATION.

Resolution No. 2015-87: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEASIDE PARK, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTING SEASIDE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT CLASS II OFFICER.

Resolution No. 2015-88: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTING EMERGENCY BACK-UP DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATORS FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT.

Resolution No. 2015-89: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL ADJUSTING THE SALARY OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES.

Resolution No. 2015-90: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT APPLICATION.

Resolution No. 2015-91: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT AS SET FORTH IN SCHEDULE "C" DURING THE YEAR 2016.

Resolution No. 2015-92: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AWARDING A CONTRACT TO THE PRESTWICK GROUP INC., DBA/MAX-R, TO MANUFACTURE REPLACEMENT OF OUR CUSTOM STREET POST MONUMENTS.

Resolution No. 2015-93: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL RETAINING THE SERVICES OF PAUL SCHNEIDER OF GIRODANO, HALLERAN & CIESLA AS SPECIAL COUNSEL.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

The following Council committee reports and announcements were given.

Ms. Liguori reported she attended the first committee meeting regarding our community rating system insurance. She will continue to be involved until our town realizes an increase reduction in our town's insurance rating.

Dr. McHugh would like to have our engineer send out a letter to the residents on N Street regarding new curbs and sidewalks. Mr. Martucci explained as soon as more residents return so that all are informed. Mayor Matthies will help edit the letter.

Mayor Matthies acknowledged local resident Carol Garzinski for receiving Toms River's 'Educator of the Year' award. He also read a thank you card for the excellent job the town did during the last snowstorm. Mayor Matthies explained that he was contacted by an energy company who will explain the process of an utility auction that we can benefit from. Mr. Martucci noted this is electricity pricing.

Mayor Matthies noted there will be opportunity for public review and input. He asked if any other council member would like to attend.

Public Comments

Cheryl Raley, North Ocean Avenue, suggested a panic button may help at the police station.

Gina Condos, 7th Avenue, invited Mayor Matthies and council members to attend a special meeting with the local school board members to discuss the future of the school property. She also noted that the board was in talks with the Ocean County Freeholders to have a votech program at the building and that it was turned down. Mayor Matthies thanked Ms. Condos for the invitation and will help with scheduling a date and time.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m. by unanimous vote of the Council.

Karen Barna, Borough Clerk
Approved: March 24, 2016

