

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, March 24, 2016 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 acknowledged the passing of Seaside Park residents Carolyn Henry, Max Clinch.

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
- Police Chief Larkin

On a motion by Mr. Tierney, seconded by Ms. Coleman, the minutes of the Work Session: February 11, 2016; were approved, by the following vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Scheduled Public Hearings:

- a) Second and final reading of Ordinance No. 1696 entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 1696 OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE PARK, OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 200, SECTION 42 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION"; as it pertains to construction in the FEMA Coastal A Zone.

Council Comments:

Ms. Koury explained this is a recommendation from our Planning Board to include a "Coastal A" zone which will help Seaside Park with our CRS rating. The board proposed amendment to include electrical meter platforms may be one ft above BFE in order to avoid high platforms. Council felt the amendment was not substantial change.

No Public Comments were offered.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 1697 OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE PARK, OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE SEASIDE PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION TO UTILIZE SPACE IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Council Comments:

Ms. Koury explained this is a recommendation from our Planning Board to include a "Coastal A" zone which will help Seaside Park with our CRS rating. This will help our residents in rebuilding.

No Public Comments were offered.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 1698 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE PARK, OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 390 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "SOLID WASTE" TO RE-ESTABLISH A YARD WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL PROGRAM

Council Comments:

Ms. Koury explained this will update our ordinances and be included in our Stormwater Report.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 1699 CALENDAR YEAR 2016 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, Ms. Contessa, Ms. Coleman, Ms. Liguori, Dr. McHugh.

MOTION CARRIED.

INTRODUCTION OF THE YEAR 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

Mr. Tierney explained that in order to balance the 2016 budget a 3 cent tax increase will be added. This is the first of a multi-year program to adjust the tax structure as necessary. This will take into account outstanding circumstances that occurred due to Superstorm Sandy and the boardwalk fire. The budget document will be available to the public. The public hearing on the budget will be presented on April 28th.

Motion for approval made by Ms. Liguori seconded by Ms. Coleman.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2016-110: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVING PAYMENT OF THE ITEMIZED CLAIMS AS SET FORTH ON THE CHECK REGISTER/BILL LIST FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 11, 2016 TO MARCH 24, 2016.

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 Council presented the consent agenda.

Resolution No. 2016-111: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEASIDE PARK, AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS PENDING ADOPTION OF THE 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

Resolution No. 2016-112: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEASIDE PARK, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL THE DESIGNATED TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FOR B-87/L-17;B-89/L-1.01CA1; B-91/L-14.

Resolution No. 2016-113: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEASIDE PARK, AUTHORIZING REFUND OF A MARINA SLIP DEPOSIT.

Resolution No. 2016-114: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEASIDE PARK, APPOINTING SEASONAL EMPLOYEE AS MANAGER FOR THE SEASIDE PARK MARINA FOR 2016.

Resolution No. 2016-115: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEASIDE PARK, APPOINTING SEASONAL EMPLOYEE AS LIFEGUARD CAPTAIN FOR THE SEASIDE PARK BEACH PATROL FOR 2016.

Resolution No. 2016-116: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEASIDE PARK, APPOINTING SEASONAL EMPLOYEE AS MANAGER FOR THE SEASIDE PARK BEACH CONTROL FOR 2016.

Resolution No. 2016-117: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEASIDE PARK, APPOINTING SEASONAL EMPLOYEE AS ASSISTANT MANAGER FOR THE SEASIDE PARK BEACH CONTROL FOR 2016.

Resolution No. 2016-118: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEASIDE PARK, APPOINTING SEASONAL EMPLOYEE FOR THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR 2016.

Resolution No. 2016-119: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEASIDE PARK, APPROVING DESIGNATED YEAR 2016 RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATION REQUEST FROM OPEN ARMS.

Resolution No. 2016-120: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEASIDE PARK, GRANTING BOROUGH OF SEASIDE PARK MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR ANN L. RICE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM THE POSITION OF SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK FOR THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE PARK.

Resolution No. 2016-121: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEASIDE PARK, AUTHORIZING REPLACEMENT OF PARKING KIOSKS.

Resolution No. 2016-122: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEASIDE PARK, AUTHORIZING A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR 911 EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATION PROGRAM.

Resolution No. 2016-123: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEASIDE PARK, AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE RIVERA V SP (OPRA).

No Public Comments were offered.

Motion for approval made by Dr. McHugh, seconded by Mr. Tierney.

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. Koury reported for the Operations Committee that the Borough Engineer attended in order to provide an update of engineering projects and work schedules. The additional costs incurred in completing the CRS program will benefit Seaside Park with our insurance rates. Ms. Koury also announced the Beautification Committee has undertaken the cost to refurbish the flagpole and monument.

Mr. Tierney reported for the Finance Committee he is working on an outline on how to manage the three engineering firms that were appointed at our 2016 re-organization meeting. Mr. Tierney felt this will give a better handle on our finances with future projects.

Ms. Liguori reported she participated with the departments in preparation of their 2016 budgets. She applauded each department in how frugal they were in their requests in order to keep costs down. Ms. Liguori hopes to begin the 2017 budget this fall.

Ms. Coleman reported she attended a meeting with Seaside Heights, Berkeley Township and first aid members. It was noted that Seaside Park and Seaside Heights have most of the first aid calls and Berkeley shares in only ten percent of calls. Berkeley will not increase their share but agreed to help fund a new vehicle for Tri-Boro First Aid Squad. Ms. Coleman will hold another meeting to continue discussion.

Ms. Coleman also commented that Central Regional continues to pursue an international school and may look into purchasing our local school building. Ms. Coleman felt this may become a serious issue for Seaside Park as there will be no benefit to our community.

Ms. Contessa asked for an update on staffing the front window at police headquarters. Chief Larkin continues to search for a solution. Ms. Contessa felt this needs to be resolved as it is a safety issue.

Mayor Matthies reported he attended a Barnegat Island mayor's meeting that included all mayors from inlet to inlet, up and down the island. A few of the issues brought to the table included: Route 35 road reconstruction including the new pump stations and beach replenishment. Future meetings are planned. Clean Ocean Action will be on our beaches for their annual cleanup. Mayor Matthies attended a Seaside Heights planning board meeting in which approval was given for new construction of boardwalk north of Porter Avenue.

Public Comments

Pat Moglia, O Street, inquired whether new trees can be re-planted near O Street along the lagoon due to the removal of dead ones. Mr. Martucci will look into it.

Pat DeGutis, Stockton Avenue, inquired when the new remote water meter work will begin. Mr. Martucci noted the project was just awarded. Ms. DeGutis requested an update on the town's Wi-Fi. Mr. Martucci explained currently it is along the beach, bayside and surrounding the water towers. Ms. DeGutis commented that our local board of education should be made aware of comments to not have an international school here.

Shirley Kreszl, North Bayview Avenue, inquired of the status for sand bags brought down to H Street Mr. Martucci commented he is working on the logistics and will make a report to council. Ms. Liguori would like to have the boulders that are stored at the marina brought over in the hopes that it will help with flooding.

Mayor Matthies closed the public comment portion.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. by unanimous vote of the Council.

Karen Barna, Borough Clerk
Approved: April 28, 2016

