

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, August 25, 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 local residents: Roseann Citta, Bob Williams, and Jack Eaglesham.

Roll Call

Present:

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

Excused:

Gail Coleman (personal)

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. Liguori, the minutes of the Regular Meeting: July 28, 2016; and Work Session: August 11, 2016, were approved, by the following vote:

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

Abstain: Ms. Liguori (7-28-16), Dr. McHugh (7-28) (8-11-16).

Absent: Ms. Coleman.

MOTION CARRIED.

No public hearings were scheduled.

No ordinances were introduced.

Resolution No. 2016-245: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVING PAYMENT OF THE ITEMIZED CLAIMS AS SET FORTH ON THE CHECK REGISTER/BILL LIST FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 12, 2016 TO JULY 25, 2016.

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

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

Absent: Ms. Coleman.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Council presented the consent agenda.

Resolution No. 2016-246: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEASIDE PARK, AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF THE DEPOSIT FOR A BEACH FIRE PERMIT APPLICATIONS.

Resolution No. 2016-247: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEASIDE PARK, APPOINTING CLASS II TRAINEES TO THE OCEAN COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY.

Resolution No. 2016-248: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEASIDE PARK, APPOINTING SEASONAL EMPLOYEES FOR THE SEASIDE PARK BEACH PATROL FOR 2016.

Resolution No. 2016-249: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEASIDE PARK, APPOINTING SEASIDE PARK FIRE POLICE.

Resolution No. 2016-250: ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEASIDE PARK, APPOINTING SEASONAL EMPLOYEE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

No Public Comments were offered.

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

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

Absent: Ms. Coleman.

MOTION CARRIED.

The following Council committee reports and announcements were given.

Mr. Tierney reported he attended a meeting with FEMA who announced that the Community Disaster Loans that were given out after Hurricane Sandy are being assessed to determine if any local communities, school districts, etc., will be recalled. This year's beach revenues have met this year's budget.

Ms. Liguori reported with good news that the borough's flood insurance rating will continue to be reduced from ten percent to 15 percent and thanked everyone who helped during this process.

Ms. Koury reported for the Operations Committee the Planning Board reviewed the Master Plan reexamination. The next step is to officially notify the mayor and council. DPW cleaned out the weeds around the clock area. The town's public access plan is being reviewed by NJDEP. Her committee continues to look into next summer's garbage pickup schedule. The new program to dedicate a memorial plaque will be finalized soon.

Mayor Matthies thanked the Central Regional School Board who held their regular August meeting in Seaside Park. He extended special recognition to Board President Tracy Mianulli for her outstanding work on the board. Also, Mayor Matthies thanked the police department especially Chief Larkin for hosting the Neighborhood Watch picnic this past weekend. He also noted the Master Plan was memorialized at this past week's Planning Board meeting and that it will be sent to the governing body for their review. The fifteen anniversary of 911 will be observed on September 11th. Megan Steffenaci, whose grandparents live in town, will be the soloist at this important observance. A punch list for the new pump stations has been sent to NJDOT. Also we are working with FEMA and NJDEP for potential funding for the environmental study of the bay front flooding issue. NJNG is installing new gas lines along the Boulevard. The Police Department has made arrangements for a new 'shield' to replace the old one on the side of their building. The Borough Hall historic grant reconstruction is almost complete. Landscaping and interior sprucing will be next.

Public Comments

Bob Hobin, speaking for William Majors, voiced his concern with the timeline of the Master Plan review and wondered when the public can address concerns and questions to Mayor Matthies and Council. Mayor Matthies responded as soon as it is reviewed at a work session. Mr. Zabarsky noted it was adopted at the August Planning Board meeting.

Patricia DePalma & Pat Lowe, North Bayview Avenue, expressed concern with the condition of the sidewalk and also lack of a crosswalk at the corner of N Street and Lake Avenue since Hurricane Sandy. To cross over safely, pedestrians must walk over 3 blocks to the closest crosswalk. Mayor Matthies explained he continues to request the NJDOT reinstate the crosswalk.

Stevie Kizuikwicz, Seventh Avenue, voiced her opposition and that of her neighbors to painted parking spaces on Seventh Avenue.

Rich Benninger, O Street, appreciated resolving the dog issue at the O Street playground. He felt the playground regulation signs need to be improved. A neighbor cut her foot while swimming near the O Street discharge pipe and felt a larger sign is needed. Mayor Matthies noted the O Street playground area sand is raked every morning and acknowledged the good work done by DPW Supervisor Eric Wojciechowski.

Shirley Kreszl, North Bayview Avenue, is disappointed there is no new discussion on moving the town's Arts and Craft show to the marina and should be discussed for next year. She hopes to bring a Rite Aid flu clinic to the next Neighborhood Watch meeting, and the next Senior Luncheon. Mayor Matthies noted it can be a great opportunity for our residents to conveniently receive their immunizations.

Mayor Matthies closed the public comment portion.

Resolution No. 2016-251 was presented by Ms. Liguori, seconded by Ms. Contessa, to enter into Executive Session for pending litigation, by the following vote:

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

Absent: Ms. Coleman.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Council reconvened into Open Session at 9:05 pm.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m. by unanimous vote of the Council.

Karen Barna, Borough Clerk
Approved: October 13, 2016

