

**MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT**

JANUARY 16, 2014 (THURSDAY)

SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY

Mayor Long called the meeting to order and requested those present to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance - 8:30 am.

Mayor Long read the following compliance statement:

"Good Morning Ladies And Gentlemen,

This meeting is now called to order. In line with the Borough Of Sea Bright's longstanding policy of open government, and in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act", I wish to advise you that adequate notice of this regularly scheduled meeting has been advertised in the Asbury Park Press and faxed to local newspapers on December 10, 2013 and posted on the bulletin board in the Borough office. This meeting is open to the public."

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Dina Long, Councilmembers William J. Keeler, Brian P. Kelly, Marc A. Leckstein, James A. LoBiondo, C. Read Murphy

ABSENT: Councilmember Peggy Bills

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Attorney Pat McMamara, Borough Engineer Jaclyn Flor, Acting Borough Administrator Joseph L. Verruni

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

SUBJECT: Streetscape Grant Application Submission - Steve Nelson

ACTION: Mayor Long summarized the objectives of the Grant. Council unanimously agreed to authorize the Borough to submit this grant application.

SUBJECT: Police Monitoring of Cross-Walks - Marc Leckstein

ACTION: Council unanimously agreed to appropriate funds for a special officer dedicated for crosswalk/pedestrian safety. Chief Sorrentino suggested that we also include necessary signage in this appropriation. Borough Administrator will prepare a Resolution for the next Regular Council Meeting.

SUBJECT: Director of Public Safety - Councilman Keeler

ACTION: The key need is for efficiency of operations and controlling liability factors. Will distribute draft resolution to be discussed at the February 4, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.

SUBJECT: Areas in Need of Redevelopment - Joe Verruni

ACTION: Borough Engineer, Jacki Flor, will prepare a proposal for redevelopment for discussion at the next meeting. Councilman Leckstein requested that the Ms. Flor include the School House site in her proposal. In addition, Ms. Flor reported that as soon as the SRPR is completed, we would be eligible for \$50,000 for Redevelopment Scope.

SUBJECT: Municipal Parking Lot Revisions - Jacki Flor

ACTION: Ms. Flor presented the plans for the municipal parking lot and explained that they will need to be revised due to the demolition of the library. Will also need to revise the previously designed laterals to accommodate the proposed beach pavilion - Ms. Flor will prepare cost estimates for Council.

SUBJECT: 2014 Budget/Capital Program - Joe Verruni

ACTION: The Borough is required by the State to have the preliminary budget draft completed by January 24, 2014. Any town receiving the Essential Services Grant, which we will be applying for, must adhere to this deadline.

SUBJECT: Abandoned Properties List - Marc Leckstein

ACTION: Borough Attorney Pat McNamara explained the "Abandoned Property" process and requirements. Mayor Long asked the Borough Administrator to keep the Council informed. Councilman Leckstein they would have a list ready to show the Governing Body at the next meeting.

SUBJECT: Library Storage/Temporary Facilities - Joe Verruni

ACTION: Mr. Verruni reported that they were in the process of securing temporary library facilities and a storage unit to house the books until the library facility is in place. Mayor Long addressed the speculation concerning the recent demolition of the library. Mayor Long asked the Governing Body to come back with their thoughts and ideas on how they can become more transparent and communicate better.

SUBJECT: Title Searches/Beach Easements - Marc Leckstein

ACTION: Council agreed to continue this discussion at a future Workshop meeting.

SUBJECT: Gym area restructuring - Joe Verruni

ACTION: Borough Administrator reported there is a need to provide a secure area and additional meeting/work space in the gym.

MAYOR LONG MADE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Rabies Clinic on January 18 at 10 am in Tinton Falls.
- Dog and Cat Licensing deadline is January 31, 2014.
- Beginning January 17, 2014 the Borough website will be down for approximately two weeks for maintenance and as we upgrade to the new and improved Sea Bright web site. You will still be able to access the current site at an archived location, the link of which will be provided shortly. The Council thanked resident Mark Pappas for donating his time and employees to make this happen.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE: (limited to 3 minutes)

The Public Comment portion of this meeting allows members of the audience to bring their concerns or comments to the Mayor and Council's attention. Pursuant to Borough Ordinance 3-2011, a member of the public who wishes to speak shall give his/her name and address for the record and may have up to three minutes to state his/her comments to the Mayor and Council as a Body. If additional time or information is requested, an appointment can be made with the Administrator's office during regular business hours.

Greg Tenza, 85 Rumson Road, clarified that he originally put his plans together a year ago April and he did so to give the Borough something to talk about with something to look at. Mr. Tenza encouraged the Council to focus on two things...1. Get a vision, 2. Focus on the revenue problem. Part of the Borough's strategy has to be pro-development.

Heather Bedenko, 400 Ocean Avenue, suggested the Borough continue to work with resident, John Sands for office furniture in the gym. Also asked how the Council Committees get moving along - Mayor Long suggested she contact the committee chairs. Ms. Bedenko reported that a number of residents are frustrated that Workshop Meetings are now being held in the morning and are unable to attend. Ms. Bedenko let the Council know that she and other residents, all of whom have attended many Council meetings, believed that the library was going to be repaired not demolished.

John Lamia, 2 Village Road, spoke on behalf of Linda Richter who could not attend the meeting. He urged the Council not to build the new beach pavilion and library in haste. We have a clean slate to build something great. Along with a number of other suggestions, Mr. Lamia suggested - please develop the municipal lot to support complete streets and business and please pass a resolution for a bicycle plan for Sea Bright. Councilman Murphy asked for a copy of Mr. Lamia's list of suggestions. He also added that he believes there was bad communication between the boro and the community concerning the library.

Maryann McKenzie, 612 Ocean Avenue, passed along her opinion on the communication problems between the Council and the community concerning the library. Also, expressed her concerns about building the new beach pavilion in haste. This Borough needs private development!

Paulette Zachariason, 32 Normandie Place, asked about the status of the abandoned property list and the Anchorage Property. Borough Attorney, Patrick McNamara reported that the Anchorage property owner is currently engaged in discussions with the State.

Ruth Blazer, 488 Ocean Avenue, asked about putting up a parking lot where the old school is located. Believes that we should go in the direction of adding service businesses to our Borough. Also commented that sometimes smart growth is no growth.

Bob Morrone, 1340 Ocean Avenue, thanked the Council for all their hard work. Stressed to Council that they need a vision for the town so we can design facilities that compliment what our values and principals are.

Resolution No. 24 -2014

RESOLUTION NO. 24-2014
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Leckstein offered the following resolution and moved its adoption; seconded by Councilmember Murphy.

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, NJSA 10:4-12 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, New Jersey, that they meet in closed session to discuss the issues as herein set forth and when the need for confidentiality no longer exists the decisions made therein will be made available to the public.

- 1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
- 2. The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed are as follows:

A. Personnel/Litigation

3. It is anticipated at this time that the subject matters will be made public, if and when, confidentiality is no longer needed. Action may be taken.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council may come back into Regular Session to conduct additional business.

Roll Call:	Bills,	Keeler,	Kelly,	LoBiondo,	Long ,	Murphy
	absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Leckstein offered a motion to Adjourn the Workshop meeting; second by Councilmember Murphy;

Vote:	Bills,	Keeler,	Kelly,	Leckstein,	LoBiondo,	Murphy
	absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Time: 10:55 am