A Caucus meeting of the Governing Body of Seaside Heights was held at the Municipal complex in Court Room annex on October 7, 2020 at 4:03 pm

Mayor, Vaz, opened the meeting with the Open Public Meetings statement.

Council Members present on roll call: Harry Smith, Lou DiGuilio, Mike Carbone, Penny Graichen, Agnes Polhemus, Rich Tompkins

Borough Attorney: Jean Cipriani
Administrator: Chris Vaz
Deputy Borough Clerk: Victoria Coppola

Mayor Vaz awarded Proclamation recognizing Years of Service of Seaside Heights Chief of Police to Chief Thomas Boyd.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-223

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE CONVENING OF AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Motion to approve: Tompkins Second: Smith
Approve: Smith, DiGuilio, Carbone, Graichen, Polhemus, Tompkins

Discussed labor negotiations regarding Local Union 97, 492, and PBA.

Discussed ordinance on eminent domain regarding process on the steel structure, public hearing will be held November 4th.

The executive session was adjourned by unanimous vote at 4:16 pm.

Chris Vaz reviewed the regular meeting agenda and discussed proclamations to be awarded, and the ordinance regarding display of flags. Reviewed Parking Improvement Program (PIP) where money would be applied towards parking. Also discussed how to proceed with the mechanical parking meters and whether to sell for scrap or authorize a sale on a first come, first serve basis.

Chris Vaz and Jean Cipriani discussed the location and colocation of 5G utility poles.

Mayor Vaz discussed possible outside dining set up for 2021 if pandemic still exists at that time. Proposed assembling a committee of 5 people to discuss different outdoor dining ideas. Councilmen Tompkins and DiGuilio, and also one person to represent the boulevard, and one person to represent boardwalk business. Mike Redpath, Executive Director of the BID requested to also sit on the committee.

The caucus session was adjourned by unanimous vote at 4:49 pm.
A regular meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Seaside Heights was held at the Municipal Complex in the Courtroom on October 9, 2020 at 5:01 pm

Administrator, Chris Vaz, read the Serenity Prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present on roll call: Harry Smith, Lou DiGuilio, Mike Carbone, Penny Graichen, Agnes Polhemus, Rich Tompkins

Borough Attorney: Jean Cipriani
Administrator: Chris Vaz
Borough Clerk: Diane Stabley

Approval of meeting minutes of September 16, and 24, 2020:

Motion to approve: Tompkins
Second: Carbone
Approve: Smith, DiGuilio, Carbone, Graichen, Polhemus, Tompkins

The following were approved by consent agenda;

RESOLUTION NO. 20-224
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF $ 1,356,626.85

RESOLUTION NO. 20-225
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO. 1526-32-017-007 HELD BY PKH LIQUORS, LLC IN AN INACTIVE STATE

RESOLUTION NO. 20-226
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A REAR LOADING TRASH TRUCK TO HA DEHart ON BEHALF OF SCRANTON MANUFACTURING CO., INC. TRADING AS NEW WAY TRUCKS AND NATIONAL AUTO FLEET GROUP UNDER A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT

RESOLUTION NO. 20-227
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS)
RESOLUTION NO. 20-228
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT THROUGH THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS) COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM CONTRACT #190703 TO SWAGIT PRODUCTIONS, LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 20-229
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REAPPOINTING CLASS II SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Motion to approve: Tompkins
Second: Polhemus
Approve: Smith, DiGuilio, Carbone, Graichen, Polhemus, Tompkins, Smith

First reading of Ordinance 20-09 for consideration by separate vote:

ORDINANCE NO. 20-09
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF THE FEE SIMPLE INTEREST IN BLOCK 5.01, LOTS 58, 59 AND 63 THROUGH EMINENT DOMAIN

Motion to approve: Tompkins
Second: Polhemus
Approve: Smith, DiGuilio, Polhemus, Graichen, Tompkins, Smith, Carbone

Second Reading and Public Hearing:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-07
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE HEIGHTS, SO AS TO AMEND CHAPTER 33, ENTITLED “BOARDWALK AND BEACHES”

Motion to approve: Carbone
Second: Smith
Approve: Smith, DiGuilio, Polhemus, Graichen, Tompkins, Smith, Carbone

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-08
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE HEIGHTS, SO AS TO CREATE CHAPTER 78, ENTITLED “DISPLAY OF FLAGS”

Motion to approve: Smith
Second: Polhemus
Approve: Smith, DiGuilio, Polhemus, Graichen, Tompkins, Smith, Carbone

Approvals:
October 7, 2020

October 9th, Central Regional School District Jr. ROTC, picnic, Kearney Avenue Beach, 4:30-8:30PM.

October 10th, Ocean County Columbus Day Parade Committee, Procession and Ceremony, Franklin Avenue Stage, 10:30-1:30AM.

Motion to approve: Polhums
   Second: DiGuilio
   Approve: Smith, DiGuilio, Polhemus, Graichen, Tompkins, Smith, Carbone

Optimum/Altice discussion concerning cable and internet service:

Pat O’Melia, Studio Heights on Hamilton Avenue, discussed issues and challenges with wifi through Optimum Altice in Seaside Heights. Discussed the fact that 6 municipalities were having the same issues with the broadband.

Marilyn Davis, Government Liaison from Altice, discussed the difference between broadband and wifi speed and advised to plug device into ethernet cable, and if still not receiving high speed a tech from the customer care unit would come out to the individual’s home to assist. Ms. Davis discussed other issues that could be affecting the wifi, such as, where the modem is located, how big the home is, whether there are smart tvs, which all could reduce broadband speed on a wireless network.

Chris, resident, is keeping records of altice complaints from residents. He discussed how the altice office in town has been closed for months, and how the residents are afraid to have technicians come to the house because they are charged $75 for the service. Chris pointed out that the poles in town need to be better maintained and serviced.

Mayor Vaz shared a story regarding a resident who contacted him over Optimum wanting to dig up his yard to put a line in, and was never notified about it. If resident wasn’t home, Optimum would have dug up his property without consent.

Marilyn Davis requested a list of residents with the wifi problems and will resolve their issues.

Councilwoman Graichen thanked Chris for his questions to Marilyn and help with the wifi issues.

Mayor Vaz awarded Proclamation recognizing Ocean County Freeholder, Jack Kelly as law enforcement protector and advocate of law enforcement, who provided critical support to Seaside Heights.

Mayor Vaz awarded Proclamation recognizing Ocean County Sheriff, Michael G. Mastronardy, friend to Seaside Heights who delivers critical support to the Seaside Heights Police Department.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public;

Pat O’Melia, 129 Hamilton, requested speed bumps and possible speed camera on Hamilton Avenue, or a possible way to funnel traffic west and have cars leave that way. Mayor Vaz stated that he would look into it.
Mayor Vaz advised that Seaside Heights would be holding Halloween from 2PM-8PM, however a mask must be worn and social distancing practiced. For residents that want to participate, leave porch light on.

Mayor Vaz announced a community outreach meeting will be held November 7th at 10AM.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:26 pm.