A Caucus meeting of the Governing Body of Seaside Heights was held at the Municipal complex in Court Room annex on August 19, 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 (entered at 4:12pm) Penny Graichen, Rich Tompkins

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-173

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: DiGuilio
Approve: Smith, DiGuilio, Carbone, Graichen, Tompkins

Discussed the possible hire of 2 new code enforcers, one in which Administrator Vaz is waiting on paperwork from Seaside Heights’ State Monitor. Discussed issues and complaints about garbage and sludge overflow, grease trap laws, and whether to increase fines.

Discussed retaining an expert witness appraiser for the Village Inn Case.

The executive session was adjourned by unanimous vote at 4:36 pm.

Discussed the possibility of continuity of operations for three weeks more in September. It was agreed that Labor Day Weekend will not end the season for us this year because of virtual learning with college students, along with parents teaching younger kids. Leading to the belief that people will still be going to the beach throughout September. By charging beach fees during September, will help pay life guards and badge checkers. Councilman Tompkins expressed concern on surrounding beaches on this topic.

Discussed reimbursement of water bill for owner at 301 Lincoln Avenue. Councilman DiGuilio did a report on the water usage of the property and came to the conclusion that the water definitely went through the meter and council agreed that it could have been a leaky toilet or sink and that we were unable to reimburse the owner.

Discussed the possibility of different days for trash collection. Another idea was the ability to ask for a separate collection with a fee attached.

The caucus session was adjourned by unanimous vote at 5:00 pm.
A regular meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Seaside Heights was held at the Municipal Complex in the Courtroom on August 19, 2020 at 5:02 pm

Moment of Silence for Sharon Roher from POASH who passed away.

Administrator, Chris Vaz, read the Serenity Prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Borough Attorney: Jean Cipriani
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Presentation by Census 2020 representative:
The Census count ends 9/30/20 and the representative wanted to share that next Saturday they will be holding a community event at the Community Center to spread awareness regarding the Census. With Census number improvement, we are able to receive funding on a federal level.

Approval of meeting minutes of August 5, 2020:

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

The following were approved by consent agenda;

RESOLUTION NO. 20-174
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF $475,657.60

RESOLUTION NO. 20-175
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING TEMPORARY/SEASONAL EMPLOYEES FOR THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE HEIGHTS

RESOLUTION NO. 20-176
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING SLEO II CANDIDATES INTO THE OCEAN COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY

RESOLUTION NO. 20-177
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CABLE AND INTERNET SERVICE IN SEASIDE HEIGHTS
Comment from the Mayor: The Mayor explained that we have had complaints and problems with cable tv and wifi through Optimum, which we have signed a contract with in the past. The Advisory Committee which will include Pat Omelia, Christopher Demico will do the appropriate research and investigate new options for a more capacity broadband and one which includes more efficient technology.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-178

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, STRONGLY ENCOURAGING THE RIGHT OF IN-PERSON MACHINE VOTING FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

RESOLUTION NO. 20-179

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SEASIDE HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL REAL ESTATE RESEARCH, LLC CONCERNING THE APPRAISAL FOR BLOCK 28 LOT 27

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

Approvals

August 26th, Gilda’s Club/Matt Blatt Kia Fundraiser, early evening on the Boardwalk

Sept. 11th, Boy Scouts Seaside Heights Camporee, Ocean beach

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

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public;

Joseph Rossi, 211 Dupont Avenue: Brought up concerns with a parking spot in front of his house on the corner with painted yellow lines (which you are not allowed to park in) where visitors keep parking in. Ken Roberts explained how the parking spot was too big and needed to be shortened and the Planning Board would have a decision on the parking spot in one month. Mr. Rossi also brought up concerns about the recycling day, and suggested changing the day to accommodate out of towners. Council offered that fact that the Seaside Heights Recycling Plant was open 7 days a week, 8-12. Mr. Rossi brought up 214 Porter and how the concrete was ripped out while the curbs were being repaved, but then the concrete was never put back. Administrator Vaz explained the concrete will be put back in September when the road project commences. Mr. Rossi asked what happened to the generators during the power outage during the recent storm. Councilman DiGiulio explained that it was a JCPL line, and not Borough Electric.
Vito Ferone, 473 Bayside Terrace, President of POASH: Thanked Mayor, Council, Chris Vaz, and Chief of Police, Tommy Boyd for all they do especially with COVID response and limited resources and thanked them for attending the property owners’ meetings. Explained that the Task Force for Quality of Life will alleviate concerns with property owners, such as, the congregating of police and code enforcers. Mayor Vaz explained that this year was a little difference with COVID and it is hard getting people to comply with the rules and regulations and he is optimistic things will be back to normal next year.

Sandra Goldfarb, 301 Lincoln Avenue: Expressed that it was difficult traveling from up north to come to council meetings when you are a seasonal owner. Suggested online meetings going forward. Administrator Vaz added that new microphones and video cameras were going to be installed and a link will be provided on our website to see upcoming council meetings virtually. Ms. Goldfarb suggested that residents get notifications on when power will go on once residents lose it. Mayor Vaz explained again, that it was JCPL and not Borough Electric, and notified residents as soon as they could. All residents can sign up for SMART911 for alerts. Ms. Goldfarb also expressed concerns with recycling days and how the cable is very expensive in the town and if we could do research on pricing. Council Atty explained that it was not like a normal BID process. Also, was concerned about the theft going on at her house. She had a few items stolen from her property outside and periodically will have a man loiter under her deck. Lastly, she explained that her water bill was so high and thought maybe someone was stealing water and wanted a refund. Council made the decision that no refund would be given due to the research Councilman DiGuilio did, proving that the water came through her meter for 24 hours straight.

Joanne Richardson, 66 Kearney: expressed her opinion that police and code enforcement need more supervision while they are working. Chief Boyd explained that he works 7 days a week since March 6th, and because of the pandemic there were no Class I academy this year limiting police staff. Ms. Richardson expressed concern about neighbors’ trash and junk in their yard, along with missing street signs. Mayor Vaz advised to use the REPORT IT app which immediately gets sent to the proper personnel to handle.

Pat Omelia, 107/207 Hamilton Avenue: expressed concerns about the short-term rental capacity in the off season.

Mayor and Council thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for their input.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:30 pm.