

THE SPECIAL MEETING of the Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Larson at 3:00pm at the Borough Hall, on 10 East 7th Street. He stated that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act by posting a copy of the notice of this meeting on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall on, February 12, 2013 and by transmitting a copy of the notice to the Beach Haven Times and Asbury Park Press, newspapers designated by Mayor and Council on January 7, 2013 to receive such notice, and by filing a copy of the notice with the Borough Clerk on, February 12, 2013

ROLL CALL: SPARK, MIKULETZKY, SHARPLESS, REYNOLDS, BOSSI, WARR

ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: MAYOR LARSON, GAIL WETMORE, KATHY FLANAGAN, CFO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE CLERK stated the minutes of the meeting are being recorded and will be on file in the office of the clerk.

George Warr turned the meeting over to Kat Flanagan. She introduced Paula Bastian, our new assistant treasurer to the council. Kat said she did a bullet point to show major changes to each department. She said the boat slip is showing a negative number and that is incorrect. She said she learned from Ed, our new auditor that we can no longer anticipate Employee Health Contributions as revenue. It must be on the appropriation side. There is a resolution on the regular meeting this evening to change the administration fees to 105%. She went over the appropriations side and Scott Sharpless enlightened everyone on the changes to the concerts and the new battle of the bands. He explained what that is. Four bands would perform and the winner would receive a contract to play next summer for \$500.00. Docks and Harbors have a Capital Project to repair all the docks damaged with Super Storm Sandy. We will receive 75% back on the costs. There is a rumor that it may be 90%. We also have to extend the concrete pad at a cost of around \$7000.00. Lifeguards was next. They want an IRB for \$8000.00. \$4000.00 can come from the LIT escrow. Mayor said they hadn't had one for 2 years. Dottie agreed but said we really need one for certain rescues. Increase on wages was discussed. Michael Spark said we need to discuss wages overall - not just for lifeguards. Dottie wants to see what other towns are doing. She thinks we are a better atmosphere for guarding. We did raise the step increases \$10.00 each. We did not do the senior guards. Year before the steps went up \$15.00. George Warr asked if this comes out of beach badge revenues, and it does not. Then he said he has a problem. George said he has a problem passing the raise if it comes from the taxpayers. Kat said the guards work very closely with Finance to not overspend their line items. Gail said every guard must pass the swim test this year, not just new hires. You must work a full season in order to go to the next step the following year. There are a few things in the guard house that need to be repaired, but our guys are going to do the work. Floors, bathrooms and change the locks to universal locks. Next it was discussed whether or not to put gas into the building for a new dryer. The gentleman who did the landscaping last year has offered to do more for the lifeguard house. Possible new water heater and a definite is an outside shower. George Warr said the current electric dryer should be on its own system. Gas is not cheaper when you have to plumb the building. George said he will go into the building and check it out.

Gail asked how much we expect to do for the house. They are only paying \$30.00 per week. We have to figure out how much things cost us and if we do want to do them. George Warr said there is no comparison with using existing electric and the cost of putting in gas. He also said we are only talking about 3 months.

Dottie said we will table this until George gets a chance to

check things out. Next was beach walks. We need a list of streets that need repair and Eddie is working on same. We might consider money in the budget every year. Dottie said there are 2 issues. One, the ones that are already there are in bad repair. She mentioned the 18th Street walkway and the 22nd Street. We have miles of walkway. If someone gets hurt we are working on this. We have to start a maintenance program. How much can DPW do? Mike suggested astro turf on top of the walkways. Scott said nails would still pop up through. Dottie said we must do something. There was a big discussion on this and it has been recorded. Dave said why we just don't build walkways. It is much cheaper than the roll over type. We can start a program to fix the old ones. Jaimie said we have \$2200.00 that was authorized last year for repairs. Dave said we have half buried ones. Kat asked how much we want budgeted for repairs. Gail reminded Dottie about the block grant project. She thought maybe moving the handicap walkway from 29th to 30th Street. Ed was supposed to talk to Frank Little about this. We are closing the entrance to vehicles at 30th Street anyway. This will have to be looked into. Frank wants a spot for ATV's to get on the beach. He wants gravel. Gravel cannot be a handicap walkway. Mayor said let's move on. He asked Dottie to have a walkway meeting. We are spending too much time on this at a meeting. Dottie will have a beaches meeting.

Next the folding machine was discussed. Gail thought we were not getting a folding machine. Brenda asked for it. After some discussion it was decided to leave it in. We have been sending it out. Kathy said the one we had was really cheap and not good. There is no longer a printing company on LBI. We will say this is a no and move on. Finance office needs a new printer. No one buys a printer without passing it by Dave after the experience with the building department. We have researched a new payroll service. We are going for an automated system. Dave said it is a handprint. It goes over the internet to a payroll company. George wanted the cost comparison? Can we do it all in house? He asked how many people are on the payroll. Kat said 88 in the summer. We have to have a couple people come in and do a demo. Paylocity already came in and spoke to Kat and Jaimie. It is a couple thousand more than we are paying now.

Professionals are coming in a bit higher. Frank Little will be higher, the labor attorney is a bit pricey. Lastly, Borough Hall landscaping quote was received. The Garden Club will not be paying for maintenance this year. Tops \$1500.00 if he can have a sign here. She also mentioned some products that will keep the weeds down. Dave said it is just one more garden that has been put in for free and is now costing the town. We are only talking about the maintenance. Mayor said you need to ask someone else too. It is borderline pay to play if he has done favors and he gets the job. Get quotes. Mayor said to ask John Kline. He also said ask Joe Bag of Donuts. Kat said that is all the notes that need to be discussed.

Kat said there is a program where you can scan things and they go automatically into the system. It interfaces with Edmunds. Cost is \$300.00 or so. Cuts down on paper. The council looked at the current fund revenues. Kat asked about the Tennis Court and whether or not it is safe. It is OK. Boat slip fees are down. We are out 9. Kathy called everyone on the waiting list. DPW are working hard building the docks. Each item was looked out and Kat explained what she did with each one. Next they looked at the Current Fund Budget Appropriations. Legal services were upped to \$25,000.00. Engineering went up to \$20,000.00. Celebration of Public Events went down to \$9500.00 per Scott Sharpless. The fact that we don't have a bank in Barnegat Light was discussed. The quote that came in for courier is much too high. We could do an Interlocal with other towns on the island. We need change in summer for checkers, tennis, etc. There is a lot of cash in the summer like beach badges. Kat has approached all the banks to no avail. Fees are astronomical if we keep our money in TD. They do not bid on our notes or any ones notes.

Maybe we can keep some money in TD bank. We need a solution before summer. Mayor will speak with Ocean First. The Tax Assessor was raised a bit for S and W. We changed the splits on Employee Group Insurance. Slight increase in Emergency Management. Leave the Volunteer FAS and Fire Company the same according to the Mayor.

Increase in Garbage - have a new contract. \$5000.00 more in Lifeguards O and E. Gas went up slightly. Payment on notes went down as well as interest. The numbers are being sent to the auditor. Dottie said cut Landscaping thing to \$1,000.00.

There being no other business on a motion by Sharpless the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED: _____

**GAIL J. WETMORE
MUNICIPAL CLERK**