

**MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

The Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on the above date with Mayor McLaughlin presiding and Commissioners Bolan and McLoughlin answering the roll call. Also in attendance was the Borough Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. with a salute to the flag.

Mayor McLaughlin announced that the notice requirements of R.S. 10:4-18 had been satisfied by delivering the required notice to the Coaster, posting the notice on the board in Borough Hall and filing a copy of said notice with the Borough Clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS

Division of ABC has notified the Borough that the application for Cops in Shops is complete and the Borough will be notified of its grant allocation.

RESOLUTION #1

A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY AND APPROVE MINUTES

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin

Seconded By: Comm. Bolan

BE IT RESOLVED, That the minutes of the regular meeting held January 28, 2014 be ratified and approved.

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

RESOLUTION #2

A RESOLUTION TO DISPENSE WITH READING OF MINUTES

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin

Seconded By: Comm. Bolan

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Clerk dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held January 28, 2014.

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

RESOLUTION #3

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM PURCHASES

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin

Seconded By: Comm. Bolan

WHEREAS, Purchases were made for amounts over \$1,000.00 and it is the policy of the Borough that the Board of Commissioners approve or confirm said purchases; and;

WHEREAS, Funds for these purposes are provided for in various accounts within the current budget, and the CFO has so certified; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the following contracts are hereby confirmed:

Diamond M Lumber for boardwalk wood - \$23833.80

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

RESOLUTION #4
A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FINAL PAYMENT AND ACCEPT MAINTENANCE
BOND FOR SEAWALL PROJECT

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin

Seconded By: Comm. Bolan

WHEREAS, A contract was awarded to Burke Construction, Inc. for improvements to the seawall; and,

WHEREAS, The Borough Engineer has reviewed the project and recommended final payment as provided for in Engineer=s Certificate #2, which is on file in the Clerk=s office;

WHEREAS, Funds for this purpose shall be provided through the Capital Bond known as Superstorm Sandy, and the Chief Finance Officer has so certified;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Burke Construction, Inc. be compensated in the amount of \$21,029.81 as final payment for work done on the seawall project in accordance with Engineer=s Certificate #2; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Burke Construction, Inc., be released from their Performance Bond and that the one-year Maintenance Bond filed by Burke Construction, Inc., be accepted.

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

RESOLUTION #5
A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PERSONNEL CAUCUS

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin

Seconded By: Comm. Bolan

WHEREAS, State law permits the exclusion of public in certain circumstances; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Allenhurst finds that such circumstances currently exist; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners will make public, minutes of the closed session when confidentiality no longer exists;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners that they are hereby authorized to enter into closed session to discuss personnel matters which are exempt from the public meeting under the Sunshine Law.

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

RESOLUTION #6
A RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS & PAYROLL (02/01/14 - 02/15/14)

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin

Seconded By: Comm. Bolan

BE IT RESOLVED, That bills and payrolls totaling \$659,151.42 be approved for payment; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the February 11th consolidated bill list be attached hereto and made a part thereof.

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the following items:

1. RFP for restaurant and snack bar. Attorney has forwarded proposed copy of RFP for discussion.
2. RFP for Interior Decorator. Attorney is preparing specifications. The Board decided they would meet with prospective decorators before making a decision.
3. Tiki Bar. The Business Administrator is meeting with the architect, engineer, supervisor of public works and beach manager to go over specifics. The Borough attorney is working on RFP's.
4. Electrical Bid. The Administrator is waiting for bid specifications from the Architect.
5. Restaurant Bids. The Administrator is waiting for bid specifications from the Architect.
6. Beach Room – Bids are due back on February 18th and should be awarded February 25th.
7. ABC Applications are ready to go out.
8. Speed Bumps. There is a petition for the 300 block of Cedar Ave. The Board decided to add a speed bump.
9. Sidewalks. The Board made the decision to have Code Enforcement write summonses to those who have not cleared their sidewalks within 24 hours after a snow event. The Borough Attorney has prepared an ordinance which will be introduced at the next meeting. The ordinance will have to be approved by Judge Lawson before adoption.
10. New Ambulance. The Fire Department is requesting a new ambulance. Mayor McLaughlin stated he would call Interlaken's Mayor to arrange a meeting to discuss same.
11. Notching jetty. The Borough Engineer has been requested by the DEP to provide a technical report on why the Borough objects to the notching of the jetty. The Board authorized Mr. Avakian to prepare the report.

Comm. Bolan asked if a letter had been sent to Loch Arbour regarding the consolidation. He stated it was apparent that residents wanted a more thorough financial evaluation. Providing the other two Commissioners are still willing. He would like to send a letter confirming what happened and stating the subject is not closed.

Comm. McLoughlin stated he would rather put a question on the ballot. If we are going to spend \$15,000 to \$100,000 on a study, why not put a question on the ballot?

Mayor McLaughlin stated he thought they should meet with Mayor Fernicola face to face.

Comm. Bolan stated they should invite him with a letter. He stated he would write the letter.

Mayor McLaughlin stated he wanted to make it clear it will be done in their timeframe and after due diligence.

Comm. McLoughlin stated he would like to see where they are with funds. They may not want to commit \$50,000 for a study.

Comm. Bolan stated the return would be five or six million dollars.

Mayor McLaughlin stated he didn't think it would be that much in the long run.

Comm. McLoughlin stated he is good with letting it lie for the time being.

Mayor McLaughlin stated he was thinking of the park improvement project and he thought it would be a good idea to rent out space for canoe and kayak rentals. The Commissioners agreed that it wouldn't hurt to put out an RFP.

PUBLIC HEARING

Bob Scally stated it has been a long run with Hurricane Sandy and the Consolidation and he just wanted to say what a great job the Commissioners have done. He doesn't think most people are in favor of the merger. He has heard from very few who would consider it. He thought they would be letting themselves in for a lot of problems with the State.

Comm. Bolan stated he thought just the opposite. They could be subsumed into the Neptune school district.

Jim Markey, liaison to JCP&L, introduced himself and asked if there was anything he could help with. Comm. Bolan stated that there is one member of the Board who thinks it is a good idea to swap land with the developer for lakeside property. Mr. Markey stated he would pass on those thoughts.

Mayor McLaughlin asked if they could put their equipment back in the barn, and Mr. Markey replied that he would find out. Mayor McLaughlin stated they were also talking about a 99 year lease on the property across from the post office. The Borough wants to put up a pole building. Mr. Markey stated he would find out about that also.

Tim Moriarty asked if there was an update on the front of the Club being changed. Mayor McLaughlin stated the front entrance will be reconfigured into a snack bar. The entrance will be to the north of that.

Mr. Moriarty and Mayor McLaughlin discussed common areas of the Club and use by the restaurant.

There being no further comments, public hearing was closed and the meeting adjourned to caucus. The meeting reconvened at 10:00 PM and Comm. McLoughlin moved, seconded by Comm. Bolan, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lori L. Osborn, RMC
Clerk-Administrator