MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING December 4, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Sea Girt Council was called to order by Mayor F. Ken Farrell at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at the Sea Girt Elementary School, Bell Place, Sea Girt. Mayor Farrell asked for a moment of silence; after which he led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Municipal Clerk read the Compliance Statement: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, C.231, P.L.1975: adequate notice of this Regular Meeting has been given by posting a notice on the Borough's official bulletin board and by transmitting a copy of the Notice to the Borough's two official newspapers, *The Asbury Park Press* and *The Coast Star* as required by law.

1. ROLL CALL:

	Present	Absent
Mayor Farrell	Х	
Councilman Clemmensen	X	
Councilman Mastrorilli	X	
Councilman Begley	Х	
Council President Fetzer		Х
Councilman Mulroy	X	
Councilwoman Anthony	Х	·

Councilman Mastrorilli presented information on the proposed Ice Skating Rink. He noted this plan is under discussion for possible implementation in 2020; the options being considered are purchasing a kit for an ice rink or renting a vinyl rink for a three month period. The locations being considered are at Bell Place tennis courts or near downtown. The Recreation Committee is seeking feedback from residents on this suggestion.

Chuck Casagrande, the Borough's Risk Manager, stated that nearest facility is in Avon; that it is run by a private company with many volunteers who maintain and monitor the facility that is placed atop the Borough's basketball court; there is some damage to the court surface from the rink equipment. He also noted that the Avon facility has a lengthy set of rules that apply to users and expressed concerns as to who will be responsible for maintaining and monitoring the Sea Girt facility during its hours of operation. He noted that while there may not be an increase in insurance premium, there is an increased risk of liability in the event a user is injured. He also recommended having an outside organization design and build the facility which would be accepted by the Borough Council to ensure some Title 59 immunity. He somewhat facetiously noted that the Avon facility is open to non-residents at the fee of \$40 for the season.

Ray Petronko, Beacon Boulevard, commented that there are several drawbacks to using vinyl: the interlocking panel surface must have a perfectly level base in order to function correctly; chemicals must be added to keep the surface slick; and the surface is easily damaged (scratched).

Council President Fetzer arrived during discussion at 7:10 pm.

- 2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ANY CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:** There were no comments from the public present.
- 3. CONSENT AGENDA Resolution No. 207-2019: UPON MOTION of Councilperson, seconded by Council, carried that the following Resolution be and the same is hereby adopted:
 - NJ State Firemen's Association Membership Application, Paul Johnson

WHEREAS, Paul R. Johnson has been admitted to membership in the Sea Girt Fire Company on May 14, 2018 and has submitted an application for membership in the New Jersey State Firemen's Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the application for membership in the New Jersey State Firemen's Association for Paul R. Johnson be and the same is hereby approved.

Recorded Vote:

•	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensen	Х			-
Councilman Mastrorilli	X	,		· · ·
Councilman Begley	X	,		
Council President Fetzer	, X			
Councilman Mulroy	X			-
Councilwoman Anthony	X			

4. MINUTES

• Resolution No. 208-2019: Approve Minutes, Regular Meeting held November 6, 2019

UPON MOTION of Council President Fetzer, seconded by Councilman Begley, carried, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 6, 2019 be and the same are hereby approved as presented.

Recorded Vote:

	- Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensen	Х			
Councilman Mastrorilli	Х			
Councilman Begley	Х			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Council President Fetzer	Х			
Councilman Mulroy	Х			
Councilwoman Anthony	Х	***		

5. OPEN DISCUSSION

Councilman Clemmensen thanked Councilman Mulroy for his years of service and his dedicated leadership of the Beach Committee. Mayor Farrell echoed Councilman Clemmensen comments.

Councilman Mulroy commented that during his 9 years of service, for the most part, it has been a pleasure serving the residents. He noted that he served as Chair of Beach Committee and as Fire Commissioner and served on many other committees as well. He extended best wishes to Councilwoman-elect Melissa Giegerich as well as all the other Council members. He commended Mayor Farrell for his efforts on behalf of Borough residents and added that it has been his honor and privilege to sit next to Council President Fetzer and he hopes the residents appreciate the time he gives in service to the community; he thanked Councilwoman Anthony for her efforts with beautification. He also thanked Mrs. Carafa and the administrative staff; Borough Attorney Nicholas Montenegro; the Beach Managers and staff; Sea Girt Fire Department; Police Department and the residents who trusted him as an elected official.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ordinance No. 23-2019: The Mayor to read the said Ordinance by Title, advising of its publication in its entirety in Asbury Park Press on November 14, 2019:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2019
AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A POLICY FOR THE MANAGING AND
ACCOUNTING FOR OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT OF BOROUGH OF SEA GIRT
POLICE OFFICERS AND SETTING THE FEES THEREFOR IN THE BOROUGH OF
SEA GIRT, MONMOUTH COUNTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough of Sea Girt Council as follows:

SECTION 1.

- a. Members of the Police Department shall be permitted to accept employment as safety or security personnel for private employers such as contractors or public utility companies only during off-duty hours and at such times as will not interfere with the efficient performance of regularly scheduled or emergency duty of the Borough. Any person, contractor or public utility wishing to employ off-duty police shall first obtain the approval of the Chief of Police, which approval shall be granted if, in the opinion of the Chief, such employment would not be inconsistent with the efficient functioning and good reputation of the Police Department, and would not unreasonably endanger or threaten the safety or health of the officer of officers who are to perform the work.
- b. Payment of Off-Duty Police Personnel. Private employers shall pay directly to the Borough Clerk the hourly rate per officer employed by the private employer the amount of eighty (\$85.00) five dollars per man hour, fifteen (\$15.00) dollars per hour of which is to be collected by the Borough for administrative fees; seventy (\$70.00) dollars per hour of which is to be collected shall be considered compensation to the officer. The Chief of Police or his designee and the contractor or public utility shall estimate the number of hours anticipated to be worked, and the payment for said estimated work shall be paid by the private employer to the Borough Clerk prior to the start of any work wherever feasible. If additional work time is required due to unanticipated circumstances, and such work is approved by the Chief of Police or his designee, the private employer shall be liable for payment to the Borough for all such additional hours worked at the specified rate. An invoice from the Borough for any balance due, if any, shall be issued by the Borough Clerk. Balance of payments due from private employers shall be made within ten (10) days of receipt of the invoice from the Borough.
- c. Written Agreement. An agreement form entitled "Agreement for Off-Duty Police Assignment" shall be filed with the Borough of Sea Girt. This agreement shall be entered into and filed by the Chief of Police or his designee and the private employer hereinafter "Municipality" and "Company" respectfully. The agreement shall consist of Company name, description of work, number of officers required, dates, times, payment and method of payment. It shall also include details on agreement termination, liability and workers compensation insurance. This agreement form shall be provided by the Borough of Sea Girt Police Department and shall be filed at the pre-construction meeting. (Sample Agreement attached).
- d. Violations and Penalties. Any person, contractor or utility who commits a violation of this section shall, upon conviction thereof for a first offense, pay a fine not to exceed the maximum amount permitted by statute and/or be imprisoned in the County jail for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which violation occurs or continues.

UPON MOTION of Council President Fetzer, seconded by Councilman Mulroy, carried that the meeting be opened to the public for comments on the said Ordinance only. Chuck Casagrande, the Borough's Risk Manager, commented that several years ago, Monmouth County Prosecutor John Kaye strongly advised JIF's and towns to adopt such Ordinances for many reasons including workers compensation and pension issues. Mayor Farrell noted that he supports the adoption of this Ordinance. There were no further comments from the public present. UPON MOTION of Councilwoman Anthony, seconded by Council President Fetzer, carried, the public hearing was closed.

UPON MOTION of Council President Fetzer, seconded by Councilman Mastrorilli, carried, that the said Ordinance No. 23-2019 be adopted on final reading, directing the Clerk to post and publish as required by law.

Recorded Vote:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensen	X			
Councilman Mastrorilli	X			·
Councilman Begley	X			
Council President Fetzer	Х			
Councilman Mulroy	X			
Councilwoman Anthony	X			

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 209-2019: To cancel a portion of an Emergency Authorization adopted pursuant to Resolution No. 160-2019

UPON MOTION of Councilwoman Anthony, seconded by Council President Fetzer, carried, that the following Resolution be and the same is hereby adopted:

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of Sea Girt adopted Resolution No. 160-2019 authorizing an emergency appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48 for unanticipated Legal Fees in the amount of \$150,000; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has now determined that the amount authorized by the Emergency Appropriation exceeds the amount necessary to fund the appropriation through the end of 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of Sea Girt that the Emergency Authorization adopted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48 be reduced by \$30,000 to a new total of \$120,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and provided to the Chief Financial Officer for further action.

Recorded Vote:

•	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensen	Х			
Councilman Mastrorilli	X			
Councilman Begley	X			
Council President Fetzer	Х			
Councilman Mulroy	Х			
Councilwoman Anthony	Х			

B. Resolution No. 210-2019: Authorize Appropriation Transfers and Cancelations

UPON MOTION of Council President Fetzer, seconded by Councilman Mulroy, carried, that the following Resolution be and the same is hereby adopted:

WHEREAS, the Local Budget Law (<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:4-1, et seq.) permits the transfer of funds between appropriations during the last two months of the current budget year; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that certain 2019 appropriations of the Borough of Sea Girt require additional funds while other appropriations have an available balance not needed for its original purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Girt that the following appropriations transfers as listed below be and the same are hereby approved:

Account No.	Appropriation Title	Transfer In	Transfer Out
Current Fund:			
9-01-20-120-221	Clerk, Advertising		\$ 2,500
9-01-20-120-226	Clerk, Contractual	\$ 2,500	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
9-01-20-130-010	Financial Admin, S/W		\$10,000
9-01-21-180-029	PB, Contractual		\$ 5,000
9-01-23-220-000	Insurance, Group		\$20,000
9-01-25-240-012	PD, P/T	\$20,000	
9-01-25-240-014	PD, OT	\$10,000	
9-01-25-240-029	PD, Contractual	\$ 5,000	r
9-01-23-220-000	Insurance, Group		\$50,000
9-01-55-273-003	Reserve for PH	\$50,000	
	Total Current Fund	\$87,500	\$87,500
Water-Sewer Utility:			,
9-05-55-502-073	Hydrants		\$10,000
9-05-55-502-116	Water Taps	\$10,000	<u>Ψ15,000</u>
	Total Water-Sewer Utility	\$10,000	\$10,000
Beach Utility Fund:			
9-09-55-245-501	Social Security		\$5,000
9-09-55-380-010	Regular Pay	\$5,000.	
	Total Beach Utility Fund	\$5,000.	\$5,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following 2019 appropriation balances are hereby canceled:

Account No.	Appropriation Title	Balance Canceled
Current Fund:		
9-01-25-250-001	MC 911	\$ 4,000
9-01-25-266-011	Uniform Fire Safety, S/W	7,500
9-01-26-290-012	PW, P/T	10,000
9-01-26-290-014	PW, O/T	5,000
9-01-28-370-011	Recreation, S/W	1,000
9-01-28-375-058	Property Maintenance, General	10,000
9-01-31-430-001	Electricity	15,000
9-01-31-460-001	Gasoline, PW	10,000
9-01-31-460-002	Gasoline, PD	10,000
9-01-35-470-020	Contingent	10,000
9-01-36-472-001	Social Security	31,500
9-01-36-473-001	DCRP	3,000
9-01-36-545-001	Construction Interlocal	3,000
	Total Current Fund	\$120,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be supplied to the Chief Financial Officer for his information and further action.

Recorded Vote:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensen	X			
Councilman Mastrorilli	Х			
Councilman Begley	Х			
Council President Fetzer	. X			
Councilman Mulroy	. Х			
Councilwoman Anthony	Х			

C. Resolution No. 212-2019: Authorize Change Order and Supplemental Agreement No. 1 and Payment No. 1 to Fernandes Construction, Inc., for the Project Known as Improvements to Eighth Avenue and Washington Boulevard

UPON MOTION of Council President Fetzer, seconded by Councilman Begley, carried, that the following Resolution be and the same is hereby adopted:

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Girt adopted Resolution No. 148-2019 on August 14, 2019, awarding a contract in the amount of \$261,220 for the Project known as Improvements to Eighth Avenue and Washington Boulevard in the Borough of Sea Girt to Fernandes Construction Inc., Monroe Township, New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has submitted Change Order and Supplemental Agreement No. 1 that show a reduction in quantities to reflect as-built quantities and an associated decrease in contract price of \$6,857.86 and a supplement to the contract to address field conditions and an associated increase in contract price of \$34,845, for a net increase of \$27,987.14 to a new contract total of \$289,207.14; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has submitted his Certificate No. 1 in the total amount of \$289,207.14 less retainage of \$5,784.14 for a net amount requested of \$283,423.00 that has been reviewed by the Borough Engineer and found to be correct; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the Capital Account of the Borough of Sea Girt No. C-04-55-558-501 for the payment to Fernandes Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$283,423.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of Sea Girt that the Change Order and Supplemental Agreement No. 1 representing a net increase of \$27,987.14 to the contract and resulting in a new contract price of \$289,207.14 be and the same is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Engineer's Certificate No. 1 1 in the total amount of \$289,207.14 less retainage of \$5,784.14 for a net amount requested of \$283,423.00 be and the same is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be supplied to the following for their information and action:

- 1. Fernandes Construction Inc., 25 Stonegate Drive, Monroe Township, NJ
- 2. Leon S. Avakian, Inc.
- 3. Chief Financial Officer

Recorded Vote:

<u> </u>	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensen	Х			<u> </u>
Councilman Mastrorilli	Х			
Councilman Begley	Х			
Council President Fetzer	Х			
Councilman Mulroy	Х			
Councilwoman Anthony	X			

D. Block 81, Lot 1:

a. Resolution No. 211-2019: Authorize rescission of Resolution No. 75-2019 previously adopted by Council

UPON MOTION of Councilman Clemmensen, seconded by Councilwoman Anthony, carried, that the following Resolution be and the same is hereby adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12-13(a), the Borough Council adopted Resolution No. 75-2019 authorizing the sale of real property identified as Block 81, Lot 1 on the official Tax Map of in the Borough of Sea Girt ON May 1, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has now determined that it is not in the best interests of the Borough to proceed with the sale of aforementioned property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Sea Girt, County of Monmouth, New Jersey, that Resolution No. 75-2019 originally adopted on May 1, 2019 be and the same is hereby rescinded, effective immediately.

Recorded Vote:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensen	Х			
Councilman Mastrorilli	X			
Councilman Begley	Х	•		
Council President Fetzer	Х			
Councilman Mulroy	X			
Councilwoman Anthony	Х			

b. Resolution No. 213-2019: Authorize withdrawal of sub-division application pending before the Borough Planning Board

UPON MOTION of Councilwoman Anthony, seconded by Councilman Mastrorilli, carried, that the following Resolution be and the same is hereby adopted:

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of Sea Girt authorized an application to be filed with the Sea Girt Planning Board to authorize a conforming sub-division of Block 81, Lot 1 (Sixth Avenue) owned by the Borough of Sea Girt; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has now determined that it is not in the best interests of the Borough to proceed with the sub-division of the aforementioned property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Sea Girt, County of Monmouth, New Jersey, that the application to sub-divide the property known as Block 81, Lot 1 be and the same is hereby withdrawn.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be supplied to the Borough of Sea Girt Planning Board for further action and to the Borough Engineer and Borough Attorney for their information and files.

Recorded Vote:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensen	Х			
Councilman Mastrorilli	X			
Councilman Begley	Х			
Council President Fetzer	Х			
Councilman Mulroy	Х			
Councilwoman Anthony	. X		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	

E. Resolution No. 214-2019: Authorize Agreement with Teamsters Local No. 97 – January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022

Council President Fetzer explained key provisions of the agreement including the reduction of steps; 2%, 2.25% and 2.5% annual increases to off-guide employees; specified sizes and maximum weight of the containers used for disposal of materials that was requested by DPW. Mayor Farrell thanked the committee for their efforts and requested the public's assistance in future compliance with new rules.

UPON MOTION of Council President Fetzer, seconded by Councilman Mulroy, carried, that the following Resolution be and the same is hereby adopted:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sea Girt (hereinafter referred to as "Borough") is a public employer within the meaning of the New Jersey Public Act; and,

WHEREAS, Teamsters Local 97 (hereinafter referred to as "Union") is duly recognized labor organization under the Public Employment Relations Act; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough and the Union are parties to a collective bargaining agreement which expires on December 31, 2019; and,

WHEREAS; the Borough and Union have engaged in good faith collective bargaining; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough and the Union amicably reached an agreement; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Borough hereby ratifies the agreement which is filed in the clerk's office.

Recorded Vote:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensen	. X			
Councilman Mastrorilli	Х			
Councilman Begley	X		i	
Council President Fetzer	Х			
Councilman Mulroy	Х		· ·	
Councilwoman Anthony	Х		1	

F. Resolution No. 215-2019: Authorize settlement of the matter Walker v. Sea Girt, et als.

UPON MOTION OF Council President Fetzer, seconded by Councilwoman Anthony carried, that the following Resolution be and the same is hereby adopted:

WHEREAS, multiple matters have been initiated by the parties as the result of Walker installing certain equipment on a certain piece of land which the Borough has fee title to, bearing the Docket Numbers MON-L-1746-15, MON-L-188-16, MON-C-94-19, municipal matters bearing court summons number 1344 SC 005403, 1344 SC 00 5404, 1344 SC 005405, along with summons issued by the Borough's Construction Official bearing summons numbers 61913, issued on or about October 21, 2015, and summons number 61933, issued on or about October 22, 2015 (Pool Equipment Litigation) and a municipal matter bearing court summons number 1344 SC 005406 related to the construction of a pergola had been filed by the Borough against Walker (collectively, the Lawsuits); and,

WHEREAS, the parties engaged in settlement negotiations, and have arrived at a mutually agreeable settlement of all matters with certain conditions as set forth in a Settlement Agreement to be executed by the parties and/or their authorized representatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body authorizes and directs the signatories to the Settlement Agreement to execute same on behalf of the Borough.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Body shall direct the appropriate officials to execute a Stipulation of Dismissal subsequent to all parties execution of the aforesaid Settlement Agreement requesting the Court(s) to dismiss all matters listed above which were filed on behalf of the Borough or issued by the aforesaid officials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be supplied to the following for their information and files:

- 1. Angelo J. Genova, Esq., Genova Burns, LLC
- 2. Nicholas Montenegro, Esq., Montenegro, Thompson, Montenegro & Genz, PA

Recorded Vote:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensen	Х			
Councilman Mastrorilli	Х			
Councilman Begley	Х			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Council President Fetzer	Х	1		
Councilman Mulroy	X			
Councilwoman Anthony	X		<u> </u>	

8. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS/DISCUSSION

A. Open Space Trust Fund – in furtherance of Councilwoman Anthony's suggestion to implement a Sea Girt Conservation Fund for the maintenance of parks and open space in the Borough, the Administrator provided information to the Buildings and Grounds Committee regarding the Open Space Trust Fund that is already authorized and permitted by the State and the process required to implement such a fund; if there is a consensus to move forward, an Ordinance will be prepared for introduction in January.

Councilwoman Anthony explains the implementation of an Open Space Trust Fund which incurs a tax levy varying from .01/100 per \$100 of assessed value of a property up to .03 per \$100 of assessed property value.

Council President Fetzer asked how the funds would be used; Councilwoman Anthony responded it is an expensive proposition to maintain the public areas throughout the Borough and beautification; residents have expressed a willingness to contribute to the efforts to beautify the Borough.

B. Washington Boulevard:

- -New Street lights have been installed on Washington Boulevard; some minor upgrades to other street lighting are still pending;
- -The milling and paving originally scheduled for the week of November 12 has been delayed until the Spring due to the change in weather.
- C. Railroad Crossings Condition Issues: The Administrator advised that conversations have been held with NJ Transit who have now referred the Borough to NJDOT; contact has been initiated with that agency.
- D. Additional Recycling Days: see attached summary information.
- E. Proposed Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter V Traffic, Section 7.21 Multi-Way Stop Intersections of the Code of the Borough Of Sea Girt

Captain Macko explains that the amendment is to add stop signs on Baltimore Boulevard from Second Avenue through and including Bell Place; the intent is to calm traffic. He noted that Baltimore Boulevard is centrally located; Councilman Begley asked if stop signs could be added to Beacon and Washington Boulevards as well; Captain Macko responded that Washington Boulevard, as a County road, is outside the Borough's jurisdiction but additional signs could be considered for Beacon Boulevard.

- **F. DPW Update:** Leaf and garden trash pick-ups end on December 31; December 25 trash pick-up for Zones 1 and 2 will be completed on December 26.
- G. Report of Ride Share Citizens Committee Councilman Clemmensen referenced Chief Davenport's Ride Share Report dated October 9, 2019; he noted the Coast Star had only reported option # 2 which is not the Chief's priority. He then introduced Tom Schnurr who presented recommendations via PowerPoint slides (attached with minutes).

Mayor Farrell suggested reaching out to Monmouth County with regard to the suggestion to use First Avenue as a staging area; Councilman Mastrorilli replied that Monmouth County is open to having discussions with all Borough officials involved. Mr. Schnurr suggested that the County be contacted to explain the distinction between no stopping/standing and no parking areas. Mayor Farrell asked if the Committee members had spoken to the neighbors on Beacon Boulevard or First Avenue to discuss this recommendation with them; Mr. Schnurr responded that the Committee did not reach out to anyone. Mayor Farrell reiterated that the Borough lacks the infrastructure to properly handle the crowds; Ocean Avenue option does not block any driveways. Mr. Schnurr noted these slides are only options and that the choice is of the governing body.

Councilman Clemmensen commented these are suggestions to Council in order to better prepare a solution; Councilman Mastrorilli noted safety of the public is paramount. Councilman Clemmensen also noted that Chief Davenport is not in favor of using First Avenue in any way.

Council President Fetzer commends everyone for the time spent to prepare this presentation; if the suggestion is to stage vehicles on First Avenue, the County must be consulted for their input. Councilwoman Anthony commented that most of the residents aren't as concerned with the amount of parked cars, but the noise involved; she further suggested having an officer directing traffic during peak hours to enhance safety; expedite meeting with the county engineer.

- H. The Borough Administrator thanked our Department Heads, Chief Davenport, Captain Macko, Michael McArthur, Trevor Palmer, Chris Willms and the members of their staff for their efforts on behalf of the Borough this year; also thanked the members of her staff for their efforts during the year.
- 9. QPA REPORTS: None
- 10. COUNCIL REPORTS: Councilpersons Clemmensen, Mastrorilli and Mulroy had no reports

Councilman Begley reported as follows:

- Thanked Councilman Mulroy for his service;
- Noted that allowing Parker House patrons to wait on the boardwalk is an issue and further noted that transparency in Borough business is extremely important:

Councilwoman Anthony reported as follows:

- The Lighthouse had a successful holiday event earlier this month;
- Thanked Councilman Mulroy for his service, noting that he was a good role model and he will be greatly missed.

Council President Fetzer reported as follows:

- Thanked Labor Committee for their efforts during this year's labor negotiations;
- Thanked Councilman Mulroy for his service;
- Thanked Water Department personnel for their efforts.

Mayor Farrell reported as follows:

- SMRSA Borough fee is increasing only 0.49% over the 2019 fee and he commended prior Councils for their foresight in addressing infrastructure improvements;
- Advised that the Borough received a \$200K grant for Second Avenue;
- Thanked all department heads for their efforts on behalf of Borough residents.

11. Resolution No. 216-2019: Payment of bills

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Girt that the bills be paid as appearing on the attached Bill List dated November 27, 2019 in the totals as follows:

CURRENT FUND	\$ 210,825.23
WATER/SEWER OPERATING FUND	\$ 45,511.76
BEACH OPERATING FUND	\$ 914.76
RECREATION TRUST FUND	\$ 176.74
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$ 160.04
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$ 283,519.52

Recorded Vote:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensen	Х		-	
Councilman Mastrorilli	X			
Councilman Begley	. X			
Council President Fetzer	X			
Councilman Mulroy	X			
Councilwoman Anthony	X			

12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ANY SUBJECT (Comments limited to 7 minutes)

Alan Zakin, Baltimore Boulevard., congratulated Councilman Mulroy for his service; he thanked Councilwoman Anthony for taking the initiative on the Open Space Grant; supports concept, but suggested that the use of funds raised must be defined.

Ray Petronko, Beacon Boulevard., asked the Council to consider designating the park as Green Acres as grant money is available through the program. Councilwoman Anthony noted other possible projects could include dredging of Wreck Pond and maintaining The Terrace and Edgemere Park as natural habitats.

Eileen Devlin, Beacon Boulevard., suggested that the taxi vans and Uber's stage at the elementary school parking lot and shuttle back and forth to The Parker House.

There being no further comments from the public and by consensus, the public hearing was closed at 8:35 PM. Mayor Farrell advised that Council has existing litigation matters to discuss in Executive Session, and requested a motion to adjourn for purposes of the discussion; he further noted that action may be taken by Council upon return to public session and that the public is invited to remain

outside and may return to the meeting room when the Council returns to public session. **UPON MOTION** of Councilman Mulroy, seconded by Councilwoman Anthony, carried, the following **Resolution No. 217-2019** be and the same is hereby adopted:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 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 Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Girt, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
- 2. The general nature of the subject matter(s) to be discussed is as follows:
 - a. Kenneth Hagel v. Kevin Davenport, Individually and in his official capacity as Chief of the Borough of Sea Girt Police Department; the Borough of Sea Girt Police Department and the Borough of Sea Girt;
 - b. Tess and Brian Manley, Denis Lauzon and Candace Kadimik v. the Borough of Sea Girt, Sandy Ratz and Christopher Willms
- 3. It is anticipated at this time that the subject matters will be made public, if and when, confidentiality is no longer necessary. Action may be taken upon return to public session.
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Recorded Vote:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain	
Councilman Clemmensen	Х				
Councilman Mastrorilli	. X	[
Councilman Begley	Х				
Council President Fetzer	Х				
Councilman Mulroy	X				
Councilwoman Anthony	Х				

The Council returned to public session at 8:45 PM. There being no further business, and **UPON MOTION** of Council President Fetzer, seconded by Councilwoman Anthony, carried, that the meeting be finally and immediately adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Lorraine P. Carafa

LORRAINE P. CARAFA, RMC

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18-01061	12/19/18	01627	WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP	FD - SCBA Bottle Flowtest	0pen	1,634.00	0.00	
	01/09/19		Cross Over Networks	IT Maintenance	Open	2,471.31		R
	01/09/19		BOROUGH OF BRIELLE	Interlocal Gasoline	Open	2,079.10	0.00	
	01/09/19		A'S GARDEN & HOME CENTER	Misc Supplies	Open	387.65	0.00	
	01/09/19		ATLANTIC FARMS Inc.	Leaf Disposal	Open	687.50		
	01/09/19		Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro	2019 Legal Services	Open	518.48	0.00	
	01/09/19		ASSOCIATED HUMANE SOCIETY	2019 Animal Control Service	Open	463.00		
	01/09/19		AQUATIC SERVICES - E. Runyon	2019 Lab Tests	Open	1,188.00	0.00	
	01/09/19		Carton Law Firm	Prosecutor	Open	953.75	0.00	
	01/09/19		Copy Center Inc.	PD & Clerk Maintenance	Open	325.19		
	01/09/19		THE COAST STAR	2019 Legal Ads	Open	158.55		
	01/09/19		Dynamic Testing Services	Drug & Alcohol Screening	Open	215.00	0.00	
	01/09/19		EDWARDS TIRE CO.	Flat Repair & Vehicle Maintena		42.95		
			Farmingdale Recycling	Recycling	Open:	1,488.05	0.00	
	01/09/19		Greer Law Firm		Open	250.00	0.00	
	01/09/19		JASPAN HARDWARE	Misc Supplies	Open	1.99	0.00	
	01/09/19		JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT	-Water, JCP&L	Open	2,499.77	0.00	
	01/09/19		HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	Miscellaneous Supplies	Open	95.88	0.00	
	01/09/19		KEPWEL SPRING WATER CO., INC.	Bottled Water Deposit	Open	10.00	0.00	
	01/09/19		Mazza Mulch, Inc.	Brush Recyling		1,920.00		
	01/09/19		MONMOUTH COUNTY TREASURER	Tipping Fees	Open	6,410.75	0.00	
	01/09/19	01166	Montenearo Thompson	2019 Legal Services	Open	12,336.32	0700	
	01/09/19	MWCRTN1	Monmouth Wire and Computer	2019 Electronic Recycling	Open	150.00		
	01/09/19	01258	Montenegro, Thompson, Monmouth Wire and Computer NJ American Water	2019 Public Fire Service	Open Open	92.00		
	01/09/19		ONE CALL CONCEPTS		Open	82.96		
	01/09/19		Optimum	Beach, DPW, Police, Library	•	88.52		
	01/09/19		SEABOARD WELDING SUPPLY, INC.		Open	27.00		
	01/09/19		Stewart Business Systems	Stewart Business System	Open	256.03		
	01/10/19		TransUnjon Risk & Alternative		Open	50.00		
	01/10/19		VAN WICKLE AUTO SUPPLY		Open Open	591.85		
	01/10/19		VERIZON		Open		0.00	
	01/10/19		VERIZON WIRELESS	Verizon Wireless	Open	182.25	0.00	
	01/10/19		MARK WOSZCZAK MECH.CONTS. INC.		Open Open	254.29		
	01/11/19		TOWNSHIP OF WALL		Open Open	21,324.89	0.00	
	01/11/19			Municipal Court	Open Open	15,811.75	0.00	
	01/18/19		NJ NATURAL GAS CO.	DPW NJ Gas Service	Open	832.30	0.00	
	01/16/19		NJ NATURAL GAS CO.	Paddle Tennis NJ Gas	Open ·	33.40	0.00	
	02/06/19		POLAR AIR OF NJ, INC.	HVAC maintenance & repairs	Open	298.50	0.00	
			THE COAST STAR	Hydrant flushing	Open-	76.80	0.00	
			Gloucester Co. Police Academy	FBI Inv. School registration	Open	20.00	0.00	
	02/19/19		NJ NATURAL GAS CO.	Library NJ Gas	Open	69.92	0.00	
	02/19/19		BOROUGH OF SEA GIRT	Water bills	Open	5,346.10	0.00	
	02/22/19		JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT	DPW JCP&L	0pen	1,577.89	0.00	
	02/22/19		VERIZON WIRELESS	Wireless Phone Service	Open	158.49	0.00	
	02/26/19		JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT	Paddle Tennis JCP&L	Open	7.11	0.00	
	02/26/19		JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT	Library JCP&L	0pen	186.25	0.00	
	03/01/19		Cross Over Networks	Additional services R-45-2019	0pen	512.25	0.00	
	03/08/19		JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT	Street Lighting, JCP&L	0pen	2,585.61	0.00	
	03/27/19		VERIZON WIRELESS	Verizon Wireless Police	0pen	514.71	0.00	
	05/21/19		MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	Batteries & clip for radios	Open	436.00	0.00	
19-00599	06/06/19	00349	VERIZON WIRELESS	Ipads and unlimited data	Open	160.04	0.00	В

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	06/13/19		AARON & COMPANY	Requisition Request 19-156	Open	30.32	0.00	В
	06/21/19		JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT	beach electric	Open	166.80	0.00	
	07/10/19		BRB VALUATION & CONSULTING	ParkerHouse/Beacon House appra	Open	5,000.00	0.00	
19-00789	07/22/19	NJ N E O	NJ Narcotic Enforcement	Course Registration, Z Sherman	Open	40.00	0.00	
	07/25/19		JOBBEEDU	additional rash guards	Open	129.00	0.00	
	08/13/19		BOROUGH OF SPRING LAKE	Interlocal Construction srv.	Open	71,407.20	0.00	
	08/15/19		FERNANDES CONSTRUCTION, INC.	R-148-2019 8th & Washington	Open	283,423.00	0.00	В
			Rich Tree Service, Inc.	9/1/19 - 8/31/20 Tree service	Open	9,300.00	0.00	В .
	08/30/19		Tropicana Hotel and Casino	2019 league room reservation	Open	244.00	0.00	
19-00920	09/10/19	LIGHTPAT	Cablevision Lightpath, Inc.	New telephone/internet provide	Open	783.99	0.00	В
	09/24/19		GARDEN STATE HIGHWAY PRODUCTS	Speed signs	Open	160.00	0.00	
	10/07/19		MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	Cable and antennas	Open	96.52	0.00	
	10/21/19		Country Clean Paper Supplies	Requisition Request 19-253	Open	100.50	0.00	
	10/25/19		GOODYEAR TIRE CRAFT	Tires	Open	540.00	0.00	
	10/28/19		SEA BREEZE FORD	install Mirror	Open	297.28	0.00	
	11/01/19		MONMOUTH CTY. TREASURER	Course registration, M Mason	Open	25.00	0.00	
19-01053	11/05/19	00469	MONMOUTH CTY. TREASURER	7th Accelerated Waiver Class	Open	500.00	0.00	
19-01054	11/05/19	01686	W.B. MASON COMPANY, INC.	Supplies	Open	16.66	0.00	
	11/05/19		STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Supplies	Open	136.61	0.00	
	11/05/19		Diane Anthony	Reimbursement	Open	320.87	0.00	
19-01057	11/06/19	00044	B & B TROPHY	Council name plate	Open	15.00	0.00	
19-01059	11/12/19	00820	JUSTIN MACKO	Reimbursement	Open	49.61	0.00	
19-01064	11/13/19	ANTHONY	Diane Anthony	Reimbursement	Open	136.23	0.00	
19-01067	11/19/19	.00169	GOODYEAR TIRE CRAFT	Tire Disposal	.Open		0.00	
19-01070	11/22/19	BRASH	Shelterwood Forest Managers,	Tree location project	Open	952.00	0.00	
19-01071	11/22/19	00774	BOROUGH OF BRIELLE	Fuel pump Key fobs, Interlocal	Open	125.00	. 0.00	
19-01072	11/22/19	SST02	Shore Security Technologies	Trouble shoot & repairs	Open	150.00	0.00	
19-01073	11/22/19	HARRIMAN	Dawn Harriman	Reimbursement	Open	111.04	0.00	
	11/22/19		TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	Air Quality Permit	Open	1,267.00	0.00	
19-01077	11/22/19	SACK01	Kurt Sackariasen	Reimbursement, Halloween	Open	358.77	0.00	•
19-01078	11/25/19	REDALER	Red Alert Emergency Generator	Annual full service of systems	Open	1,640.00	0.00	
19-01079	11/25/19	01931	LORRAINE P. CARAFA	Reimbursement	Open	267.33	0.00	
	11/25/19		JOST GARAGE, INC.	Repair PWC	Open	400.00	0.00	
	11/26/19		MIKE'S NURSERY	Spruce	Open	300.00	0.00	
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State Health Benefits SMMUA

December 4th Quarter Total 56,888.17 17,806.00 541,110.05

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CURRENT FUND	8-01	1,634.00 209,191.23	0.00	1,634.00	0.00	0.00	1,634.00
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WATER OPERATING	9-05	27,705.76	0.00	27,705.76	0.00	0.00	27,705.76
BEACH OPERATING	9-09	914,76	2.00	916.76	0.00	0.00	916.76
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WATER CAPITAL	W-06	160.04	0.00	160.04	0.00	0.00	160.04
Total Of All	Funds:	466,413.88 541,108.05	2.00	466,415.88	0.00	0.00	466,415.88 541,110.05

MEMORANDUM TO: Public Building, Grounds, Landscaping Sub-Committee

FROM: Lorraine P. Carafa

DATE: June 6, 2016 (*Revised November 8, 2019*)

RE: Preservation of Open Space in the Borough

Following the recent public discussion on Crescent Park and the Forest Stewardship Plan, it seems that there is the desire to preserve and appropriately maintain the public open spaces in the Borough. The Forest Stewardship Plan has also identified that it will require a significant amount of funding over a long period of time to accomplish this purpose for Crescent Park alone, without the inclusion of other open space such as Edgemere Park, the Wreck Pond waterfront area and even Baltimore Park. I have been researching the Borough's options, and find that the Borough would be able to enact an Open Space Tax that would create a dedicated fund specifically for purposes of acquiring *or maintaining* lands acquired or held for recreation and conservation purposes. The enabling statute is *N.J.S.A.*40:12-15.1, et seq. In summary, these would be the steps necessary to enact such a program in the Borough:

- 1. The law requires a referendum, initiated by either the governing body or through a petition submitted by 15% of the voters, held at a general or special election; in order to get a local question on the ballot, the municipality must adopt a resolution NLT the end of August, to authorize the question to be placed on the ballot;
- 2. The language of the referendum (ballot measure) may vary slightly, but in general would follow this format:
 - "Shall the Borough of Sea Girt establish the Sea Girt Borough Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund" to be used for the purposes of acquiring, developing and maintaining conservation and recreational properties, acquiring farmland for farmland preservation, acquiring or preserving historic properties or for the payment of debt service incurred by the Borough for these purposes to be funded at a rate not to exceed one (1) cent per \$100 (One Hundred Dollars) of total Borough equalized real property valuation?"
- 3. The referendum question specify whether a fixed tax rate or specific tax levy will be used to fund the program; changes to the rate or levy must be authorized by another referendum;
- 4. If the referendum passes, an Ordinance must be adopted to authorize the implementation of the tax and designate that the proceeds will be held in a dedicated "Municipal Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund; permission must be obtained from the DCA to create the fund.
- 5. Funds are allocated annually after a public hearing thereon (usually during the adoption of the budget) and can be used for labor costs as well as equipment and material;

As all open space in the Borough is Borough-owned, none of the Green Acres/Blue Acres requirements for use of the property or restrictions apply.

Cost: If a tax rate of \$0.01 per \$100 of assessed value is designated as the rate, the tax would raise approximately \$247,000 annually based upon the 2019 net value taxable of \$2,472,623,900. In the first year after authorization, one-half of annual amount would be raised, or approximately \$123,600.

Overall, the tax impact to a resident of the Borough is relatively nominal; for a home assessed at an average of \$1.9M, the cost to the homeowner would be \$192 per year, or slightly over \$0.53 per day.

The primary benefit of establishing an Open Space Tax would be the creation of a stable source of funds available to preserve and protect these natural resources of the Borough on an on-going basis. This would also give the Borough the ability to leverage these dedicated funds with grants from the DEP, NRCS and other agencies.

Former Councilwoman Morris mentioned that there might have been an Open Space Trust Fund question on the ballot years ago, but I checked back as far as 2006 and do not find any reference to it.

If there is a consensus to move forward, I will review this information with our Attorney.

Expansion of Recycling Schedule through January:

Weekly whole town recycling collection requires the following:

- 2 Garbage Trucks @ \$55.90 hr per truck/8hrs each = \$894.40
- 6 Kubota's (2 of which are currently out of service)\$14.00hr per vehicle/8hrs each = \$672
- 9-11 DPW employees (depending on manpower resources) \$23 hr avg/8hrs each = \$2,024/day Full day concentration excluding all other work demands

Total manpower and equipment cost = \$3,590.40 plus tipping fees

Off- season weekly single zone recycling collection requires the following:

- 1 Garbage Truck @ \$55.90hr/8hrs = \$447.20
- 4 Kubota's @ \$14.00hr per veh/8hrs each = \$448
- 4-5 DPW employees \$23hr avg/8hrs each = \$920

Total manpower and equipment cost = \$1,815.20 plus tipping fees

Concerns:

- Residents failing to comply with ordinance requirements, including ban on use of plastic bags in recycling containers; placing containers in inaccessible locations; cars in driveways limiting access to rear yards
- 2. Injuries to employees;
- 3. Additional wear and tear on the equipment;
- 4. Damage to property

Sea Girt Ride Share Zone Citizens Committee

Report Out

December 4, 2019

Members:

Councilman Mark Clemmensen

Councilwoman Diane Anthony

Councilman Matt Mastrorilli

Ray Bogan

Bob Bennett

Catherine Metcalf

Tom Schnurr

PURPOSE: Provide a recommendation to the Sea Girt Governing Body regarding implementation of a ride share zone

MEETINGS:

Committee met bi-weekly via conference call since

August 13, 2019

Sea Girt Chief of Police

Parker House Management

CONSIDERATIONS:

Safety

Maximize Infrastructure Use

Sea Girt Resident Quality of Life

Sea Girt Police Officer Role

Parker House Staff Role

OPTIONS DISCUSSED:

Ocean Ave (existing ride share location)

Beacon Blvd (South side)

Diaginal Parking Spaces

Two Lanes (Ride Share and Taxi)

Horseshoe Drive thru Parker House Parking Lot

First Ave (East side)

Beacon Blvd (South side)/First Ave (East side)

OPTION RECOMMENDED: Beacon Blvd (South side)/First Ave (East side)

OPTION RECOMMENDED (continued)

*Beacon Blvd (South side):

Ride Share Pick-Up/Drop Off

Taxi Pick-Up/Drop Off

Four additional spots on Beacon Blvd, from 3 PM - 12 AM, Friday, Saturday, and Sundays from May - September

First Ave (East side):

Staging Area Only for Taxis at Curb Cut

Waiting Taxis Only

No Pick-up or Drop Off

Parker House Parking Lot:

Dispatch Stand

*Sea Girt Chief of Police First Choice Option (October 9, 2019)

OPTION RECOMMENDED (continued)

The Parker House is agreeable to:

Managing the Ride Share Zone at the Parker House

Managing a Dispatch Stand in the parking lot

Managing a staging area on First Avenue for taxis to make room for ride share vehicles on Beacon Blvd

Stagger Bar Closing Times

The Parker House would use barriers to prohibit patrons from entering or exiting taxis on First Avenue

Benefits of Beacon Blvd (South side)/First Ave (East side):

Increase Safety

Increase Infrastructure Use

Increase Sea Girt Resident Quality of Life

Decrease Sea Girt Police Officer Role (cost)

Increase Parker House Staff Role

Chief Davenport - 2019 Ride Share Report Sea Girt Council

Good evening,

I stand before you to provide data and insight to the loading and unloading zone on Ocean Ave just south of Beacon Blvd. I can say it has been very difficult to come up with a solution that everyone will be pleased with. I want to say, I will continue to explore every option we may have to please everyone. I also would like to say, I have to base my decision solely on public safety. I have estimated 200-300 cars utilizing the loading zone every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 3pm-1200am. This is what I believe to be a conservative number. In 2017, the media reported the Parker House to be a top 10 destination for ride share pick up and drop offs in the State of New Jersey. This places a tremendous burden on the surrounding neighbors and our officers tasked to maintain a safe environment for all who get dropped off and picked up every weekend at the PH. I am sure many can agree, there is no easy solution to this task.

This summer I am reporting a dramatic drop off in all Borough Ordinance Violations with the exception of alcohol in public which increased from 2018 29%. I feel this can be attributed to our officers concentrating their attention in the designated loading and unloading zone. This also cut down on the amount of littering and urinating in public. Previous years without the loading zone, ride share vehicles would stop throughout the 4 block area of the PH which was a challenge

for our officers. This also presented a problem since officers had to be tasked with enforcing motor vehicle violations which ultimately kept them from addressing quality of life issues throughout the area.

I understand there has been very few people in favor of the loading zone on Ocean Ave, however after feedback from traffic consultants, traffic engineers and members of Council, I felt the current location on Ocean Ave provides the safest alternative for beach patrons, pavilion deliveries and ride share customers for the Parker House. In my opinion which is based on my observations and the feedback from my supervisors, I feel the loading zone worked very efficiently and effectively. Traffic flowed smoothly throughout the area with no backups on Beacon Blvd. I also observed it being used in the daytime hours especially with the unloading of deliveries for the pavilion and beach patrons.

I would like to take this time to discuss some other options that have been suggested such as moving it onto First Ave. I am strongly against this option and any option that involved putting cars on First Ave. Establishing a loading/unloading zone with hundreds of people on a busier county road would be flat out dangerous. We have worked very hard to remove pedestrian traffic and our officer stationed on First ave by putting waiting patrons on the rear lot of the PH. Our officers are tasked with the continuous problem of keeping people out of the street on Beacon Blvd. If we established a

loading/unloading zone on First Ave someone will eventually walk between two cars and get struck by a vehicle. It is not a matter of if, but, when. Utilizing First Ave would also require me to put officers in the street on First Ave, which would increase the risk of them getting hit by a car as well. Taxis and rideshare vehicles have never been allowed to pick up or drop off on First Ave in the 30 years I have been employed by the Borough.

I have proposed 3 options with respect to a loading/unloading zone. This is my proposal based on #1 being preferred to #3 as being least preferred.

#1 - Extend to the east of the taxi zone four parking spaces, which would be directly be in front of #2 Beacon Blvd. This in my opinion would be the safest alternative since pedestrians exiting and entering ride share vehicles would not have to negotiate any cross streets or intersections and be closest to the Parker House. Parking in this proposed area would be restricted from 3pm-12:00 am Friday, Saturday and Sundays for the four mentioned parking spaces. In an effort to preserve parking spaces for residents in the 000 block of Beacon, perhaps we could establish parking for residents only VIA a sticker program for the hours of 3:00pm-1200am. This would make up for the 4 parking spaces lost for the extended loading/unloading zone.

#2 - Keep the same loading/unloading zone on Ocean Ave in the same location and adding a cutout in the boardwalk in the

center of the loading/unloading zone to allow people to access the boardwalk immediately upon entering or exiting vehicles. This cutout may cut down on the reported noise by neighbors as we may be able to stage people up on the boardwalk opposed to the street as they await for their rides. This would enhance safety as well by keeping people out of the street.

#3 - Do not designate any loading or unloading zone. This is NOT A VIABLE SUGGESTION, as in my opinion we would be taking a step backwards in overall safety and quality of life complaints. Currently, we monitor the loading and unloading zone for ordinance violations which would not be visible and very difficult if not impossible to effectively enforce as vehicles would be dropping off in numerous locations in the area of the PH. As we experienced in 2016 and 2017 before the implementation of the zone, we experienced traffic backups, and increased complaints of traffic, littering, open alcohol and urinating in public violations. I will continue to work with residents and management of the Parker House to search for a solution that everyone can agree on that meets both public safety and quality of life concerns.



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April 3, 2019 Via Email (lcarafa@seagirtboro.com)

Borough of Sea Girt Baltimore Boulevard Sea Girt, NJ 08750

Attn: Lorraine Carafa
Business Administrator

RE:

First Avenue Assessment
Passenger Drop-Off/Pick-up Zone
Borough of Sea Girt, Monmouth Co
DT#2503-99-003TE

Dear Ms. Carafa:

Summer 2019 is fast approaching! To that end it is our understanding that Council members have been discussing the possibility of using First Avenue as a passenger drop-off/pick-up zone for the Parker House restaurant instead of the Ocean Avenue area utilized last season.

We absolutely understand the inquiry because at quick glance it seems like an opportunity for passenger drop-off/pick-up along the curb; however, as was discussed last summer and in September at the Council meeting we continue to have safety concerns with that type of operation.

The following is our assessment of creating a passenger drop-off/pick-up-zone along First Avenue for the Parker House:

Jurisdiction and Approval Authority

First Avenue is under the jurisdiction of Monmouth County, therefore, any modification to the roadway striping or regulations would require review/approval by the County

Roadway Characteristics

The roadway characteristics of First Avenue do not allow utilizing the shoulders for safe drop-off/pick-up activity.

a) The existing road shoulders (both directions) are too narrow (approximately 4-6 feet wide) to accommodate the safe stopping of vehicles which is why both sides of this section of First Avenue are currently signed as "No Parking Anytime".

- b) We previously evaluated shifting the travel way to the west in order to create a wider shoulder on the northbound side of the road by reducing the width and/or eliminating the shoulder on the southbound side of the roadway. Shifting the First Avenue southbound traffic to the west edge of the roadway could be considered a safety concern, is very unconventional and would likely meet with significant resistance at the County.
- c) The block of First Avenue between Chicago Boulevard and Beacon Boulevard is approximately 300 feet in length. Assuming the pick-up/drop-off activity could be accommodated on one side of First Avenue, this block length would allow the stopping/parking of, at most, 15 vehicles (and significantly less if any of the vehicles were shuttle van type vehicles). This length of frontage could be considered sufficient for drop-off activity (which takes less time and is more spread out over the afternoon/evening); however, this length would be insufficient to accommodate the typical pick-up activity which occurs later in the evening. Pick-up activity was routinely observed last summer to consist of 30 50 vehicles parked/staged waiting for passengers. Overloading of the shoulder on First Avenue would result in double parking and other undesirable vehicle movements as drivers attempt to access this limited curbside space.

A majority of the vehicles arrive to this area via First Avenue. It is unclear how the drivers destined from the north (headed south along First Avenue) would U-turn to access the northbound curbside. Passengers would likely frown upon a driver having to circle the block prior to being dropped off and would likely resort to exiting the vehicle at an undesignated location in the vicinity or within the active southbound travel lane of First Avenue.

d) We also considered detouring 1st Avenue southbound at Beacon Blvd so that the segment of 1st Avenue between Chicago Blvd and Beacon Blvd operated as a one-way road northbound. This would allow the existing road to be utilized as a drop-off/pick-up area along the curb and a northbound through lane. It was determined that this detour is not feasible considering the significant and consistent police manpower required, the unconventional traffic movements and the redistribution of traffic to 2nd Avenue and other narrow roads within the Borough.

Passenger Behavior Characteristics

Even if one or both of the shoulders were wide enough to accommodate safe stopping of vehicles, the drop-off/pick-up activity would create safety concerns resulting from passenger behavior.

a) It is envisioned that a portion of the passengers would enter and exit the vehicles on the road side (driver side of vehicles headed north or passenger side of vehicles headed south). Passenger activity on the road side of stopped vehicles is absolutely discouraged considering the road width, traffic volume, lighting conditions and speed of vehicles traveling along First Ayenue.

- b) It is envisioned that a significant portion of the pedestrians would cross First Avenue mid-block rather than utilize the crosswalks at Beacon Boulevard. Mid-block crossing activity is extremely dangerous particularly considering that pedestrians could be stepping out to cross First Avenue from between two vehicles that are stopped while they drop-off/pick-up others.
- c) Drop-off/pick-up activity along the shoulder of First Avenue could block the available sight line for the pedestrians that are crossing First Avenue within the crosswalks at the Beacon Boulevard intersection.

Important to note is that each of the above passenger/pedestrian safety issues is magnified when pedestrians are not paying the fullest attention to their surroundings.

CONCLUSION

We understand the desire to continue to explore the possibility of using First Avenue as a passenger drop-off/pick-up zone for the Parker House in an attempt to minimize the activity on the surrounding roads. However, based upon our evaluation as contained herein, we continue to have operational and safety concerns regarding the drop-off/pick-up activity along First Avenue.

We would be happy to have continued discussions with the Borough and/or County and provide technical input as requested.

Sincerely,

Dynamic Traffic, LLC

John McCormack, PE, PTOE

Principal

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Attn: Lorraine Carafa
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RE:

Traffic & Pedestrian Assessment Beacon Boulevard / Ocean Avenue Borough of Sea Girt, Monmouth Co DT#2503-99-003TE

Dear Ms. Carafa:

It was a pleasure meeting with you and Captain Macko over this past summer season. The insight and history regarding the traffic, parking and pedestrian situation surrounding the Parker House was extremely valuable. As discussed, the situation regarding the comings and goings of the Parker House patrons is a delicate balance of public safety and neighborhood quality of life issues.

We know that the management plan currently in place has been developed and refined by the Borough and its police department over the years as Parker House patron transportation characteristics have changed. Years ago there was a greater demand for parking that spread the patron activity (vehicle and pedestrian) over multiple blocks. Nowadays the proliferation of ridesharing services has reduced both the parking need and the incidence of DUI but it has resulted in a more focused vehicular activity.

We are pleased to provide the following discussion and assessment of the situation from a traffic engineering and pedestrian safety point of view and to identify recommendations for your consideration.

EXISTING SITUATION

The Parker House is located at the corner of 1st Avenue and Beacon Boulevard. 1st Avenue is under the jurisdiction of the County. Beacon Boulevard is a Borough roadway which has recently been converted to one-way eastbound. Ocean Avenue in the vicinity is a Borough roadway which has recently been converted to one-way southbound. The access to the building is via the main floor stairway and the backyard doorways (both of which are oriented along the Beacon Boulevard side of the building). The activity has changed in recent years with the proliferation of rideshare. Years ago the area of activity was larger as patrons would park on the surrounding streets and walk to/from the building. Currently, the parking demand is relatively low while the level of traffic activity at the building is high.

There is a significant presence of both police officers and Parker House staff located along 1st Avenue, Beacon Boulevard and Ocean Avenue implementing the current traffic and pedestrian management plan which is generally as follows:

1st Avenue – Limited Activity

• No drop-off or pick-up activity allowed - traffic cones installed along both sides of 1st Avenue to enforce the restriction along with pedestrian barricade along the sidewalk adjacent to the building

Beacon Blvd - Taxi Activity

- No drop-off or pick-up activity allowed unless vehicle is parked in a parking space police enforce the restriction
- Sea Girt licensed taxi staging area in front of the building along Beacon Blvd (between 1st Avenue and the Parker House driveway approx. 75 feet long typically fits 3 taxi van vehicles)
- No parking zone east of the Parker House driveway (approx. 25 feet typically utilized for police vehicle staging)
- On-street parallel parking (approx. 7 vehicles on south side; approx. 9 vehicles on north side)

Ocean Avenue - Rideshare and Personal Vehicle Activity

- Drop-off and pick-up activity allowed while vehicle is parked in a parking space (23 spaces on the west side; 8 spaces plus 4 HC spaces on the east side)
- Use of loading/unloading zone (approx. 110' in length) on east side of Ocean Avenue

OBSERVATIONS AND DISCUSSION

Observations were conducted of the vehicular and pedestrian activity along 1st Avenue, Beacon Blvd and Ocean Avenue during common times of peak activity. Specifically, observations were made on the following days/times:

 Saturday, June 23, 2018
 10:30pm -12 Midnight

 Friday, June 29, 2018
 4pm - 6pm; 10:30pm - Midnight

 Saturday, June 30, 2018
 10:30pm - 12 Midnight

 Saturday, July 21, 2018
 10:30pm - 12 Midnight

Friday, August 31, 2018 4pm – 6pm

The following is a brief summary of the activity that was observed, a discussion of potential modifications and identification of recommendations:

1st Avenue

The police enforcement to date has resulted in general compliance with the drop-off/pick-up restriction. Additionally, the re-orientation of the building access to the main stairway along Beacon Avenue and the backyard access focuses the activity to the Beacon Blvd side of the building. The traffic cones in the shoulder of 1st Avenue not only act as a traffic calming treatment but also provide an indication to unfamiliar motorists of the level of activity and to remind motorists of the drop-off/pick-up restrictions. The traffic control and police presence at the intersection of 1st Avenue and Beacon Blvd is important to maintain efficient vehicle flow along 1st Avenue and to provide a safe crossing for pedestrians. We recommend continued police presence at this intersection to safely manage the vehicle/pedestrian conflicts.

We did observe drop-off activity along 1st Avenue to the north of Beacon Blvd. During our discussions in June we recommended installing cones along the road edge for the block between Beacon Blvd and The Terrace (both sides). This recommendation has been implemented with positive results. The continuation of the cone lines has discouraged drop-off/pick-up activity and provides a measure of traffic calming as vehicles approach the Beacon Blvd intersection.

We also observed drop-off/pick-up activity occurring on Beacon Blvd to the west of 1st Avenue. We recommend that the police continue to monitor this situation and enforce the use of the designated drop-off/pick-up location as necessary. A continued focus should be to minimize the pedestrian crossing activity across 1st Avenue.

Evaluated and Not Recommended

Please note that based on our observations we do not recommend utilizing the shoulder areas along 1st Avenue for drop-off/pick-up activity. 1st Avenue is under the jurisdiction of Monmouth County; therefore, use of the shoulders would require their review/approval. The road shoulders are currently too narrow (approximately 4-6 feet wide) to accommodate the safe stopping of vehicles. Even if the shoulders were wider the drop-off/pick-up activity would result in safety concerns resulting from passengers potentially entering and exiting the vehicles on the road side of vehicles as well as uncontrolled mid-block pedestrian crossings.

It should be noted that we also considered detouring 1st Avenue southbound at Beacon Blvd so that the segment of 1st Avenue between Chicago Blvd and Beacon Blvd operated as a one-way road northbound. This would allow the existing road to be utilized as a drop-off/pick-up area along the curb and a northbound through lane. It was determined that this detour is not feasible considering the significant and consistent police manpower required, the unconventional traffic movements, the potential shifting of traffic to 2nd Avenue and other narrow roads within the Borough, and the fact that the activity along Beacon Blvd could largely remain unchanged.

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Beacon Boulevard

The police enforcement to date as well as the police presence in front of the building results in general compliance with the drop-off/pick-up restriction. In order to assist those efforts, we recommended installation of temporary signs that reinforce the message. These signs have been fabricated and are being utilized with positive results. The ability to keep vehicles moving along Beacon Blvd is critical to maintaining safe and efficient traffic flow along 1st Avenue and at the intersection with Beacon Blvd.

The on-street parking spaces are typically occupied by either residents, their guests, or employees of the Parker House, very few spaces (if any) were observed to be occupied by patrons. The fact that the spaces were occupied by a static population and were not turning over benefitted the traffic efficiency along Beacon Blvd by encouraging vehicles to utilize the designated drop-off/pick-up area on Ocean Avenue. Another safety benefit of limited available parking spaces on Beacon Blvd is that the patrons were not inclined to cross Beacon Blvd looking for their ride; however, we did observe patrons walk down the Parker House driveway and attempt to cross Beacon Blvd (or simply step out and look up the street). We recommended that pedestrian barricades be utilized to close the driveway at the curb. A single barricade has since been used to close the driveway and direct the patrons to the sidewalk. We would recommend that a total of 3 barricades be utilized in this deployment and recommend that the barricades be supplemented with a sign(s) that provides basic information about transportation options regarding taxis, rideshare, personal vehicles, etc.

The use of the curb area between 1st Avenue and the building driveway (approx. 75 feet) allows the licensed taxis to stage. This area was routinely observed to be utilized by van style taxi vehicles which have more seats and typically took longer to fill with passengers than does a sedan vehicle. The Parker House staff was observed coordinating rides for patrons and grouping patrons based on destination. This operation was well run and should be continued.

There were; however, numerous observations of licensed taxi vehicles circling the block because the curb area was occupied. This is inefficient and creates unnecessary traffic movements. We recommend increasing the length of the taxi staging area by removing two (2) parking spaces along the south side of Beacon Boulevard. The length can be doubled by assigning the 75 feet between the Parker House driveway and the first residential driveway to taxis. The 75 additional feet would accommodate 4 more taxi vehicles.

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Beacon Boulevard South Side

A modification to the plan was considered which would eliminate the remaining five (5) single parking spaces on the south side of Beacon Blvd and use this area for rideshare and personal vehicle drop-off/pick-up. The benefit would be that the drop-off/pick-up operation is on the same side of the street as the building and therefore patrons do not have to cross the street. The downside is that the weaving and leapfrogging activity of vehicles jockeying into position along this stretch of curb could be problematic, could queue back to impact 1st Avenue, and is potentially unsafe. Additionally, passengers would potentially walk around and in-between vehicles to access the rear door on the driver's side. Considering that there are five (5) residential driveways along this area, the number of drop-off/pick-up spaces would be limited. A method of creating a first-in/first-out chute which does not block access to the residential driveways would not be feasible.

Angle Parking

Another modification to the plan was considered which would utilize angle parking instead of parallel parking along Beacon Boulevard. The roadway width of 40 feet would allow angle parking on only one side of the road (the parallel parking could be maintained on the other side of the road). Providing angle parking on one side could result in 5 additional parking spaces (due to the number of residential driveways); however, the backing maneuvers associated with the angle parking and the narrowed travel lane could result in increased friction along this heavily utilized block. The use of angled parking is not recommended.

Ocean Avenue

The police enforcement to date along with the police presence at the corner of Beacon Blvd and Ocean Avenue and within the drop-off/pick-up zone results in general compliance. The drop-of/pick-up zone as well as the 35 parking spaces along Ocean Avenue (between Beacon Blvd and Chicago) provide an area that is generally large enough to accommodate the waiting, organizing and driver-passenger connections that are occurring with the rideshare and personal vehicles.

The drop-off/pick-up zone is currently approximately 110 feet in length and is bounded by a single handicap parking space on the north end and multiple parking spaces on the south end. We recommend lengthening this drop-off/pick-up zone by relocating the single handicap parking space to the parking lot behind the Pavilion. This parking lot currently provides two parking spaces reserved for drop-off/pick-up activity (these spaces were designated prior to the implementation of the current drop-off/pick-up zone). Restriping of these two parking spaces would allow the relocation of the handicap parking space to a more appropriate area which is closer to the boardwalk access ramp and would result in gaining an additional handicap space. Additionally, the Borough may wish to improve the signage/notification which is currently provided on the construction barrels that indicates that the parking lot behind the Pavilion is for use by "Beach Personnel Parking Only".

A challenge of the drop-off/pick-up zone is directing the pedestrians to utilize the crosswalk at Beacon Boulevard. We recommend installing a pedestrian edge along the Ocean Avenue side of the drop-off/pick-up zone that directs pedestrians back to the crosswalk. This edge can be temporary in nature but should be more formal than the traffic cone connection bars that have been utilized to date. The edge can be designed to create a clearly defined vehicular entrance and exit to the drop-off/pick-up zone. Additionally, the Borough may wish to consider the installation of a stairway directly from the drop-off/pick-up area to the boardwalk.

The one-way road system on Beacon Blvd and Ocean Avenue provides a tremendous benefit by simplifying the vehicle movements and eliminating the conflicting/turning movements. Additionally, the ability to funnel pedestrians to a single crossing location at the corner of Beacon Blvd and Ocean Avenue is a benefit. Traffic calming and pedestrian safety barricades were recommended and implemented at this intersection. The barricades allowed the Ocean Avenue pedestrian crossing to be managed by a single police officer, act as an intersection bumpout and provide traffic calming for the vehicles turning right from Beacon Blvd. We recommend continued investigation of methods to further improve the intersection setup.

We observed that the intersection and drop-off/pick-up zone were dimly lit; therefore, the Borough may wish to investigate if additional intersection lighting or boardwalk lighting should be provided.

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West Side Drop-off/Pick-up Zone

A modification to the plan was considered which would restrict parking in the seven (7) parking spaces along the west side of Ocean Avenue between Beacon Blvd and the first residential driveway. These spaces could be specifically signed with a day/time restriction that would allow the spaces to be parked in by beachgoers during the day and utilized for the drop-off/pick-up activity in the evening. This area could be used as a drop-off/pick-up zone in the southbound direction (similar to how the existing drop-off/pick-up zone operates). Utilizing the area on the west side of Ocean Avenue would eliminate the need for patrons to cross Ocean Avenue; however, the area is not large enough to contain the activity.

Pavilion Parking Area

Another modification to the plan was considered which would utilize the parking area behind the Pavilion for drop-off/pick-up activity. The area is a relatively small, dead-end parking lot which would require two-way traffic, back-up maneuvers out of the parking spaces, and significant vehicle/pedestrian conflicts in a relatively confined space.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

We understand that the management plan currently in place has been developed based on years of experience with consideration of the changing transportation characteristics of the patrons. We appreciate the opportunity to work with the police department over the past few months to implement adjustments to the plan which have seemingly had positive results. Below is a summary of additional recommendations that the Borough may wish to consider to further enhance the management plan currently being implemented:

• Increase the length of the taxi drop-off/pick-up area along Beacon Blvd by removing two (2) parking spaces.

The length can be doubled by assigning the 75 feet between the Parker House driveway and the first residential driveway to taxis. The 75 additional feet would accommodate 4 more taxi vehicles and would lessen the need for taxis to circle the block waiting for a space. This area could be signed to allow parking during the day and prohibit parking in the evening (say 6pm - midnight)

Create a Taxi Staging and Dispatch Area

Creation of a dedicated taxi staging area and dispatch area will significantly reduce the overcirculation of taxi vehicles and will allow implementation of a first come first served type system.

Increase the length of the drop-off/pick-up zone

Currently there exists a single handicap parking space between the boardwalk ramps and the drop-off/pick-up zone. This parking space could be relocated to the rear of the Pavilion (in the current location of two drop-off/pick-up spaces). The restriping could result in a second handicap parking space in the Pavilion parking lot.

• Install a pedestrian edge along the drop-off/pick-up zone

This edge should be utilized in the evening only and will direct pedestrians back to the Beacon Boulevard crosswalk.

• Continue to evaluate the method of traffic calming and pedestrian safety at the intersection of Beacon Blvd and Ocean Avenue.

The traffic calming/pedestrian safety setup allows the pedestrian crossing to be managed by a single police officer and acts as an intersection bumpout and provide traffic calming for the vehicles turning right from Beacon Blvd.

- Improve the signage/notification throughout the area. Continue the use of VMS signs and other temporary signs that provide guidance to those that are unfamiliar with the plan
- Consider installing additional intersection lighting and/or boardwalk lighting in the vicinity of Ocean Avenue and Beacon Blvd
- Consider installing a stairway directly from the drop-off/pick-up area to the boardwalk

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CONCLUSION

We understand the complexities of managing the extraordinary vehicular and pedestrian activity associated with such a well-known and sought after summer destination as the Parker House. The fact that the establishment is surrounded by Borough residents makes managing the activity a delicate balance that needs to consider all aspects of public safety and quality of life issues.

This report discusses our observations and sets forth recommendations that the Borough may wish to consider to further enhance the management plan currently being implemented.

We would be happy to have continued discussions and provide technical input as requested.

Sincerely,

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