

Mayor Fernandes called the meeting to order and requested those present to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. OPENING STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:

THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW FOR THIS MEETING HAVE BEEN SATISFIED; THE NOTICE WAS SENT ON MARCH 19, 2009 TO THE LINK, TWO RIVER TIMES, THE HUB AND THE ASBURY PARK PRESS, AND IT WAS POSTED IN BOROUGH HALL AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOROUGH CLERK.

3. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Bills, Keeler, Kelly, Long, Murphy, Mayor Fernandes, Borough Engineer Hoder, and Administrator Smeltzer.

ABSENT: Bills

4. PRESENTATION: Green Acres - Joseph P. McGinty, Administrator of Grants & Funding for Birdsall Engineering, Inc. said that the Green Acres program created in 1961, meets recreation and conservation needs. The program working with public and private partners protects almost 640,000 acres of open space and provides hundreds of outdoor recreational facilities in many communities. Future unregulated development can potentially increase sprawl, traffic congestion, greenhouse gas emissions, jeopardize water quality, conflict with smart growth planning and adversely affect the quality of life for New Jersey residents by limiting the availability of open spaces and parkland. Green Acres provides for the acquisition of land and the construction of parks throughout the State. Municipalities have been able to receive assistance through matching grants and low interest loans.

Tara B. Paxton, Assistant Planner of Brick Township said that the Brick Township partnered with various non-profits and Green Acres and were able to acquire large tracts of land with little investment. A Declaration of Encumbrance is attached to the deed and the property is considered an easement which must always be used for outdoor

recreation/open space purposes. All proposed development plans must be sent to Green Acres for approval and that those plans are in compliance with the Declaration of Encumbrance.

5. PRESENTATION: Automatic Floodgates - Michael Einsidler, Representative of FloodBreak said that his company's simple concept uses the power of the flood water against itself to protect assets and lives. It is comprised of a floating panel that hinges into a recess in the pavement immediately in front of the entrance. Its normal position is down, allowing full-time protection without affecting traffic or otherwise changing the look of the area. The higher the water rises, the higher the gate rises in front of it. The width is unlimited and the height can be determined by the town. The FloodBreak systems are installed flush with existing surfaces. As flood waters rise around the structure, they are diverted into a pan which will float the buoyant panels upward, thereby keeping those flood waters out automatically. There was discussion about constructing a river walk and installing flood gates along the walk.

6. DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING SMART GROWTH MATTERS:

A. Grants and Funding Update - Mr. McGinty of Birdsall Engineering, Inc. said that USDA's community facilities program provides for low interest loans which supports building municipal facilities. USDA has been found that Sea Bright is eligible for this program and can proceed further in the application process. A meeting will be scheduled with USDA personnel and Sea Bright's CFO, Borough Attorney, Mayor and Administrator to pursue this loan application.

B. Beach Facilities' Status was not discussed.

7. REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE: No one wished to be heard.

8. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Governing Body. Councilman Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. Second by Councilwoman Long and approved upon unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Maryann M. Smeltzer
Municipal Clerk**