

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

Attorney Arnette read the following statement:

"GOOD EVENING LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. THIS MEETING IS NOW CALLED TO ORDER. IN LINE WITH THE BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT'S LONGSTANDING POLICY OF OPEN GOVERNMENT, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT", I WISH TO ADVISE YOU THAT ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING HAS BEEN ADVERTISED IN THE COURIER ON JANUARY 11, 2007 AND POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE BOROUGH OFFICE. IN EACH INSTANCE, THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF THIS MEETING WERE PROVIDED IN THE NOTICE. THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC."

3. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Bills, Fernandes, Keeler, Kelly, Scriven, Mayor Kalaka-Adams, Attorney Arnette, Chief Financial Officer Bascom, Borough Engineer Hoder.

Absent: Councilwoman Long, Police Chief Moore

Mayor Kalaka-Adams said this is about an initiative that she has been involved in for a year and it is for the Tower of Hope Mission. The mission statement is to empower people who are living with a disability, a chronic illness or have been in a abusive relationship to live a happier and more independent lives through the service of assistant animals. This is the one year anniversary tomorrow and Mayor Bloomberg of New York City has also made a proclamation.

PROCLAMATION: Tower of Hope

BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT OFFICE OF THE MAYOR PROCLAMATION 2007

Whereas: When we remember September 11th, we recall not only our shock and grief, but also the courage and determination that pulled the nation through its darkest day. The Tower of Hope, founded after the events of September 11th in memory of Tom Sinton, is a shining indication that our spirit of unity and hope continues to thrive. The inaugural fundraising gala, Lighting the Path, is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and support The Tower of Hope.

Whereas: During its first year, The Tower of Hope has made tremendous progress in promoting the benefits of service and assistance animals for people living with disabilities, chronic illnesses, or other hardships. We honor the dedicated team at The Tower of Hope for their tremendous efforts to help people in need live more independent, fulfilling lives. Special recognition is reserved for Liz Ann Sonders, Dr. Brian J. Green, and an outstanding service dog, Rainbow, who have worked tirelessly to advance The Tower of Hope's important mission.

Whereas: With the generous support of everyone, The Tower of Hope will continue its vital work and support service dog programs for members of the armed forces who were wounded in Afghanistan and Iraq. We owe these men and women more than we can ever say, and are grateful to The Tower of Hope for

providing them with the resources and support that they so richly deserve. We celebrate The Tower of Hope's first year of service, and look forward to the organization's continued success.

Now therefore, I, Jo-Ann Kalaka-Adams, Mayor of the Borough of Sea Bright, Monmouth County, New Jersey, in recognition of this important event, do hereby proclaim Thursday, March 22nd, 2007 in the Borough of Sea Bright as "Tower of Hope Day". Given, UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT, THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 2007. MAYOR JO-ANN KALAKA-ADAMS.

Mayor Kalaka-Adams presented the Proclamation to Stewart Jensen, Vice-President of the Board of Directors for the Tower of Hope. Mr. Jensen thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.

4. Councilman Keeler introduced and approved for adoption the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 65-2007
AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 permits the transfer of reserve year appropriations during the first three months of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has recommended that the following appropriation reserve transfers be authorized:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
PLANNING BOARD S/W	500.00	
PLANNING BOARD O/E		500.00
	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the 2006 Budget reserve appropriations be transferred as stated herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer and Auditor.

Second by Councilwoman Fernandes and adopted upon the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bills, Fernandes, Keeler, Kelly, Scriven

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Long

ABSTAIN: None

5. Attorney Arnette called for the Second Reading, by Title Only, of the following Ordinance, which was introduced and approved at the Council Meeting of March 6, 2007. Councilman Keeler moved to approve this Ordinance upon Second Reading.

A.

**ORDINANCE NO. 5-2007
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 57 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
INCREASING LICENSING RENEWAL FEES**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Sea Bright that the following amendments shall be added to Chapter 57 of the Sea Bright Code:

Section 57.5 Plenary retail consumption license fee.

The fee shall be \$2,400.00

Section 57.6 Plenary retail distribution license fee.

The fee shall be \$1,670.00

Section 57.7 Club license fee.

The fee shall be \$180.00

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption, passage and publication according to law and moved the Public Hearing to be held. Second by Councilwoman Bills and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Bills, Fernandes, Kelly, Keeler, Scriven

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Long

There being no members of the Public who wished to be heard a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Kelly. Second by Councilman Keeler and approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Bills, Fernandes, Kelly, Keeler, Scriven

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Long

Councilman Keeler made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2-2007 on its Third and Final Reading and advertise it according to law. Second by Councilman Kelly and approved upon the following vote:

AYES: Bills, Kelly, Keeler, Scriven

NAYS: Fernandes

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Long

6. CONSENT AGENDA: A Certification of Funds supports any items requiring expenditure; any items requiring discussion will be removed from the Consent Agenda:

A. After item 01221-0322 was removed from the Bill Resolution Councilman Keeler introduced and approved for adoption the following amended resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 63-2007
PAYMENT OF BILLS 03-20-07**

WHEREAS, the following listed vouchers have been audited and found to be correct.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that these vouchers totaling \$172,433.60 are to be paid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that proper Officers are hereby authorized to execute and issue warrants for payments of said vouchers, but only if and when conditions of the Borough Treasury shall permit, and the said vouchers be approved by the proper Committees.

00003	ASBURY PARK PRESS				
	07-0214	02/21/07	MUNI CLERK-AD:CELL TOWER BID	OPEN	104.20
00019	NJ AMERICAN WATER				
	07-0307	03/13/07	JAN 2007 WATER UTILITY	OPEN	3,618.74
00027	SEABOARD WELDING SUPPLY, INC.				
	07-0013	01/23/07	DPW - 2007 CYLINDER RENTAL	OPEN	11.50
00106	MGL FORMS-SYSTEMS, LLC				
	07-0217	02/22/07	FINANCE-1000 A/P CHECKS	OPEN	283.50
00141	MUNICIPAL RECORD SERVICE				
	07-0268	03/05/07	COURT-ATS MAILERS	OPEN	105.00
00161	LOU'S UNIFORMS, INC.				
	07-0269	03/05/07	DPW-WORK SHOES:YINGLING & BUCK	OPEN	240.00
00192	TAX COLL & TREAS ASSOC OF NJ				

07-0292	03/09/07	TAX COLL-2007 SPRING CONFER	OPEN	275.00
00198	COMCAST			
07-0302	03/12/07	FIRE DEPT-INTERNET:3/8-4/7/07	OPEN	95.00
00235	MCAA OF NJ-SPRING CONFERENCE			
07-0279	03/06/07	COURT-2007 SPRING CONFERENCE	OPEN	200.00
00275	M & S WASTE SERVICES, INC.			
07-0270	03/05/07	FEB 2007 LANDFILL TIPPING FEES	OPEN	5,231.81
00302	SEA BRIGHT GULF STATION			
07-0037	01/23/07	POLICE-BLANKET:VEHICLE MAINT	OPEN	1,003.33
07-0041	01/23/07	DPW-BLANKET:VEHICLE MAINT	OPEN	260.88
07-0200	02/15/07	POLICE-BLANKET:VEHICLE MAINT	OPEN	636.10

				1,900.31
00357	J & R SUNOCO			
07-0224	02/26/07	POLICE DEPT-TOW SEIZED VEHICLE	OPEN	70.00
00403	JAK CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION			
06-1411	11/29/06	RIVER STREET/BULKHEAD REPAIRS	OPEN	20,648.60
00427	STRATTON, FELECIA			
07-0242	02/27/07	A&E-EDIT/DESIGN:FEB'07 SEA BRZ	OPEN	700.00
00490	NEW JERSEY MAYORS ASSOCIATION			
07-0306	03/13/07	A&E-2007 MEMBERSHIP DUES	OPEN	100.00
00513	A.R. COMMUNICATIONS			
07-0271	03/05/07	FIRE DEPT-BATT & SPEAKER MIKE	OPEN	420.00
00526	IEI ELECTRONICS, INC.			
07-0237	02/27/07	POLICE DEPT-SECURITY MONITOR	OPEN	120.00
00677	GULF OIL, LTD.			
07-0272	03/05/07	GASOLINE - FEBRUARY 2007	OPEN	2,792.45
00757	ARIAS, JOHN			
07-0295	03/09/07	POLICE DEPT-TRAVEL REIMB:2/22	OPEN	13.76
00788	SCARINCI & HOLLENBECK, LLC			
07-0305	03/13/07	LEGAL-1/18-2/9/07 SERVICES	OPEN	379.91
00814	THE JERSEY SHORE PARTNERSHIP			
07-0221	02/23/07	A&E - 2007 MEMBERSHIP DUES	OPEN	100.00
00895	JOHNNY ON THE SPOT, INC.			
07-0300	03/09/07	PORTO-POTS - MAR 2007	OPEN	536.42
01150	W.W. GRAINGER, INC.			
07-0262	02/28/07	DPW-GAS CUTTING PACKAGE	OPEN	359.18
01209	LANGUAGE SERVICES ASSOCIATES			
07-0201	02/15/07	COURT-01/18/07 INTERPRETATION	OPEN	25.20
01221	PHILLIPS, PREISS, SHAPIRO			
05-0685	06/15/05	SMART GROWTH PLANNERS	OPEN	2,046.89
01260	GASS, ALBAN			
07-0287	03/07/07	LIBRARY-COMPUTER CLASSES	OPEN	280.00
01285	THE HOME DEPOT			
07-0014	01/23/07	BLDGS/GRNDS-BLANKET:MISC SUPP	OPEN	23.94
01286	INDUSTRIAL MARINE			
07-0296	03/09/07	REIMB:2/3-3/6/07 GARAGE ELECTR	OPEN	183.43
01493	COOPERATIVE INDUSTRIES, L.L.C.			
07-0304	03/12/07	12/13-1/12/07 NATURAL GAS	OPEN	2,544.31
01526	JCP & L			
07-0311	03/13/07	FEB/MAR 2007 ELECTRIC SERVICE	OPEN	8,969.78
01529	MILLER, GAUDIO, BOWDEN &			
07-0142	02/02/07	JAN 2007 LEGAL SERVICES	OPEN	3,300.00
07-0276	03/06/07	FEB 2007 LEGAL SERVICES	OPEN	135.00

				3,435.00
01578	AMERICAN MESSAGING			
07-0274	03/05/07	DPW-MAR 2007 PAGER SERVICE	OPEN	35.79
01732	MASSERIO, JAMES & KRISTEN			
07-0309	03/13/07	TAX REFUND B24.04/L17	OPEN	8,294.86
01887	HEIM ELECTRONICS, INC.			
07-0229	02/26/07	BLDGS/GRNDS-REPLACE ALL BATT	OPEN	201.80
07-0314	03/13/07	BLDGS/GRNDS-NEW PANIC BUTTON	OPEN	84.30

				286.10
01900	MCKENNA, DUPONT, HIGGINS &			
07-0280	03/06/07	P/L BOARD-9/12-12/12/06 MTGS	OPEN	2,080.00
07-0281	03/06/07	P/L BOARD-1/9/07 MEETING	OPEN	400.00

				2,480.00
01906	SHERATON HOTEL			
07-0278	03/06/07	COURT-5/10 SPRING CONFERENCE	OPEN	135.00
01957	BENEMAX BENEFIT MANAGEMENT CO.			
07-0275	03/05/07	03/07 INSUR/EE' HEALTH MGMT	OPEN	312.00
01960	VERIZON			
07-0320	03/14/07	LOCAL/LONG DISTANCE-JAN/FEB'07	OPEN	1,251.65
01974	BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT COURT			
07-0298	03/09/07	COURT-02/07 CREDIT CARD REIMB	OPEN	68.42
01985	THE MOBILE STORAGE GROUP, INC.			
07-0299	03/09/07	POLICE-2/28-3/28/07 TRAILER	OPEN	258.00
02008	E.J. SCHUSTER'S OFFICE SUPPLY			

07-0193	02/15/07	A&E/MUNI CLERK-OFFICE SUPPLIES	OPEN	117.00
07-0251	02/27/07	COURT-OFFICE SUPPLIES	OPEN	122.85

				239.85
02061		VERIZON WIRELESS		
07-0273	03/05/07	POLICE:2/16-3/15/07 CELL	OPEN	449.00
07-0303	03/12/07	BLDG/FIRE/COURT:3/4-4/3 CELL	OPEN	148.55

				597.55
02091		MIDDLETOWN FIRE & SAFETY, INC.		
07-0169	02/12/07	FIRE DEPT-HYDROSTATIC TEST	OPEN	125.00
02118		ELECTRONIC MEASUREMENT LAB INC		
06-1446	12/12/06	SEWER-CALIBRATE GAS DETECTOR	OPEN	109.00
02177		WALSH, JOAN		
07-0316	03/14/07	LIBRARY-REIMB:3/13 DVDS + MISC	OPEN	124.74
02181		GATEWAY PRESS		
07-0132	01/30/07	NOTE PADS:TAX/FINANCE/BLDG/ZON	OPEN	64.00
02189		SHARP ELECTRONICS CORPORATION		
07-0150	02/05/07	POLICE-2007 COPY MACHINE LEASE	OPEN	148.19
02194		THE COURIER		
07-0001	01/22/07	MUNI CLERK-BLANKET:ADS	OPEN	22.56
BORO OF SEA BRIGHT PAYROLL A/C (3/15/07 P/R)				77,377.84
MAC CARD/WITHDRAWAL (RECORD 2/26 POLICE W/D)				400.00
MASER CONSULTING (ESCROW)				1,800.00
MCKENNA,DUPONT,HIGGINS & STONE (ESCROW)				1,090.00
NJSHBP (FEB 2007 HEALTH/RX BENEFITS)				21,195.92
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (MAILING:2007 DIRECTORY)				203.20
GRAND TOTAL				<u>172,433.60</u>

Second by Councilwoman Fernandes and adopted upon the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bills, Fernandes, Keeler, Kelly, Scriven

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Long

B. Council Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2007 as revised on Page 21.

Councilman Keeler made a motion to approve the Minutes with the revision. Second by Councilwoman Fernandes and adopted upon the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bills, Fernandes, Keeler, Kelly, Scriven

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Long

C. Councilman Keeler introduced and offered the following Resolution for adoption:

RESOLUTION 64-2007

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the proper officers, be and are hereby authorized to refund tax overpayment.

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	AMOUNT	YEAR
24.04	17	James & Kristen Masserio	\$2,681.59	2005
			\$2,694.43	2006
			\$2,918.84	2007
TOTAL			\$8,294.86	

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Sea Bright approved the following refund of \$8,294.86

Second by Councilwoman Fernandes and approved upon the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bills, Fernandes, Keeler, Kelly, Scriven

NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Long

D. Councilman Keeler introduced and offered the following Resolution for adoption:

RESOLUTION 66-2007

BE IT RESOLVED , by the Mayor and Council of Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the proper officers, be and are hereby authorized to approved sewer adjustments on the following sewer accounts.

BLOCK	LOT	AMOUNT	NAME
3	30	\$166.75	Cunningham, Charles
33.03	3	\$188.50	Pfiefer, Arthur & Bernadette

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Sea Bright hereby approve the following sewer adjustments in the amount of \$355.25.

Second by Councilwoman Fernandes and approved upon the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bills, Fernandes, Keeler, Kelly, Scriven
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

E. Councilman Keeler introduced and offered for adoption the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 67-2007

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act P.L. 1967, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, The recycling regulation imposes on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, A resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Sea Bright to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, that the Borough of Sea Bright hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

Second by Councilwoman Fernandes and adopted upon the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bills, Fernandes, Keeler, Kelly, Scriven

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Long

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A1. Request from Timothy Pauxtis Foundation to hold a bike ride through Sea Bright on October 7, 2007.

A2. Response from Chief Moore.

B. Temporary Cell Tower Bid. Attorney Arnette said that he received a telephone call from the bidder and he requests additional time. The bidder asked that the decision to award or reject the bid be moved to the April 3, 2007 Council Meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Councilman Scriven introduced and offered the following Resolution for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 68-2007

WHEREAS, there exists reserves on the balance sheet of the Beach Utility Fund; and

WHEREAS, the fund creating the reserves has been investigated and it has been determined that the reserves should be canceled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Sea Bright that the 2006 appropriation reserves in the Beach Utility budget totaling \$10,000.00 be canceled.

Second by Councilman Kelly and approved upon the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bills, Fernandes, Keeler, Kelly, Scriven

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Long

B. Councilwoman Fernandes made a motion to approve the request from First United Methodist Church to hold the Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 8, 2007.

Second by Councilman Scriven and approved upon the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bills, Fernandes, Keeler, Kelly, Scriven

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Long

C. Discussion: Monmouth County Improvement Authority Capital Equipment Lease Program. Councilman Keeler said that this program is for capital equipment. Three submissions would be given to CFO Bascom with the details. Capital equipment would be a fire truck for \$600,000, street sweeper for \$125,000 and asphalt equipment for approximately \$35,000. Any requests for additional equipment can be given to either Councilman Keeler or CFO Bascom. The initial submission for requests for capital has to be given to the Monmouth County Improvement Authority Capital Equipment Lease Program by April 2, 2007. Then formal action taken by the Council would be in May.

Councilwoman Fernandes said that the Council was firm about acquiring a fire truck, street sweeper and asphalt equipment through this program even though there would be other requests for capital equipment.

D. Councilman Scriven introduced and offered for adoption the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 69-2007
AMENDS RESOLUTION NO. 27-2007
BEACH FEES

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright have recommended amending the 2007 beach fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the fees and charges of the Municipal Beach Authority for the year 2007 are as follows:

DAILY BADGE (including weekends) per person	\$ 8.00
SENIOR SEASON BADGE (65+) per person	\$ 35.00
SEASON BADGE (per person)	\$100.00
CHILDREN (under 12)	FREE
BEACH PARKING	FREE

Second by Councilwoman Bills and adopted upon the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bills, Fernandes, Keeler, Kelly, Scriven

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Long

E. Councilman Keeler introduced and offered for adoption the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 70-2007
BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Statements of Revenue and Appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the Year 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget would be published in the Courier in the issue of March 29, 2007.

General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes within CAPS	\$3,369,868.80
General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes excluded from CAPS	\$ 846,902.47
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes based on 95.6% Percent of Tax Collection	\$ 350,000.00
Total General Appropriation	\$4,566,771.27
Less: Anticipated Revenues other than current property tax	\$1,331,839.61
Difference: Local Tax for Municipal Purpose including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$3,234,931.66

A Public Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Cecile F. Norton Council Meeting Room on April 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at which time and place objections to said

Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2007 may be presented by the taxpayers or other interested parties.

Second by Councilman Scriven and adopted upon the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bills, Fernandes, Keeler, Kelly, Scriven

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Long

F. Discussion: authorizing CFO to have bond ordinance prepared for the following projects:

- DIIP construction - additional funding of \$890,000.00
- 2006 NJDOT Grant project for South Way, Via Ripa, Waterview Way and North Way \$340,000.00 (Grant \$160,000.00)

Councilwoman Fernandes said that additional funding is needed for the DIIP project because Osborne Place was added. Engineer Hoder inadvertently omitted Center Street and it was part of the original project. Estimated total cost of the construction is \$1,220,000, and we will need bonding for an additional \$890,000.

Councilwoman Fernandes said that we received a 2006 DOT grant in the amount for \$160,000 for drainage and repaving of Waterview/North Ways and Via Ripa/South Way. The Estimated construction and engineering costs are \$340,000 (which includes the \$160,000 grant).

Councilwoman Fernandes made a motion authorizing CFO Mike Bascom and Clerk MaryAnn Smeltzer to prepare the necessary bond(s) for these projects for introduction at the April 3 Council Meeting. Second by Councilman Scriven and adopted upon the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bills, Fernandes, Keeler, Kelly, Scriven

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Long

9. MONTHLY REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 2007:

- A.** Library Director
- B.** Chief of Police
- C.** Municipal Court Administrator
- D.** Municipal Clerk
- E.** Recreation Administrator
- F.** Tax/Sewer Collector

10. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Letter from Fire Chief Patrick Mason regarding the replacement of the current ladder truck. Councilwoman Bills said that there is an urgent need for the replacement of the ladder truck. This would be done through the Monmouth County Improvement Authority Capital Equipment Lease. The estimate to repair the truck would be over \$75,000. The ladder is out of service and has been reassigned as a pumper.

B. Sea Bright Planning/Zoning Board Minutes of January 23, 2007.

C. Construction Department January 2007 Monthly report.

D. Uniform Construction Code Annual Report for 2006.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Beach/Environment/Cultural Arts: Councilman Scriven reported that Beach Administrator Dan George and lifeguard training officer has accepted a position in Long Branch. He commended him for the great job he has done and would be sending him a letter thanking him and wishing him luck for the future.

Councilman Scriven said that Water Safety Director Bill Mack told him that they are almost ready for the 2007 summer season. Applications are available at the Borough Office for people seeking summer employment. He said that Ordinance No.18-2004 would allow for the purchase of an ATV and a Beach Mule.

Councilman Scriven said that during May there would be a free concert donated by Mrs. Michelle Farlow. Her husband was Tal Farlow the world-renowned jazz musician. There would be a DVD show with a live concert. He asked the Mayor to provide a proclamation honoring Tal Farlow.

Mayor Kalaka-Adams announced that Councilman Scriven had his photography on exhibit at Sea Bright's Library. Councilman Scriven said that money made from the sale of his photography would be donated to the Library.

B. Public Works/Building Maintenance/Beautification:

Councilwoman Fernandes reported that March 15's Public Works Committee meeting with Engineer David Hoder was productive. She said that regarding the DIIP project it was important for Engineer David Hoder to make the necessary stormwater pipe connections between the streets and there is a need for some easements.

Councilwoman Fernandes made a motion authorizing Attorney Scott Arnette and Engineer David Hoder to proceed with this project.

Second by Councilman Scriven and adopted upon the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bills, Fernandes, Keeler, Kelly, Scriven

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Long

Councilwoman Fernandes said that the pumps at Center and Beach Streets originally cost \$11,000. The pumps maintenance and rental for the period of 2002 through 2006 cost approximately \$43,000. We are looking at replacing those pumps with more suitable pumps with a sound absorbent acoustic enclosure. Currently there are funds in the MCIA allocated for this.

Councilwoman Fernandes made a motion authorizing Borough Clerk Smeltzer, Public Works Director Bahrle and Public Works Superintendent Doug Clark to prepare pump specifications and go out to bid. Second by Councilman Scriven and adopted upon the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bills, Fernandes, Keeler, Kelly, Scriven

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Long

Councilwoman Fernandes said that the Public Works Committee agreed that we should proceed with replacing the bulkheads on Center and Beach Streets. She requested engineering proposals for that project.

The two major capital equipment expenditures for the 2007 MCIA are a street sweeper and an asphalt maintenance infrared heater, accessories, rammer and roller to repair street's potholes. Also, there was discussion regarding capital projects relating to buildings and grounds repairs.

Councilwoman Fernandes said that March 10 was the first Beautification Advisory Committee meeting of 2007. Letters would be sent within a week to Sea Bright's residents and business owners asking for contributions towards Sea Bright's beautification. Volunteers and Public Works Maintenance employee

Brian Buck started removing weeds in the flower pots at the foot of the Rumson Bridge, the entrance to the P-House lot, and the boardwalk. The Beautification Committee has an exciting landscaping layout for the two large islands on Imbrie Place. They will notify residents of Imbrie Place by separate letter.

Councilwoman Fernandes commended Public Works Director Bahrle and the Public Works Department for working endless hours during the St. Patrick's Day storm of March 16 & 17 2007.

C. Personnel/Office Administration/Court/Public Relations:

Councilman Kelly reported that the 2007 Municipal Directory was mailed to Sea Bright's residents and business owners. Pet owners have been notified to renew their licenses if they have not done so.

Councilman Kelly said that the video conferencing was installed in the court. The first conference was on March 8 and it went well. The purpose of the equipment is to eliminate the need for police transferring inmates from the County jail to Sea Bright's court. This can be done remotely through the video conferencing system. Court revenue is down about \$10,000. from last year. Traffic offenses are up a little and criminal offenses are down.

D. Finance/Insurance/Flood Control/Capital Projects:

Councilman Keeler reported that the Budget total is \$3,234,931 and that is an increase of \$196,000 over last year. However, the actual appropriations that the town would be spending is up only \$4,000 and that is about one tenth of one percent. Last year we had additional revenues and surpluses that we used to offset tax increases. This was not available to us this year. The average house is \$375,000 and the average annual tax increase on that house would be \$142.00. The hearing for the adoption of the budget would be on April 17, 2007. Questions and additional information could be provided between now and then. Part of the sewer utility is that there is an increase in the sewer rate of approximately nine percent.

Councilman Keeler said he attended the second meeting with the Joint Insurance Fund. There is strong emphasis on safety with conferences, videos and programs. They conduct classes frequently throughout the county.

A schedule will be available to us soon and the department heads can send a representative to attend the classes. Damages that were sustained was discussed at the last Safety and Loss meeting when the Fire Department responded to the Fountains Condos fire. A fire truck was damaged and the responding fire companies from other towns had minor damages to their vehicles and equipment. The JIF and the safety and loss personnel are working on a settlement.

Councilman Keeler said that one bid was received regarding the temporary cell tower. There is some question as to the language that was used and the compliance with that language in the contract or in the RFP.

Councilman Keeler said that Sea Bright's membership in the Community Development has been renewed this year. Unfortunately, Sea Bright no longer has a section in the town that is eligible for the principal funding program. Community Development is a federal program that works through local and county government and is based on family income. We do not have a neighborhood that qualifies for the program. We will use it for ADA type of improvements.

Councilman Keeler attended the Monmouth County Coastal Regional meeting that is the County version of Sea Bright's Smart Growth. It involves the coastal region which Sea Bright is part of. They will be sending a team to Sea Bright to meet with the Borough Clerk and the Departments head and various people who have a specific interest in participating in Sea Bright's future projects.

The Beach Committee is working on the development of the plans regarding the boardwalk which would be the first phase of this project. Councilman Keeler said that he contacted the Department of Transportation about resident's concerns for Route 36/Ocean Avenue and the Smart Growth project. They would be sending a team to work on a plan to help with the design and flow traffic pattern for Ocean Avenue. This would be advertised so people could come and share their questions and insights.

E. Fire & First Aid/Emergency Management/Code Enforcement/Recreation:

Councilwoman Bills reported said that the Fire & First Aid committee met and agreed that a fire truck was urgently needed. She acknowledged that she was in receipt of the letter stating the fire truck was over 26 years old and it is out of service.

She said that Emergency Management Official Pete Lang is requesting that a deputy be appointed to him.

Councilwoman Bills said that the request by the First Aid for a building was discussed at the meeting. The building specifications would be reviewed.

Councilwoman Bills said that the McHeffey foot race organized by Donovan's on March 11 was successful and \$500 was donated to Sea Bright's Recreation Center.

The Easter Egg hunt will be held on the Public Beach, Saturday April 7, 11 am and the hunt will be moved to the gym in case of rain.

Sea Bright Day will be September 15 with Sunday as a raindate. The line dancing St. Patrick's party was cancelled due to the weather and it will be September 23 instead.

F. Police/Education/Grants: In Councilwoman Long's absent, Councilman Kelly reported that last month there were 845 police service calls slightly up from 800 of last year. There were 237 traffic stops, 94 tickets issued. Speed control enforcement would continue and stepped up due to the advent of warm weather with more people and children crossing the avenue.

Councilman Kelly said that a lot of work was involved concerning changes that would take place for the seasonal reduced speed limit of 35 mile per hour starting Memorial Day. Chief Moore has applied for State grant money to pay for the new 35 mile per hour signs needed.

Councilman Kelly said that the Ocean Fire Company was awarded a \$68,000 grant, which would be used for the purchase of new Scott packs (self-contained breathing apparatus). We intend to enter a shared services grant program through the State to study the feasibility of sharing police services with Monmouth Beach.

Councilman Kelly said that Central Regional School district is a school district parallel to our own Shore Regional School district. It has five towns, three small and two larger towns, it uses the same school funding formula. School funding formula determines a town's share of a school district's budget,

resulting in a huge disparity between what smaller towns pay versus what the larger towns pay per student.

Seaside Park a smaller town similar to Sea Bright has a large share of the Central Regional Budget hired Vito Gagliardi, an education lawyer to help them with the school funding formula issue. Sea Bright met with Attorney Gagliardi a few years back and discussed this same process. By law, the issue first goes for a feasibility study and then to popular vote in all the member towns. Central Regional's referendum was held last week and the measure was defeated 5-1. The small towns of Seaside Park, Seaside Heights and Island Height voted in favor of it but were overwhelmed by the heavy opposition in Berkley and Ocean Gate where 85% of the voters reside. Seaside Park has doled out \$110,000 in legal expenses to Attorney Gagliardi and has authorized another \$60,000. for an appeal.

Education Officials and the State Legislature must address the school funding formula, which bases a town's tax share in a regional district on an assessed value of its property, regardless of the number students attending the schools. Tuition needs to be an option. It is unfortunate that a town with beachfront property ends up carrying the brunt of an unfair financial burden that undermines the efforts to encourage and expand regionalization of services.

F. 12. REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE: Jay Pauxtis asked why the Governing Body had not responded to his request to have a bike tour through Sea Bright. Attorney Arnette said the Governing Body was not required to respond. Chief Moore's letter objecting to any type of tour was a concern of public safety. Chief Moore's response was consistent with the Sea Bright's resolutions prohibiting bike tours/races. Attorney Arnette said that Mr. Pauxtis could discuss alternate plans for his bike tour with Chief Moore.

Mayor Kalaka-Adams said she met with the Board of Commissioners with Monmouth County Park System to continue discussions of constructing an off leash dog area in Wolf Hill's Recreation Park in Oceanport. The Board would have an answer in four to six weeks with a decision.

Mayor Kalaka-Adams read a letter that was sent to Superintendent Leonard Schnappauf of Shore Regional High School.

Dear Leonard, It is that time of year, where budget planning is on all of our minds. I am requesting the first draft of the budget requirements (as was promised) that you and the school board are working on for next year. It is important to have the information about the budget that it is concise and unambiguous in all categories. In prior years, this has not been the case and unfortunately, this creates confusion and misunderstandings.

The school budget is very significant and it's relevance to our towns is vital for each town's planning. I would appreciate you sending a copy of the draft by the end of this week. so, we may analyze the budget and submit questions in an unhurried and timely manner unlike last year.

Leonard, as elected officials it is our responsibility to gather this information, keep abreast of any modifications, to be allowed to freely make educated decisions and offer all information to our residents.

Also, please send advanced copies of all newsletters, press releases, and correspondence to all participating Mayors and Councils. .I am looking forward to your anticipated cooperation

and if you have questions or if I can be any assistance please do not hesitate to call me at 732-747-0525.

The following individuals were copied: Mayor Susan Howard, Monmouth Beach, Mayor Lucille Chump, Oceanport, Mayor Janet W. Tucci, West Long Branch, Council President William J. Keeler, Councilwoman Dina Long, and Joan Brearley, Sea Bright Board of Education

Conrad Paulis of Center Street said that on Center Street there was ongoing breaking up of concrete and its disposal. Recently flooding was worse than ever before.

Councilwoman Fernandes said that Engineer Hoder was working with the contractor to get that resolved and they would return to replace the sidewalk. Engineer Hoder said they would be back in the next two weeks.

Conrad Paulies asked about any action taken by Sea Bright's Governing Body regarding the Highlands Bridge project. Attorney Arnette said that he would discuss its status in length after the Council meeting.

Jill Jakes of South Street said the water level was getting worse on South Street. She wanted to know if the bulkhead was going to be repair in that area.

Councilwoman Fernandes said that presently there were no plans for South Street at this time. The bulkhead projects are done in phases. The worse areas are downtown involving Center, Beach, New, Surf and Front streets because they are the lowest. Sanitary sewer work was done in that area and are waiting for a DEP permit to install new piping for the Stormwater pipes in that area.

Sue Griffin said she was a friend of the Pauxtis family and was unhappy with how the Mayor and Council dealt with their request for a bike tour through Sea Bright. She asked the Governing Body to reconsider the request.

Suzie Markson said she did not understand why the Mayor and Council did not respond to the Pauxtis family's request.

13. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Governing Body. Councilwoman Fernandes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 P.M. Second by Councilman Kelly and approved upon unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryann M. Smeltzer
Municipal Clerk