

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Public Announcement In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting of the Borough Council has been provided to three newspapers and published in the January 15, 2015 issue of the Beach Haven Times.

A meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City was held on the above date in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall. Roll call, followed by a salute to the flag, showed the following to be in attendance:

Councilman Hartney, Councilman F. Hodgson, Councilman Wm. Hodgson, Councilman Klose, Councilman Russell, Councilwoman Siciliano. Absent - Mayor Connors.

Council President Hodgson called for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 11, 2015. Upon a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Hartney, the minutes were approved as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hartney, F. Hodgson, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Resolution excusing Mayor Connors from the meeting due to illness. Upon a motion by Mr. Hartney, seconded by Mr. Klose, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2015-147

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Leonard T. Connors, Jr., be and is hereby excused from absence at the Borough Council meetings due to a brief illness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council extends to him best wishes, for a speedy recovery.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hartney, F. Hodgson, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Public hearing and final adoption of Ordinance 2015-09, which was read by title only. Motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. Russell, and, a vote in the affirmative, the public hearing was opened. After a brief explanation, and with there being no comment from the audience, upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mrs. Siciliano, and a vote in the affirmative, the public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. Russell, Ordinance 2015-09 was passed on second and final reading and is attached hereto as Schedule 1:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF AN UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK, REPLACEMENT OF FUEL SYSTEM, CONTINUED GROUND MONITORING AND RELATED EXPENSES AND APPROPRIATING \$50,000 THEREFOR FROM THE BOROUGH'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hartney, F. Hodgson, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Resolution authorizing the Municipal Clerk to proceed with advertising of the Reorganization Meeting and the first regular meeting of the year to be held on January 6, 2016 commencing at 7:00 P.M. Upon a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Klose, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2015-140

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City that the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with advertising of the Reorganization Meeting and first regular meeting of the year to be held on January 6, 2016 commencing at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hartney, F. Hodgson, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Resolution authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to pay the Borough employees on or about December 31st to the end of the year 2015. Upon a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Hartney, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2015-141

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City that the Finance Officer for the Borough of Surf City be and is hereby authorized to pay the Borough employees on or about December 31st to the end of the year 2015.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hartney, F. Hodgson, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Resolution setting forth 2016 salaries to be paid effective as of January 1, 2016. Upon a motion by Mr. Hartney, seconded by Mr. Klose, the resolution attached hereto as Schedule 2, was adopted:

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hartney, F. Hodgson, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Resolution approving appropriation transfers. Upon a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mrs. Siciliano, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2015-142

WHEREAS, the calendar date of this Resolution is within the last two months of the calendar year 2015 and the first three months of the calendar year 2016; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 40A:4-58 provides for making transfers between budget appropriation accounts during this five month period starting November 1st;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following transfers be and they are hereby made between appropriation accounts in the 2015 Municipal Budget.

Current Fund

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
\$25,000.00	Police S & W	Fire Hydrant Service OE

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hartney, F. Hodgson, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Reports:

Chief Financial Officer's Report for the month of October, 2015.
Municipal Court Report for the month of October, 2015.

Committee Reports:

Councilman J. Russell - Public Property and Lifeguards wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, He also provided a report on the tree lighting ceremony to be held this weekend and various public property matters.

Council President F. Hodgson - Finance and Sanitation motioned Resolution 2015-139, motion by Mr. Hartney seconded by Mr. Klose.

RESOLUTION 2015-139

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following listed individuals be and are hereby appointed as laborers in the Public Works Dept. on a part time, as needed basis, at the rate of \$10.00 per hour, effective immediately and terminating on January 31, 2016:

Andrew McClellan
Richard Zennario
James Dorry
Matt Fishman

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Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hartney, F. Hodgson, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

He also provided a Sanitation and Recycling Report for the month of November.

Councilman Wm. Hodgson - Police provided the Statistical Report of Operations for the month of November, 2015. He also motioned Resolution 2015-145, seconded by Mr. Klose.

RESOLUTION 2015-145

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that John C. McMenamin be and is hereby appointed a full time Police Officer for the Borough of Surf City. Said appointment is effective as of January 4, 2016 at the contractual rate for a non-academy graduate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kyle Costabile be and is hereby appointed a Class II Police Officer in for the Borough of Surf City at the rate of \$11.00 per hour, effective immediately.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hartney, F. Hodgson, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Councilman Wm. Hodgson also motioned Resolution 2015-143, seconded by Mr. Klose.

RESOLUTION 2015-143

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City that authorization be given to proceed with the following purchases:

- a) Upgrading of radio equipment in an approximate amount of \$5,000.00
- b) Upgrading of computers in an approximate amount of \$10,000.00

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hartney, F. Hodgson, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Brief discussion ensued concerning the cost to maintain the equipment and vehicles owned by the Borough.

Councilwoman J. Siciliano - Streets and Roads reported on preparations being made for the winter season.

Council President Hodgson commented on the amount of work involved in preparing for the winter.

Councilman P. Hartney - Beaches and Environmental Councilman Hartney provided a report on the beach replenishment project. He also reported on fire company response for the year to date, the work being performed on the building and the progress of the new pumper. There was also a brief discussion on beach badges

Councilman J. Klose - Water/Sewer advised of the need to install 2 very deep sewer laterals and thanked the Council President for remembering a name from the past. He motioned Resolution 2015-146, seconded by Mr. Russell.

RESOLUTION 2015-146

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City that authorization be given to proceed with the installation of 2 sewer laterals in accordance with the quotation received from Lafayette Utility Construction in the approximate amount of \$12,867.00.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hartney, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None. Abstained - F. Hodgson, Wm. Hodgson.

There was a brief discussion regarding the depth of the services to be installed and the possible acquisition of a trench box to be used in the future.

Council President Hodgson advised that the Borough Attorney, Chris Connors is present as we will be adjourning into executive session after addressing regular business in order to discuss the acquisition of land.

Comments from the Audience: none

Correspondence:

Action Required: None

Request from Island Surf and Sail for permission to use the Bay Bathing Beach at 16th Street on September 17, 2016 from 10:00 to 1:00 as a checkpoint during the LBI Paddle Cup 2016. Brief discussion ensued regarding the collection of funds being handled, within another town, and under the condition that they have all of their paperwork in order. Upon a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Klose, the request was approved:

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hartney, F. Hodgson, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

No Action Required:

Resolutions received from the Borough of Beach Haven, the Township of Long Beach, the County of Ocean and the Borough of Seaside Park.

Comments from the Audience: none

Bill Resolution: Upon a motion by Mrs. Siciliano, seconded by Mr. Hartney, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, by Council of the Borough of Surf City, N.J. that the appurtenances known as "Scheduled Payment Reports" containing vouchers to be paid in the total amounts of:

Water & Sewer -	\$ 53,324.13
Current -	472,719.49
Payroll Account -	182,152.89
Dog License Account -	.00
Ice Cream Vendor Acct. -	.00
Escrow Release -	1,512.70
Tax Certificate Acct. -	<u>.00</u>
	\$ 709,709.21

are hereby ordered paid and the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to draw an order upon the Borough Treasurer for same.

Approved: Councilman Klose
Councilman Russell
Councilman Hartney

Dated: December 9, 2015

/s/ Leonard T. Connors, Jr., Mayor

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hartney, F. Hodgson, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Resolution to adjourn into Executive Session for matters of the acquisition of property. The Governing Body may reconvene into open session in order to take action on any further business necessary. Upon a motion by Mr. Hartney, seconded by Mr. Russell, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the "Open Public Meetings Act" N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(1-9) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council is of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

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1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon this subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows: Acquisition of

Property.

3. It is anticipated, at this time, that the above stated subject matter will be made public when, in the opinion of Counsel for the Borough of Surf City, it is no longer deemed sensitive.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hartney, F. Hodgson, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None.

Adjourn Meeting: Upon the close of the executive session the regular meeting was reconvened. With there being no further business to come before the Governing Body, upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. Russell and, a vote in the affirmative, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY P. MADONNA, RMC/MMC/QPA/CPM
Municipal Clerk/Borough Administrator

“MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR”