

## 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, Mayor Connors.

Mayor Connors commented on Mr. John Gutbrod's service to our Country, during his time in the Armed Forces.

Mayor Connors called for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 11, 2015. Upon a motion by Mr. F. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Hartney, the minutes were approved as presented.

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

Public hearing and final adoption of Ordinance 2015-03, which was read by title only. Motion by Mrs. Siciliano, seconded by Mr. F. Hodgson, and, a vote in the affirmative, the public hearing was opened. With there being no comment from the audience, upon a motion by Mr. Hartney, seconded by Mrs. Siciliano, and, a vote in the affirmative, the public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hartney, seconded by Mr. Russell, Ordinance 2015-03 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, AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR OF VARIOUS BULKHEADS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY AND APPROPRIATING \$100,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$95,000 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY TO FINANCE THE SAME.

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

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Public hearing and final adoption of Ordinance 2015-04, which was read by title only. Motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. F. Hodgson, and, a vote in the affirmative, the public hearing was opened. With there being no comment from the audience, upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. Hartney, and, a vote in the affirmative, the public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hartney, seconded by Mr. F. Hodgson, Ordinance 2015-04 was passed on second and final reading and is attached hereto as, Schedule 2:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FACILITIES AND APPROPRIATING \$450,000 THEREFOR FROM THE BOROUGH'S RESERVE FOR REHABILITATION OF PUBLIC WORKS FACILITIES IN THE BOROUGH CAPITAL FUND.

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

Public hearing and final adoption of Ordinance 2015-05, which was read by title only. Motion by Mr. F. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Klose, and, a vote in the affirmative, the public hearing was opened. With there being no comment from the audience, upon a motion by Mr. Hartney, seconded by Mr. Russell, and, a vote in the affirmative, the public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. Russell, Ordinance 2015-05 was passed on second and final reading and is attached hereto as, Schedule 3:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE RESURFACING OF VARIOUS ROADS AND APPROPRIATING \$300,000 THEREFOR FROM THE BOROUGH'S RESERVE FOR RESURFACING OF VARIOUS ROADS IN THE BOROUGH CAPITAL FUND.

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

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2015-06.

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

and moved that same be given its first reading. Upon a motion by Mr. F. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Russell, Ordinance 2015-06 was introduced and passed on first reading and will be considered for final passage, after a public hearing, to be held on April 15, 2015.

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

Resolution authorizing temporary emergency appropriations needed, due to the delay in the introduction and adoption of the 2015 budget. Upon a motion by Mr. F. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Klose, the resolution attached hereto, as Schedule 4, was adopted:

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

Resolution authorizing appropriation reserve transfers in the 2014 Municipal Budget. Upon a motion by Mr. F. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Klose, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2015-59

WHEREAS, the calendar date of this Resolution is within the last two months of the calendar year 2014 and the first three months of the calendar year 2015; 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 reserve accounts in the 2014 Municipal Budget.

<u>Current Fund</u>			<u>To</u>
<u>Amount</u>	<u>From</u>		
\$6,000.00	Beach and Boardwalk Operations S&W	Construction Official OE	
\$2,000.00	Beach and Boardwalk Operations S&W	General Administration OE	
\$5,120.00	Beach and Boardwalk Operations S&W	Length of Service Awards Program	

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

Resolution waiving the right of the Governing Body to locally examine and certify the 2015 Municipal Budget and requesting the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to conduct the examination and certification. Upon a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Hartney, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAIVING THE RIGHT OF THE GOVERNING BODY TO LOCALLY EXAMINE AND CERTIFY THE 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AND REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO CONDUCT THE EXAMINATION AND CERTIFICATION.

WHEREAS, Section 13 of P.L. 1996, c.113, now codified as N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78(b), authorizes the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination required by the local budget law; and

WHEREAS, the local examination process grants the Chief Financial Officer and the Governing Body the responsibility and authority traditionally held by the Director to review and approve a municipal budget; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services has determined that the Borough of Surf City is eligible for local examination approval of its budget, based on the Borough's fiscal soundness; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, has issued Local Finance Notice CFO-98-1, which requires a municipality wishing to waive its right to locally examine the Municipal Budget to pass a resolution requesting the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to conduct such an examination; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City believes that an examination of the Municipal Budget by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services provides an additional safeguard to the taxpaying public, and ensures the continued sound fiscal condition of the Municipality, which has led to the determination by the Director that the Borough is eligible for self-review and certification in the first place; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Borough Council to request examination and certification of the 2015 Municipal Budget by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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

1. That the Governing Body does hereby waive its right to locally examine and certify the 2015 Municipal Budget of the Borough of Surf City.
2. That the Governing Body does hereby request review and certification of the 2015 Municipal Budget by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.
3. That two (2) certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Municipal Clerk to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and a certified copy to the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Surf City.

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

Resolution introducing and approving the 2015 Municipal Budget. Upon a motion by Mr. F. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Hartney, the following resolution was adopted:

INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF THE 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOTICE

Municipal Budget of the Borough of Surf City, County of Ocean for the Fiscal Year 2015.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenue and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2015;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget be published in the Beach Haven Times in the issue of March 26, 2015.

The Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the Fiscal year 2015:

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution were approved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City, County of Ocean, on March 11, 2015.

A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Borough Hall, 813 Long Beach Boulevard, Surf City, New Jersey on April 15, 2015 at 7:30 o'clock p.m., at which time and place, objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2015 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

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

Resolution authorizing the extension of the Budget adoption deadline to no later than April 24, 2015. Upon a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mrs. Siciliano, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2015-56

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City does hereby authorize extending the adoption date of the 2015 Municipal Budget to no later than April 24, 2015, in accordance with the law.

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

Resolution approving a shared services agreement with the Township of Long Beach for the provision of utilizing their Certified Recycling Specialist, as required by law. Upon a motion by Mr. Hartney, seconded by Mr. Russell, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO 2015-50

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED  
SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG BEACH  
FOR MUNICIPAL CERTIFIED RECYCLING COORDINATOR SERVICES

**WHEREAS**, the "Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act," N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. seq. authorizes the Borough of Surf City to enter into an agreement for the provision of certain governmental services with the Township of Long Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5 requires such an agreement to be authorized by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the governing body to authorize the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Long Beach for Municipal Certified Recycling Coordinator Services.

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

1. That the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Long Beach for Municipal Certified Recycling Coordinator Services in accordance with the provisions of law. A copy of said agreement is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule A.
2. That a copy of the agreement referenced herein shall be kept on file and made available for public inspection at the Municipal Clerk's office during normal business hours.
3. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Municipal Clerk to:
  - (a) Division of Local Government Services;
  - (b) Township of Long Beach;
  - (c) Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Surf City

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

Resolution approving a shared services agreement with the Borough of Ship Bottom for Tax Collector Services. Upon a motion by Mr. F. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Klose, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2015-46

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A  
SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF SHIP BOTTOM  
FOR TAX COLLECTOR SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. authorizes the Borough of Surf City to enter into a contract for the provision of certain governmental services with the Borough of Ship Bottom; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Governing Body to authorize the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Ship Bottom for Tax Collector Services.

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

That the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Ship Bottom for Tax Collector Services in accordance with the provisions of law. A copy of this resolution and the Agreement referenced herein shall be kept on file and made available for public inspection at the Municipal Clerk's Office during normal business hours.

This agreement shall be in effect from March 1, 2015 until February 28, 2019.

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

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to send his spring letter to the Borough taxpayers. Upon a motion by Mrs. Siciliano, seconded by Mr. F. Hodgson, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2015-51

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that authorization be and is hereby given to Mayor Connors to proceed with sending his spring letter to the Borough taxpayers.

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

Resolution authorizing release of a curb bond posted by Brendan Malley - 277 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street in the amount of \$4,330. Upon a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Klose, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2015-45

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Ordinances 04-09 and 04-11, a performance guarantee may be posted with the Borough for permanent curb installation at the time of exchange of ownership.

WHEREAS, the below listed person(s) posted a guarantee in the corresponding amount prior to the exchange of ownership;

WHEREAS, The Zoning Official made a final inspection and approved same to be in conformance with the Borough ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that:

The following guarantee may be released:

B. Malley - 277 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street in the amount of \$4,330.

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

Resolution authorizing the application for a Recycling Tonnage Grant. Upon a motion by Mr. F. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Klose, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2015-57

WHEREAS, The Recycling Enhancement Act, P.L.2007, Chapter 311, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, There is levied upon the owner or operator of every solid waste facility (with certain exceptions) a recycling tax of \$3.00 per ton on all solid waste accepted for disposal or transfer at the solid waste facility; and

WHEREAS, Whenever a municipality operates a municipal service system for solid waste collection, or provides for regular solid waste collection service under a contract awarded pursuant to the "Local Public Contracts Law", the amount of grant monies received by the municipality shall not be less than the annual amount of recycling tax paid by the municipality, except that all grant moneys received by the municipality, shall be expended only for its recycling program;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City in the County of Ocean that the Borough of Surf City hereby certifies a submission of expenditure for taxes paid pursuant to P.L. 2007, Chapter 311 in 2014 in the amount of \$5,320.83. Documentation supporting this submission is available at the Borough Hall and shall be maintained for no less than five (5) years from this date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authorization be and is hereby given to proceed with the application for a Recycling Tonnage Grant.

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

Resolution 2015-47 re-affirming the Borough of Surf City's Civil Rights Policy. Upon a motion by Mr. Hartney, seconded by Mr. Klose, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2015-47

A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY'S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Borough of Surf City to treat the public, employees, prospective employees, appointees, volunteers and contractors in a manner consistent with all applicable civil rights laws and regulations including, but not limited to the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 as subsequently amended, the New Jersey Law against Discrimination, the Americans with Disability Act and the Conscientious Employee Protection Act, and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Surf City has determined that certain procedures need to be established to accomplish this policy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City that:

**Section 1:** No official, employee, appointee or volunteer of the Borough of Surf City, by whatever title known, or any entity that is in any way a part of the Borough of Surf City shall engage, either directly or indirectly in any act including the failure to act that constitutes discrimination, harassment or a violation of any person's constitutional rights while such official, employee, appointee volunteer, or entity is engaged in or acting on behalf of the Borough of Surf City's business or using the facilities or property of the Borough of Surf City.

**Section 2:** The prohibitions and requirements of this resolution shall extend to any person or entity, including but not limited to any volunteer or inter-local organization, whether structured as a government entity or a private entity, that receives authorization or support in any way from the Borough of Surf City to provide services that otherwise could be performed by the Borough of Surf City.

**Section 3:** Discrimination, harassment and civil rights shall be defined for purposes of this resolution using the latest definitions contained in the applicable Federal and State laws concerning discrimination, harassment and civil rights.

**Section 4:** The Borough Council may establish written procedures for any person to report alleged discrimination, harassment and violations of civil rights prohibited by this resolution. Such procedures shall include alternate ways to report a complaint so that the person making the complaint need not communicate with the alleged violator in the event the alleged violator would be the normal contact for such complaints.

**Section 5:** No person shall retaliate against any person who reports any alleged discrimination, harassment or violation of civil rights, provided however, that any person who reports alleged violations in bad faith shall be subject to appropriate discipline.

**Section 6:** The Borough Council may establish written procedures that require all officials, employees, appointees and volunteers of the Borough of Surf City, as well as all other entities subject to this resolution, to periodically complete training concerning their duties, responsibilities and rights pursuant to this resolution.

**Section 7:** The Borough Council may establish a system to monitor compliance and shall report at least annually to the governing body the results of the monitoring.

**Section 8:** At least annually, the Borough Council shall cause a summary of this resolution and the procedures established pursuant to this resolution to be communicated within the Borough of Surf City. This communication shall include a statement from the governing body expressing its unequivocal commitment to enforce this resolution. This summary shall also be posted on the Borough of Surf City's bulletin board.

**Section 9:** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Section 10:** A copy of this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Surf City in order for the public to be made aware of this policy and the Borough of Surf City's commitment to the implementation and enforcement of this policy.

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

Resolution in support of the New Jersey Natural Gas reliability link pipeline project which will call for a second interstate pipeline feed to service Ocean, Monmouth and Burlington Counties. Upon a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Hartney, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION 2015-49**  
**IN SUPPORT OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE SOUTHERN RELIABILITY LINK PIPELINE PROJECT BY NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY**

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey Natural Gas Company (N.J.N.G) is a lifeline service provider that safely and reliably serves over half a million customers throughout New Jersey, including approximately 2,000 homes and businesses in Surf City; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.N.G's distribution system is currently served by one primary Interstate pipeline feed that supplies the majority of natural gas to customers in Ocean, Monmouth and Burlington Counties, who rely on it to heat their homes and run their businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, disruption of this supply to N.J.N.G's system could have a significant, adverse effect on our residents, businesses and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.N.G is planning to conduct and operate the Southern Reliability Link (SRL), a 28-mile, 30" transmission pipeline, which will connect to a second interstate pipeline feed, providing a diversified supply of natural gas to N.J.N.G's customers, significantly enhancing the N.J.N.G's system and supporting the safe, reliable and resilient distribution of natural gas to the region;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey strongly support N.J.N.G's Southern Reliability Link as it will directly benefit our residents, businesses, Borough, County and State with safe, reliable natural gas service, which has become exponentially more important in the wake of Superstorm Sandy; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to all Long Beach Island municipalities, the Township of Stafford , the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Ocean, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and New Jersey Natural Gas Company.

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

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Resolution proclaiming the month of May as "Surf Pink Month". Upon a motion by Mrs. Siciliano, seconded by Mr. Klose, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF  
SURF PINK MONTH - MAY 2015  
Resolution No. 2015-48

WHEREAS, the Borough of Surf City desires to recognize the Month of May 2015 as "Surf Pink Month"; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 2007 in a community-wide effort presented by Meridian Health, "Paint the Town Pink" has expanded to a month long event from May 1, 2015 through May 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Surf City desires to join Meridian Health, the County of Ocean and other local municipalities in Ocean and Monmouth Counties in raising awareness of the importance of annual mammography; and

WHEREAS, early detection is the best defense against breast cancer and Surf City would like to spread awareness through distribution of brochures, wearing pink, decorations, and other activities; and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City proclaims the month of May as "Surf Pink Month" and honors and endorses all programs in Ocean County, which encourage the importance of raising awareness of annual mammography;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to all County of Ocean municipalities and Meridian Health.

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

Discussion ensued regarding the lack of service provided to the customers in the answering of phones by both the gas and electric companies and cable company. The Clerk was instructed to send a letter indicating the need for all utilities to hire more personnel to answer customer calls.

Resolution approving the application for regular probationary membership in the Surf City Volunteer Fire Co. as submitted by Sean T. Jackson. Councilman Russell and Councilman Hartney must recuse themselves from this item of business in accordance with State Statutes. Upon a motion by Mr. F. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Klose, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2015-44

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City that the application for membership in the Surf City Volunteer Fire Co. as submitted below, is hereby approved:

Regular Probationary Membership - Sean T. Jackson

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

**Reports:**

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

**Committee Reports:**

**Councilman Klose, Chairman of Water/Sewer** provided a report on the number of water services turned off due to leaks and the number of gallons pumped. He indicated that we are back to normal now.

**Councilman Hartney, Chairman of Beaches** provided a report on the progress of the Beach project and the availability of beach passes by reservation. He also motioned resolution 2015-54, seconded by Mr. Russell.

RESOLUTION 2015-54

BE IT RESOLVED that Rene' Pawlishak be and is hereby appointed Beach Badge Supervisor and shall be paid the rate of \$15.00 per hour for pre and post season work effective as of March 11, 2015.

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

Councilman Hartney also reported on fire company activities and membership.

**Councilwoman Siciliano, Chairwoman of Streets and Roads** thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work during the snow storms. Councilman Hartney also expressed his gratitude. Mrs. Siciliano also provided an update on the progress of the Long Beach Boulevard reconstruction project.

Councilman F. Hodgson suggested a letter of gratitude be forwarded to Freeholder Kelly for his help in seeing this project to fruition.

**Councilman Wm. Hodgson, Chairman of Police** gave the Statistical Report of Operations for the month of February, 2015. He also commented on the need to obtain taxpayer emergency information and the state mandate to install dash cameras on all police vehicles acquired after March 1<sup>st</sup>, which are utilized for traffic stops. Discussion ensued regarding this being a state mandate, the cost of the cameras and initial setup and methods to fund the mandate. It was agreed to see what the Attorney General's decision and discuss with Counsel for the Municipality. A letter would also be sent to the Court acknowledging the fact that this mandate will prove an additional cost to the Municipality and we would like to be protected.

**Councilman Russell, Chairman of Public Property and Lifeguards** provided a report on lifeguard and public property activities in preparation of the summer season. He also noted that the Municipality is preparing to resurface the tennis courts and expressed gratitude to the Public Works for clearing roads and driveways during the snow storms.

**Councilman F. Hodgson, Chairman of Sanitation and Finance** gave the Sanitation and Recycling Report for the month of February, 2015. He also motioned resolution 2015-55, seconded by Mr. Klose.

#### **RESOLUTION 2015-55**

BE IT RESOLVED that Rene' Pawlishak be and is hereby appointed Clerk in the Municipal Offices/Webmaster and shall be paid the rate of \$20.00 per hour effective as of March 2, 2015, with all hours being approved by the Borough Administrator.

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

Council President Hodgson also asked the Clerk to place an advertisement in the paper for help for the department. Discussion concerned CDL drivers.

**Comments from the Audience:** None

**Correspondence:**

**Action Required:** None

**No Action Required:**

Resolutions received from the Township of Berkeley, the Township of Long Beach, and the Township of Toms River.

**Comments from the Audience:** None

**Bill Resolution:** Upon a motion by Mr. Klose, 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 -	\$	48,188.47	
Current -		426,411.86	
Payroll Account -		161,043.97	
Dog License Account -		18.60	
Ice Cream Vendor Acct. -			.00
Escrow Release -			4,330.00
Tax Certificate Acct. -		<u>6,645.96</u>	
	\$		646,638.86

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

Approved: Councilman F. Hodgson  
Councilman Russell  
Councilman Klose

Dated: March 11, 2015

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

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

With there being no further business to come before the Governing Body, upon a motion by Mr. Hartney, seconded by Mrs. Siciliano and, a vote in the affirmative, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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