

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 2016

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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 14, 2016 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 Hadash, Councilman Wm. Hodgson, Councilman Klose, Councilman Russell, Councilwoman Siciliano and Mayor F. Hodgson. Absent - Councilman Hartney.

Mayor Hodgson asked for a moment of reflection and silence in honor of Leonard T. Connors, Jr.

Mayor Hodgson called for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 9, 2016. Upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. Russell, the minutes were approved as presented.

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

Public hearing and final adoption of Ordinance 2016-09, which was read by title only. Motion by Mr. Russell, 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. Klose, seconded by Mr. Russell, and, a vote in the affirmative, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Hodgson advised that the Final Adoption of Ordinance 2016-09 will be held at the next meeting.

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY OF VERIZON NEW JERSEY, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS TO USE THE VARIOUS PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS, AVENUES, HIGHWAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC WAYS IN THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, FOR ITS LOCAL AND THROUGH LINES AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AND PRESCRIBING THE CONDITIONS THEREOF.

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 3, 2017 commencing at 9:30 A.M. Upon a motion by Mrs. Siciliano, seconded by Mr. Russell, the following resolution was adopted:

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RESOLUTION 2016-142

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 3, 2017 commencing at 9:30 A.M.

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

Resolution authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to pay the Borough employees on or about December 28th to the end of the year 2016. Upon a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Klose, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2016-143

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 28th to the end of the year 2016.

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

Resolution setting forth 2017 salaries to be paid effective as of January 1, 2017. Upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. Russell, the resolution attached hereto as Schedule 1, was adopted:

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

Resolution approving appropriation transfers. Upon a motion by Mr. Hadash, seconded by Mr. Klose, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2016-146

WHEREAS, the calendar date of this Resolution is within the last two months of the calendar year 2016 and the first three months of the calendar year 2017; 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 2016 Municipal Budget.

<u>Current Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
	\$ 2,500.00		Beach & Boardwalk Operations S&W Construction Official O/E
	\$25,000.00		Police S & W Police O/E
	\$ 3,000.00		Beach & Boardwalk Operations S&W Engineering Services O/E

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

Resolution authorizing the refund of a tax overpayment on Block 70/Lot 8 in the amount of \$7,281.60. Upon a motion by Mrs. Siciliano, seconded by Mr. Russell, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2016-141

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has receive an over payment of taxes from Richard and Mary Krol in the amount of \$7,281.60 for property known as Lot 8 in Block 70; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is requesting the payee receive a refund for the overpayment payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City, that the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer be and are hereby authorized to proceed with the refund as above referenced.

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

Reports:

Chief Financial Officer's Report for the month of October, 2016.

Municipal Court Report for the month of October, 2016.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Hadash, Chairman of Sanitation gave the Sanitation and Recycling Report for the month of November. He also motioned Resolution 2016- 145, seconded by Mr. Russell, as follows:

RESOLUTION 2016-145

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

Matthew Fishman - effective as of December 14 and terminating on February 28, 2017.

Giovanni Rossini - effective as of December 14 and terminating on February 28, 2017.

Anthony Madonna - effective as of December 14 and terminating on August 23, 2017.

Kaelee Gross - effective as of December 14 and terminating on May 31, 2016

Alex Buck effective as of December 5 and terminating on July 26, 2017.

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

Councilman Russell, Chairman of Public Property and Lifeguards reported on the Scouts decorating the Christmas tree at the Veterans' Memorial Park. He also reported on the need for a new lifeguard quad and motioned for adoption, Resolution 2016-147, seconded by Mrs. Siciliano.

RESOLUTION 2016-147

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City that authorization be and is hereby given to proceed with the purchase of a quad in an approximate amount of \$8,500.00.

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

Councilman Russell also wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilman Wm. Hodgson, Chairman of Police gave the Statistical Report of Operations for the month of November, 2016. He advised of the need for a new police vehicle, commenting that we try to purchase one every other year. Councilman Hodgson motioned for adoption, Resolution 2016-149, seconded by Mr. Russell.

RESOLUTION 2016-149

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City that authorization be given to proceed with the purchase of a police vehicle and necessary equipment, under state contract, in the approximate amount of \$36,000.00.

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

He also explained the recent problems with our radio repeater and the need for a backup. He motioned for adoption, Resolution 2016-148, seconded by Mr. Klose.

RESOLUTION 2016-148

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City that authorization be given to proceed with the purchase and installation of equipment needed for the Police Department backup frequency in an approximate amount of \$9,000.00

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

He explained the reason for the approximate cost of a new police vehicle and the different types being considered by the Borough.

Councilwoman Siciliano, Chairwoman of Streets and Roads reported on the patching of ditches and pot holes and thanked the Department of Public Works. She also reported on the meeting with the DEP and Island communities regarding the nuisance flooding. She read a letter received from the Long Beach Island School System requesting the Borough plow the school property in Ship Bottom as the Borough of Ship Bottom will no longer service the school. After brief discussion and upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. Russell the request was denied as we will not supply services outside of Surf City.

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

Councilman Klose, Chairman of Water/Sewer provide a report, on behalf of Councilman Hartney, on the sale of Holiday Beach Badges. With regard to water/sewer, he hopes people are watching the weather and hard freeze conditions.

Comments from the Audience:

Mr. Peter Williams was present representing the Surf City Taxpayers' Association and on their behalf made a donation to the Surf City Fire Company in memory of Len Connors.

Correspondence:

Action Required: None

No Action Required:

Resolutions received from the County of Ocean.

Comments from the Audience: None

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Bill Resolution: Upon a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mrs. Siciliano, 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 -	\$ 61,924.84
Current -	481,145.11
Payroll Account -	238,099.94
Dog License Account -	.00
Ice Cream Vendor Acct. -	.00
Escrow Release -	.00
Tax Certificate Acct. -	.00
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	\$ 781,169.89

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 Hodgson
Councilman Russell

Dated: December 14, 2016

/s/ Francis R. Hodgson, Sr., Mayor

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

All members of the Governing Body wished everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Resolution to adjourn into Executive Session for matters of personnel. The Governing Body may reconvene into open session in order to take action on any further business necessary. Upon a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Klose, 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:

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: Personnel hearing
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 - Hadash, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None. Absent - Hartney.

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”