

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

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

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

Mayor Connors introduced Mrs. Linda Feaster, Branch Librarian, who provided the Governing Body with a brief presentation and packet of information available at the library. After brief discussion, Mayor Connors asked if there was anything the Borough could do for the library. Mrs. Feaster commented that she would like to have installed a digital sign about the same size as the current sign. Mr. Hartney made a motion to proceed with having the ordinance amended to allow for the digital sign, seconded by Mr. Klose.

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

Resolution authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to pay the two (2) State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Bureau of Fire Code Enforcement invoices in the total amount of \$449.00. Upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. Russell, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2015-76

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to pay the two (2) State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs Bureau of Fire Code Enforcement invoices in the total amount of \$449.00.

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

Resolution authorizing release of a curb bond posted by E. Podolak- 312 N. 4th Street in the amount of \$2,800 and E. Donnelly - 38 So. 1st Street in the amount of \$3,300. Upon a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Hartney, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2015-75

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:

E. Podolak- 312 N. 4th Street in the amount of \$2,800.

E. Donnelly - 38 So. 1st Street in the amount of \$3,300.

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

Resolution authorizing a refund for the overpayment of taxes in the amount \$4,550.05 to First American Tax Service, for the following properties:

Block 72 Lot 38; Block 110 Lot 4; Block 109 Lot 3; Block 98 Lot 24

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

RESOLUTION 2015-70

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City that the overpayment of taxes in the amount \$4,550.05 be refunded to First American Tax Service, for the following properties

Block 72 Lot 38 Block 110 Lot 4 Block 109 Lot 3 Block 98 Lot 24

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

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Resolution authorizing the execution of the 2015 Ocean County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Safety Contract. Upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. Hartney, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2015-72

WHEREAS, the Borough of Surf City is a member of the Ocean County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City to enter into a safety contract with the Ocean County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute the attached 2015 Safety Contract with the Ocean County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

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

Resolution authorizing the execution of a renewal group insurance trust agreement and addendum with Brown and Brown Benefit Advisors (formerly Grinspec Group Insurance Trust). Upon a motion by Mr. Hartney, seconded by Mr. Klose, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2015-77

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City authorizing the execution of a renewal group insurance trust agreement and addendum with Brown and Brown Benefit Advisors (formerly Grinspec Group Insurance Trust).

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

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and/or Borough Engineer to apply for and execute an application for a grant in the amount of \$15,000. to prepare the Municipal Public Access Plan and Coastal Vulnerability Assessment Report for the Borough of Surf City. The Borough is required to have said plan in place by November of 2015 or we will be ineligible for our General Permit for Beach and Dune Maintenance. Upon a motion by Mr. Hartney, seconded by Mr. Klose, the resolution attached hereto as Schedule 1, was adopted:

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

Reports:

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

Committee Reports:

Council President F. Hodgson - Finance and Sanitation motioned resolution 2015-78, seconded by Mr. Russell.

RESOLUTION 2015-78

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Carrie Haberstroh be and is hereby appointed a full time/ with benefits clerk in the Tax and Municipal Clerks offices, effective as of May 13, 2015, at the rate of \$25,000.00 per annum.

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

He also motioned Resolution 2015-74, seconded by Mr. Russell, as follows:

RESOLUTION 2015-74

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:

Michael Maynard - effective as of April 20, 2015 and terminating on September 30, 2015.
Andrew McClellan - effective as of April 20, 2015 and terminating on September 30, 2015.
Richard Zennario - effective as of April 22, 2015 and terminating on September 30, 2015.
Brett Sweeney - effective as of April 29, 2015 and terminating on September 30, 2015.
John Boyne - effective as of April 29, 2015 and terminating on September 30, 2015.
Frank Ascolillo - effective as of May 1, 2015 and terminating on September 30, 2015.
Jesse Tomasello - effective as of May 4, 2015 and terminating on September 30, 2015.
Anthony Gutierrez - effective as of May 18, 2015 and terminating on September 30, 2015.
Tavon Horsford - effective as of May 18, 2015 and terminating on September 30, 2015.
James Dorry - effective as of May 8, 2015 and terminating on September 30, 2015.

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

Council President F. Hodgson then provided the Sanitation and Recycling Report for the month of April, 2015

Councilman J. Russell - Public Property and Lifeguards provided a report on lifeguard and public property activities in preparation of the summer season. He also reported on the Memorial Day service to be held on May 23rd noting a new speaker at the event, Rabbi Berkowits, who was in one of the work/concentration camps that was liberated by the 82nd Airborne Division of the armed forces of which resident John Gutbrod was a member.

Mayor Connors introduced John Gutbrod who commented on his meeting the Rabbi and also advised that he will be moving to the Firemen's Home, which is located by his son.

Councilman Wm. Hodgson - Police was absent.

Councilwoman J. Siciliano - Streets and Roads acknowledged receipt of, and response to, a letter from Mr. Linkewich, who complained of water in front of his home. She provided an update on the progress of the Long Beach Boulevard Reconstruction Project, an update on finishing work to be done by New Jersey Natural Gas and a correspondence from the State advising of the receipt of a DOT Improvement Grant for the next phase of work on Barnegat Avenue.

Councilman P. Hartney - Beaches and Environmental advised of his attendance at the press event for the beach replenishment project; a discussion with a reporter, Mr. Peterson, regarding our beach badge program; the Barnegat Bay Blitz Program; the Re-Clam the Bay program at the Bay beach; the Surf City Land Use Board being proud to have a full compliment of members; Saturday, May 16th is the 5K run to benefit the Fire Company and he reported that the Fire Company will be sponsoring a Farmers Market this summer as a new fundraiser. He also motioned Resolution 2015-73, seconded by Mrs. Siciliano.

RESOLUTION 2015-73

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following listed individual is appointed an employee in the Bathing Beach Department as effective as of April 24, 2015, and shall terminate at midnight on September 7, 2015, at the corresponding hourly rate of pay.

Beach Badge Booth:

Lynne Autrey - 5th year - \$9.23 per hour

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

Councilman Hartney also provided the report of beach badges sold through May 7th, with a brief discussion on the busy season ahead.

Councilman J. Klose - Water/Sewer, in the absence of Councilman Wm. Hodgson, motioned Resolution 2015-71, seconded by Mr. Hartney.

RESOLUTION 2015-71

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following listed individuals are appointed as seasonal/on call employees in the Police Department effective as of May 5, 2015 at the corresponding hourly rate of pay. Said appointments are on an as needed basis, and shall terminate on September 9, 2015:

James T. Kelly - Class I Special Officer \$12.00/per hour
Carlos Santory - Class I Special Officer \$11.00/per hour
Timothy Close - Class I Special Officer \$11.00/per hour
Justin Ruppert - Class I Special Officer \$10.00/per hour
Christina Black - Class I Special Officer \$10.00/per hour
Angelica T. Bryan - Code Enforcement Officer \$10.00/per hour

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

Other than that, the Water Department is running fine.

Council President Hodgson commented briefly on beach badges, the beaches and insurance.

Comments from the Audience: none

Correspondence:

Action Required:

Correspondence from the Marine Mammal Stranding Center who would like permission to hold "Mock Strandings" on the 7th Street Beach during the months of July and August. Council President Hodgson wanted to ensure that it would be the same as last year. Upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. Russell, the request was approved:

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

Correspondence from the Surf City Taxpayers' Association requesting permission to hold their summer events and post the appropriate signs. Upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. Hartney, the request was approved:

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

Correspondence from Drew and Suzanne Procaccino of 304 N. 8th Street requesting permission to move their home into the west side shoulder of Barnegat Avenue, during the fall of this year, while pilings are being installed to elevate the structure. Upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. Hartney, the request was approved, subject to receipt of a Certificate of Insurance and Hold Harmless Agreement:

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

Correspondence from Sarah Markoski requesting permission to purchase a memorial bench for placement on N. 19st Street in honor of her grandparents, John and Brenda Fitzpatrick of Surf City. Upon a motion by Mr. F. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Klose, the request was approved:

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

Request from Ross Reynolds requesting permission to again allow the Surf City lifeguards to volunteer at the Stafford Triathlon/Duathlon to be held on June 20th. A Certificate of Insurance has been provided. Upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. Hartney, the request was approved:

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

No Action Required:

Resolution received from the Borough of Beach Haven, the Township of Long Beach, the County of Ocean and the Borough of Ship Bottom.

Comments from the Audience: None

Bill Resolution: Upon a motion by Mrs. Siciliano, seconded by Mr. Russell, 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 -	\$ 212,380.02
Current -	499,608.00
Payroll Account -	164,754.07
Dog License Account -	20.40
Ice Cream Vendor Acct. -	.00

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Escrow Release -	6,100.00
Tax Certificate Acct. -	<u>39,238.54</u>
	\$ 922,101.03

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: May 13, 2015

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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