

## 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 October 14, 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 a brief illness. Upon a motion by Mr. Hartney, seconded by Mr. Russell, the following resolution was adopted:

### **RESOLUTION 2015-**

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.

Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Capital Budget for the inclusion of the removal of an underground storage tank, replacement of fuel system, continued ground monitoring. Upon a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Klose, the following resolution was adopted:

### **RESOLUTION 2015-134**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Surf City, New Jersey desires to amend the 2015 Capital Budget of said Municipality by increasing the amount thereon to include the reconstruction and resurfacing of various streets in and for the Borough of Surf City.

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

Section 1. The 2015 Capital Budget of the Borough of Surf City is hereby amended by adding thereto a Schedule to read as follows:

AMENDMENT #2  
CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE  
BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, NEW JERSEY

Projects Schedules for 2015

Method of Financing

EST. CAPITAL IMP.	CAPITAL SURPLUS	GENERAL BONDS	CAPITAL RESERVE	PROJECT COST	FUND
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Removal of an underground storage tank,					
Replacement of fuel system, continued					
Ground monitoring	\$50,000.			\$50,000.	

Section 2. The Clerk be and is authorized and directed to file two certified copies of this resolution with the Division of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, within three days after the adoption of these projects to be included in the 2015 Capital Budget, as adopted.

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

Council President Hodgson explained that this is a project that has been ongoing for at least 17 years.

Introduction of Ordinance 2015-09, which is read by title only, as follows:

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.

and moved that same be given its first reading. Upon a motion by Mr. Hartney, seconded by Mr. Russell, Ordinance 2015-09 was introduced and passed on first reading and will be considered for final passage, after a public hearing, to be held on December 9, 2015.

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

Resolution authorizing the release of a performance bond and escrow fees as posted by John Enders for drainage work performed on N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Upon a motion by Mrs. Siciliano, seconded by Mr. Klose, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2015-135

WHEREAS, the below listed applicant has posted escrow with the Borough of Surf City to cover professional fees associated with the installation of drainage improvements in the 300 block of N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street; and

WHEREAS, said project has been completed, inspected by the Borough Engineer and all invoices for professional fees associated with same have been received and the Administrator recommends the release of the escrow monies held.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that authorization be and is hereby given to the Chief Financial Officer to release the below listed amount to the Borough of Surf City for payment of the professional fee invoices and the remainder be returned to said property owner.

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT POSTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO BE RELEASED TO APPLICANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO BE RELEASED TO BOROUGH</u>
John Enders	\$2,800.00	\$1,688.00	\$1,112.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the performance bond posted in the amount of \$27,984.00 be and is hereby authorized to be released in its entirety to John Enders.

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

Resolution authorizing the Surf City Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 to apply for no-fee building permits. Councilman Russell and Councilman Hartney must recuse themselves from this item of business in accordance with State Statutes. Upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mrs. Siciliano, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2015-138

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City that the Fire Company President be and is hereby given authorization to apply on behalf of the Surf City Volunteer Fire Company for any permit necessary for Fire Company projects planned during the year 2015 and that no-fee permits be issued for same.

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

**Reports:**

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

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**Committee Reports:**

**Council President F. Hodgson - Finance and Sanitation provided** a Sanitation and Recycling Report for the month of October. He also motioned Resolution 2015-137, seconded by Mr. Russell.

RESOLUTION 2015-137

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that authorization be and is hereby given to proceed with the purchase of brake parts in accordance with the estimate prepared by Trans Axle in the approximate amount of \$3,497.73.

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

He also commented on the continued use of the red trash truck we are renting, while our truck is being repaired.

**Councilman J. Russell - Public Property and Lifeguards** wished everyone a happy Veterans' Day and wished congratulations to the members of the Governing Body for their re-election. He advised that all is quiet in his department at this time.

**Councilman Wm. Hodgson - Police** provided the Statistical Report of Operations for the month of October, 2015 and reported on the success of the trunk-or-treat event.

**Councilwoman J. Siciliano - Streets and Roads** reported on the completion of various road projects and repairs to vehicles.

**Councilman P. Hartney - Beaches and Environmental** Councilman Hartney provided a report on the beach replenishment project. He commented on an indication that our project may be contingent on the acquisition of real estate in North Beach and commented on his various correspondences that our project should not be based on contingencies, as we have done our due diligence and he anticipates our project being completed.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the beach project.

**Councilman J. Klose - Water/Sewer** advised that there are no problems in his Department at this time.

**Comments from the Audience:**

Mr. Bob Lieber was present with members of the Surf City Taxpayers Association and expressed interest in being involved in any ceremony honoring Mayor Connors for his years of service and retirement. There were questions with regard to the process of selection of a new Mayor and concern was expressed that some notice to the Association would have been a courtesy.

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They asked that they be notified of any changes in the Mayor's Office or the Governing Body in the future and expressed interest in being involved in the selection process. Discussion ensued.

**Correspondence:**

**Action Required: None**

**No Action Required:**

Resolutions received from the Township of Ocean.

**Comments from the Audience:**

Bea Joseph advised that she is happy with the outcome of the election.

**Bill Resolution:** Upon a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Klose, 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 -	\$ 212,377.80
Current -	486,892.78
Payroll Account -	163,172.28
Dog License Account -	.00
Ice Cream Vendor Acct. -	.00
Escrow Release -	30,784.00
Tax Certificate Acct. -	<u>.00</u>
	\$ 893,226.86

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 Hartney  
Councilwoman Siciliano

Dated: November 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 Mrs. Siciliano, seconded by Mr. Klose and, a vote in the affirmative, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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

