

## 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 and executive session held on August 12, 2015. Upon a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Klose, 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. Klose, seconded by Mrs. Siciliano, the following resolution was adopted:

### RESOLUTION 2015-118

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 resurfacing of various roads. Upon a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Klose, the following resolution was adopted:

### RESOLUTION 2015-111

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 #1  
CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE  
BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, NEW JERSEY  
Projects Schedules for 2015

PROJECT	COST	FUND SURPLUS	BONDS	CAPITAL GENERAL CAPITAL RESERVE
Resurfacing of Various Roads	\$425,000.	\$21,250.		\$403,750.

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.

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2015-08, which was read by title only, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION AND RESURFACING OF VARIOUS STREETS IN THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY AND APPROPRIATING \$425,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$403,750 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY TO FINANCE THE SAME.

and moved that same be given its first reading. Upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. Hartney, Ordinance 2015-08 was introduced and passed on first reading and will be considered for final passage, after a public hearing, to be held on October 14, 2015.

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

Resolution authorizing the inclusion of Eugene Racz, Esq. of the firm of Citta, Holzapfel and Zabarsky, as an Alternate Municipal Prosecutor. Upon a motion by Mr. Wm. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Russell, the resolution, attached hereto as Schedule 1, was adopted:

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

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Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant with the Department of Transportation for the continued reconstruction and resurfacing of Barnegat Avenue. Upon a motion by Mrs. Siciliano, seconded by Mr. Hartney, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2015-104

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the Department of Transportation for the continued reconstruction and resurfacing of Barnegat Avenue from North 8<sup>th</sup> Street to North 4<sup>th</sup> Street in the amount of \$406,755.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council, of the Borough of Surf City, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Municipal Clerk and Borough Engineer are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2016 Surf City-00244 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Surf City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Surf City and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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

Resolution approving the application for an on premise cash 50/50 raffle as submitted by the Surf City Volunteer Fire Co. # 1 for games to be held on November 6, 2015. 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 2015-112

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City that the application for an on premise cash 50/50 raffle license as submitted by Surf City Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, ID#485-9-17286, for raffle to be held on November 6, 2015 at the Fire House, be and is hereby approved, and the Municipal Clerk is authorized to issue License RL 15-05

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal fee for said license be and is hereby waived in accordance with Ordinance 95-4 of this Municipality.

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

Resolution authorizing the refund of overpayment of taxes on the property known as 1807 N. Ocean Avenue, Lot 2 in Block 50 in the amount of \$3,224.71. Upon a motion by Mr. Hartney, seconded by Mr. Klose, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2015-113

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has receive an overpayment of taxes on the property known as 1807 N. Ocean Avenue, Lot 2 in Block 50; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is requesting the property owner receive a refund for the overpayment of taxes in the amount of \$3,224.71;

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 on the above referenced property;

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

**Reports:**

Chief Financial Officer's Report for the month of July, 2015.

Municipal Court Report for the month of July, 2015

Federal Flood Insurance Program Report

**Committee Reports:**

**Councilman J. Russell - Public Property and Lifeguards** provided a report on lifeguard and public property activities, he also motioned Resolution 2015-115, seconded by Mr. Klose.

RESOLUTION 2015-115

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following listed individuals are appointed employees in the Lifeguard Department, effective as of this date, at the corresponding weekly rate of pay. Said appointments shall terminate on September 8, 2015.

**LIFEGUARDS**

**1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR      \$400.00**

BENDIK, CHASE

MEGGITT, SCOTT

NITTI, MARIA

RICE, KATE

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**8<sup>TH</sup> YEAR \$520.00**  
McMENAMIN, CONNOR

**11<sup>TH</sup> YEAR \$520.00**  
GRONOSTAJSKI, KYLE

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the seasonal/on-call appointment of the following lifeguards be and is hereby extended through September 13, 2015:

DILEO, MARK  
BONANNI, RYAN  
DUNGEE, PAUL  
GSELL, DAN  
GILLEY, ERIC  
GAUDIOSO, MITCHELL  
GRIEVE, JEANNIE  
LABITA, NICK  
ROTHSTEIN, LAUREN  
HISTING, BRITTANY  
GAUDIOSO, MIKE  
WELC, JENNIFER

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

Councilman Russell invited everyone to see the newly repaired tennis courts.

**Council President F. Hodgson - Finance and Sanitation** provided a Sanitation and Recycling Report for the month of August. He also motioned Resolution 2015-116, seconded by Mr. Klose.

#### RESOLUTION 2015-116

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 December 31, 2015:

Andrew McClellan  
Richard Zennario  
James Dorry  
Quinn Musto  
Matt Fishman  
Terry Brennan

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

He also commented on the rental trash truck being provided by our insurance company while we wait for the repairs to be completed on the truck that was involved in an accident.

**Councilman Wm. Hodgson - Police** provided the Statistical Report of Operations for the month of August, 2015. He also thanked several police officers for activities they were involved in during the month and expressed thanks to Walters Bike Shop for their participation in the bike rodeo. He also read a letter of thanks from St. Francis Center.

**Councilwoman J. Siciliano - Streets and Roads** motioned Resolution 2015-114, seconded by Mr. Hartney, as follows.

#### RESOLUTION 2015-114

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 necessary plans, specifications and bids for the reconstruction and resurfacing of a portion of Barnegat Avenue - Phase 3 from approximately North 11<sup>th</sup> to North 8<sup>th</sup> Streets.

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

She also motioned Resolution 2015-117, seconded by Mr. Russell, as follows.

#### RESOLUTION 2015-117

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 repairs and reconstruction to the curbs and sidewalks located between N. 13<sup>th</sup> and N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Long Beach Boulevard, westerly side of the street in front of the Borough yard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said work is being performed in accordance with the quotation received from Carl Gallagher in the approximate amount of \$10,495.00.

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

She also reported on attending the Taxpayers' Association meeting with Dave Pawlishak. Council President F. Hodgson asked how the roads are selected for resurfacing. Mrs. Siciliano explained the procedure and who is involved in the decision making process.

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**Councilman P. Hartney - Beaches and Environmental** Councilman Hartney provided a report on beach badge sales and the bay environmental project. He also reported on Ms. Kayla Pickel being the highest badge seller, bypassing her exceptional sales of last year.

**Councilman J. Klose - Water/Sewer** reported that all is working fine.

**Comments from the Audience:** none

**Correspondence:**

**Action Required:**

Correspondence from Diane DiGiovanni requesting permission to purchase a memorial bench for placement on the bay between N. 1<sup>st</sup> and N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in honor of her father Joseph. Upon a motion by Mr. Klose, seconded by Mr. Hartney, the request was approved:

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

**No Action Required:**

Resolution received from the Township of Manchester and the County of Ocean.

**Comments from the Audience:**

Mrs. Gilbert expressed thanks for the extended lifeguard season.

Council President Hodgson commented on Councilwoman Siciliano finding the money for the curbs, as requested by the Taxpayers Association.

**Bill Resolution:** Upon a motion by Mr. Russell, 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 -	\$	86,675.17	
Current -		659,340.10	
Payroll Account -		294,884.51	
Dog License Account -		.00	
Ice Cream Vendor Acct. -		.00	
Escrow Release -			.00
Tax Certificate Acct. -		.00	
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			\$1,040,899.78

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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: September 9, 2015

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

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hartney, F. Hodgson, Wm. Hodgson, Klose, Russell, Siciliano. Nays - None. Abstain on voucher 15-00836 - Hartney and Russell.

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