

**Borough of Surf City
Governing Body Meeting Minutes**

Mayor F. Hodgson called the meeting to order, reading the following statement. 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 Beach Haven Times on January 12, 2023.

Roll call reflected the following members present: Councilman Peter M. Hartney, Council President William D. Hodgson, Councilman Gerry P. Little, Councilman John D. McMEnamin, Councilman James B. Russell, Councilwoman Jaqueline L. Siciliano & Mayor Francis R. Hodgson. Absent: none.

Councilman Russell moved to approve the September 13, 2023, regular minutes. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the minutes were approved.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, Mr. McMEnamin, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Mayor F. Hodgson read a Proclamation for the Ocean County Library for “Friends of the Libraries” week from October 15 to October 21. Councilman Little moved to approve the proclamation, as attached. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, Mr. McMEnamin, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Councilman Russell moved to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2023-14. Councilman McMEnamin seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the hearing was open. Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, Mr. McMEnamin, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

There were no comments. Councilman Russell moved to close the public hearing. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the hearing was closed. Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, Mr. McMEnamin, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Councilman Russell moved to approve the final reading of the Ordinance 2023-14 by title. Councilman Siciliano seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, Ordinance 2023-14 was adopted. Ordinance 2023-14 amends and increases bond authorization for the pickleball court project.

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2023-14

**BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING IN PART BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2022-09
ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 9, 2022, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT ACQUISITIONS FOR BEACH AND**

RECREATIONAL AREAS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION THEREFOR BY \$140,000 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$360,000 AND TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED BONDS AND NOTES TO BE ISSUED TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF BY \$133,000 FOR A TOTAL DEBT AUTHORIZATION OF \$342,000, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, Mr. McMenamain, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Resolutions 2023-142 through 2023-156 were considered and approved as attached.

Mayor F. Hodgson provided the August 2023 Chief Financial and Municipal Court reports.

Councilman McMenamain provided sanitary landfill analysis for the sanitation department for September 2023.

Councilman Russell mentioned that last week, the Borough put out a bid for the pickleball courts. The authorization to fund the project will be approved, and the bids will be considered next month. The DPW has been painting and sprucing things up, and the water department has replaced some fixtures at Borough Hall. The Borough has awarded a contract to Tremco for the roof replacement at Borough Hall. Finally, the lifeguard equipment has been restored and put away for the season.

Council President Wm. Hodgson provided the police report for September. Chief Casella received letters thanking Kyle Costabile, Victor Rice, and Jared Cornelius for their service on a recent call. Jared Cornelius has been assisting in recruiting Class 2 officers. The Borough has just hired one Class 2 officer, and two Class 1 officers will attend the police academy for the Class 2 course soon. Trunk or Treat will be on October 28th with a rain date of October 29th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Councilwoman Siciliano pointed out that the current road project is outside the door on N. 8th Street. The contractor has been working on drainage; concrete work will begin the week of the 30th, with milling and paving following shortly after. The start of the N. 15th Street bulkhead work was slightly delayed due to some of the weather in September. The contractor is here today, and it will be a two to three-week project. The County will be working on improvements for drainage on Central Avenue from Division to N. 2nd Street.

Councilman Hartney gave the final season report for the beach badge sales reports and cost analysis for beach operations. The environmental committee will be attending a meeting with the Regional Climate office from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and will be doing a site visit about our resiliency plan.

Councilman Little provided the September 2023 water report for shut offs, markouts, and disconnects. Excellent news, there were no after-hours emergencies. The booster pump at well seven has been installed. The weather slightly delayed the water tower project. The tower has

been drained to prepare for sanding and painting. The water department also installed a new service, completed repairs for water leaks and a meter pit.

The Borough received a request for a memorial bench from Robert Dodds to place a bench at N. 16th & the Ocean. Councilman Russell moved to approve the request under the direction of the Borough Superintendent. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the requests were approved.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, Mr. McMenamain, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

A request was received from Greg O'Connell for permission to host the 108th Association of Surf Angling Club Tournament on October 14, 2023. They request the beach buggy fees be waived. Councilman Russell moved to approve the request. Councilman McMenamain seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the requests were approved.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, Mr. McMenamain, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Councilman Russell moved to approve paying the bills. Councilwoman Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the bills were approved. Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, Mr. McMenamain, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 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	\$171,703.40
Current	\$631,778.19
Payroll Account	\$220,629.81
Dog License Account	\$0.00
Ice Cream Vendor Account	\$0.00
Escrow Release	\$3,001.71
Tax Certificate Account	\$0.00

Are hereby ordered paid, and the Mayor and Clerk Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, Mr. McMenamain, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

are authorized to draw an order upon the Borough Treasurer. Date: October 11, 2023 /s/ Francis R. Hodgson, Mayor

Mayor F. Hodgson called for any comments from the public.

Tony Pace asked about the pickleball courts and when wind curtains may be installed.

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Kathy Casey asked if wind curtains could be budgeted in.

Councilwoman Siciliano moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative., the meeting was adjourned. Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, Mr. McMenamin, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Hannemann, RMC/CMR/QPA

Borough Clerk/Administrator