

**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 January 30, 2020 issue of the Beach Haven Times. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting took place on a remote platform called GoTo Meeting during the regularly scheduled time. Notice of directions and call-in information was also published in the July 30, 2020 edition of the Beach Haven Times and posted on the Borough website.

Roll call reflected the following members present: Councilman John G. Hadash, Councilman Peter Hartney, Councilman William D. Hodgson, Councilman James B. Russell, Councilwoman Jaqueline L. Siciliano & Mayor Francis R. Hodgson. Absent: none.

All present joined Mayor Hodgson in a salute to the flag.

Councilman Russell moved to approve the regular minutes from the July 8, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the minutes were approved as presented.

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

Councilman Hartney moved to the approve Resolution 2020-116. Council President Klose seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020 Governor Philip D. Murphy declared a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Governor Philip D. Murphy has since issued a series of executive orders resulting in the closure or limited scope of operations to local businesses within the Borough of Surf City; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of Surf City found it appropriate to temporarily relax outdoor dining procedures on May 13, 2020 by Resolution 2020-87; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of Surf City that the ban of amplified music be temporarily suspended, effective immediately with the following provisions.

1. Outdoor amplified/live music be permitted from 11:00 am until 9:00 pm, daily.
2. Effective until September 10, 2020 or until terminated by Mayor or Council.

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

Council President Klose moved to the approve Resolution 2020-107. Councilman Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump issued a Major Disaster Declaration, enacting the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Act (CARES Act) on March 27, 2020 for the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act provides funding in order to combat economic damage; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Surf City are hereby authorized and directed to enter into and execute an agreement with the County of Ocean for the provision of services as specifically set forth in the attached agreement.

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

Councilman Russell moved to the approve Resolution 2020-109. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

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 State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection Annual Operation Fee invoice in the amount of \$720.00.

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

Councilman Hartney moved to the approve Resolution 2020-110. Council President Klose seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

WHEREAS, the below listed applicants has posted escrow with the Borough of Surf City in accordance with Ordinance 99-4 to cover professional fees associated with Land Use Board applications; and

WHEREAS, said application has been completed and all invoices for professional fees associated with same have been received and the Land Use Board recommends the release of the escrow monies held; and

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 applicant.

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Posted Amount</u>	<u>Amount to Applicant</u>	<u>Amount to Borough</u>
Barr	Professional	\$1,500	\$161.67	\$1,338.33
Jordan	Professional	\$1,500.00	\$618.33	\$881.67

Panzone's	Professional	\$1,500.00	\$28.24	\$1,471.76
Kish/Perella	Professional	\$1,500.00	\$330.27	\$1,169.73
How You Brewin	Professional	\$1,544.11	0	\$1,544.11

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

Councilman Russell moved to the approve Resolution 2020-111. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

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; and

WHEREAS, the below listed person(s) posted a guarantee in the corresponding amount prior to the exchange of ownership; and

WHEREAS, The Zoning Official made a final inspection and approved same to be in conformance with the Borough ordinances; and

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.

- Joette Pindar of 33 N. 10th Street in the amount of \$5,000.00

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

Council President Klose moved to the approve Resolution 2020-112. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

AMENDING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION CODE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES "SCHEDULE A, B & C"

WHEREAS, the Borough of Surf City entered into a Shared Services Agreement with the Boroughs of Barnegat Light, Beach Haven, & Harvey Cedars for the provision of Construction Code Enforcement Services by Resolution 2020-89 on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, amendments to Schedule A, B and C of this agreement need to be made for 2020 due to the hiring of Building Inspector Thomas Scollan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Surf City that the attached Schedule A, B & C is hereby approved, effective August 12, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution with the schedule referred to above shall be sent to the Boroughs of Barnegat Light, Beach Haven, & Harvey Cedars.

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

Mayor F. Hodgson presented the June reports from the Municipal Court and the Chief Financial Officer.

Councilman Hadash presented the sanitation report and mentioned that the Department of Public Works was continuing to provide services seven days a week. He also commented on the sanitation truck that would be back in commission following some repairs.

Councilman Russell reported that a large tree at Veteran's Park had fallen during the last tropical storm. He also provided the lifeguard statistical report and commented that the lifeguards were doing a great job. Councilman Russell then moved Resolution 2020-114. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that Jamie Malandra is hereby appointed as a 2nd year lifeguard at the rate of \$440 per week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Julia Rothstein is hereby appointed as a fill in Lieutenant for the remainder of the 2020 season at a rate of \$750 per week when working in that capacity.

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

Mayor F. Hodgson stated that at no time were the guarded beach compromised due the outbreak of COVID-19 among the lifeguards.

Councilman Wm. Hodgson provided the July 2020 statistical report from the Police Department. He thanked all the Borough employees for their efforts and commented Tropical Storm Isaias.

Councilwoman Siciliano reported that the Department of Public Works (DPW) continued to repair and patch streets. She had also commented on Resolution 2020-108 and the reduced cost of work for the N. 5th & N. 6th Street NJDOT project. On August 4, 2020 she had met with Frank Little to review the plans for the NJDOT reconstruction project for N. 4th & N. 7th Streets.

Councilman Hartney reported that the morning bay program has had a great turnout this season. He then provided the beach sales report. Councilman Hartney moved Resolution 2020-115. Councilman Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following listed individuals are appointed seasonal employees in the Bathing Beach Department, effective as of this date unless otherwise noted, and shall terminate on September 3, 2019, at the corresponding rate of pay.

BEACH BADGE CHECKER/SELLERS

1ST Year \$11.00 per hour

Sofia Rose Antinora
Conor Gorgia
Sage Christensen
Aiden Gridley
Leah Balerna
Alexander Block
Carson Andrew Gudzak
Margaret Abbey Lawton
Sophia Presto
Christopher Roberts
Samantha Shuron
Alexander Skipper
Katelyn Skipper
Emily Francis Smith
Evan Sprague
Nathan Sprague
Deanna Trapeano
Charles Francis White
Isabelle Wright

2nd Year \$11.10/per hour

Sarah Juliano
Tyler Leidemer
Jake Shoemaker
Kelley Shoemaker

3rd Year \$11.20/per hour

Drew McNellis
Julie Ann Simms,

4th Year \$11.30/per hour

Kayla Gerhardt
Lucas Haberstroh

5th Year \$11.40/per hour

Samantha Diodata
Matthew Malandra

FILL IN ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR - \$12.20 /per hour

Kayla Gerhardt
Lucas Haberstroh
Jake Shoemaker
Julie Simms

ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR

Mary Madonna 1st year \$12.20 per hour
Rody Hickson -3rd year \$12.80/per hour
Sarah Miele - 2nd year \$12.60/per hour

SUPERVISOR

Renee Pawlishak, -10th year - \$760 per week

BEACH BADGE BOOTH

Haley Haberstroh - \$12.20 per hour
Dave Pawlishak - \$11.10 per hour

BOAT RAMP ATTENDANT/BEACH BADGE CHECKER/SELLER

Matthew Malandra - 5^h year - \$11.40/per hour
Vincent Bonpietro - 4rd year - \$11.30/ per hour
Lucas Haberstroh - 4th year - \$11.30/per hour

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

Council President Klose commented that water and sewer was doing well despite the damages to the water tank behind Borough Hall during the last storm. He moved Resolution 2020-113. Councilman Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

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 repairs and testing on the aerator and pump of Well 5.

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

A letter received from the Long Beach Island Fishing Club to request permission to hold their annual fishing tournament and to waive the beach buggy fees for the use of the beach that day. Councilman Hartney moved to approve the request. Councilman Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the request was approved. Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

A letter received from Arlene Morrison requesting to “Paint the Town Teal” to raise awareness for ovarian cancer. Mayor F. Hodgson remarked that the approval for this request would be at no cost to the Borough, no businesses would be solicited and that the teal bows would be removed at the end of the event. Councilman Russell moved to approve the request. Council President Klose seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the request to place teal bows throughout town was approved. Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

A letter received from Marie Del Gaudio to request permission for a memorial bench on behalf of her parents to be placed at S. 2nd Street Councilman Russell moved to approve the request with oversight from the Borough Superintendent. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the request was approved. Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Mayor F. Hodgson addressed the advisory for the bay beach and that so far this year, the bay beach has not been closed. He requested that everyone pick up after their animals so that our beaches test at safe variations.

Councilman Russell moved to pay the bills. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the bills were approved to be paid.

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	\$209,250.95
Current	\$526,877.69
Payroll Account	\$367,150.14
Dog License Account	\$1.20
Ice Cream Vendor Account	\$0.00
Escrow Release	\$5,808.24
Tax Certificate Account	\$0.00

are hereby ordered paid and the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to draw an order upon the Borough Treasurer for same.

Approved by: Councilman Hartney
Council President Klose
Councilman Russell

Dated: August 12, 2020.

/s/ Francis R. Hodgson, Mayor

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

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

Chris Fadeyev, of 387 N. 9th Street, spoke about his concerns related to nuisance flooding. He stated that the pumps installed at the end of 9th Street are no longer functioning. He also mentioned that he had cleaned the drain at the end of the street.

Mayor F. Hodgson replied the matter would be turned over to streets & roads and that the Borough Superintendent would look into the function of the pump.

Dave Burgess, of 366 N. 9th Street spoke about his concerns for the same issue and claimed the pump hasn't worked since Hurricane Sandy.

Jeff Casey, of 362 N. 9th Street agreed with his neighbors stating that his family has lived there since 1964. He noted that the water used to naturally drain and offer that the bulkhead at the Marina has land locked the water.

Councilwoman Siciliano had pledged to oversee the matter and consult with Borough staff. Council President Klose offered information about the initial installation of the pump by Ocean County. Mayor F. Hodgson had advised the neighbors that he had requested the NJDOT dredge the bay approximately five years ago. At that time, state officials had advised the Borough that a three-year study was necessary prior to the consideration of dredging. Councilman Hartney commented that he had also been reaching out to his contacts at the NJDOT in relation to dredging the bay.

With no further comments, Councilman Russell moved to adjourn the meeting. Council President Klose seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Hannemann, RMC/CMR/QPA
Borough Clerk/Administrator