

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 October 22, 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 F. Hodgson in a salute to the Flag.

Mayor F. Hodgson requested that everyone take a moment of silence to remember all of the veterans who have served our country.

Councilman Russell moved to approve the regular minutes from the October 14, 2020 regular meeting. 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 Russell moved to approve the introduction and first reading by title for Ordinance 2020-07. Council President Klose seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following title was read and approved.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE OF THE “REVISED GENERAL
ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW
JERSEY, 2000” CHAPTER 16 ENTITLED SEWER & WATER SECTIONS 16-3.1(b) & 16-
11.2(a).

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 2020-138. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

WHEREAS, the Surf City Taxpayer’s Association was founded in 1986 to enhance the quality of life for all residents, visitor’s and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Surf City Taxpayer's Association promotes a sense of community by organizing annual civic & social activities for all to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Taxpayer's Association support local charities and civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Francis R. Hodgson proclaimed the week of September 18, 2020 to September 25, 2020, as "Salute to First Responders Week" in the Borough of Surf City, County of Ocean State of New Jersey, and urge everyone to join the Surf City Taxpayer Association and its members in honoring, appreciating and thanking these men and women for their contributions to our community in keeping us safe and making the Borough of Surf City a great place to live and vacation; and

WHEREAS, the Surf City Taxpayer's Association recognized this event with a ceremony held on September 25, 2020 at Veteran's Park for the Department of Public Works Beach Patrol, Police, Fire & EMS; and

WHEREAS, the Surf City Taxpayer's Association presented each agency or department with a plaque and a \$750 donation to the organization of their choice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City supports and appreciates the generous and benevolent acts organized by the Surf City Taxpayer's Association, which enhance the quality of life for all of the members of our community.

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 2020-139. Council President Klose seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

WHEREAS, the Best Practices Inventory (BPI) assesses each municipality's compliance with various laws and evaluates implementation of fiscal and operational best practices. Inventory answers provide taxpayers an additional means of evaluating their municipality's performance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Best Practices Inventory has been received and reviewed by the Governing Body of the Surf City.

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 Wm. Hodgson moved to the approve Resolution 2020-140. Councilman Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City that the Municipal Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to provide adequate notice of the reorganization meeting of the year to be held on January 6, 2020 commencing at

10:00 am. The regular meeting will be held immediately after the reorganization meeting is adjourned.

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.

Councilwoman Siciliano moved to the approve Resolution 2020-141. Council President Klose seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

WHEREAS, the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant provides financial support to states, local communities, tribes and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Surf City Volunteer Fire Co. and EMS No. 1 is in need of a replacement generator; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of Surf City, that in accordance with procedures in 44 C.F.R. §206.202(c), authorization be given to the Borough Administrator to submit a request for public assistance to the FEMA Regional Administrator on behalf of the Surf City Volunteer Fire Co. & EMS No. 1.

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

Councilman Hartney moved to the approve Resolution 2020-142. Council President Klose seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the fee for the construction of a memorial bench be \$900.00.

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.

In relation to the consideration of Resolution 2020-143, Mayor F. Hodgson explained the Borough was being requested to provide snow plowing services to property within Ship Bottom. He suggested the Borough provide plowing services on a case by case basis until the matter is reviewed.

Councilman Hartney moved to the table Resolution 2020-143 until next month for further review. Councilman Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the matter was tabled.

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 2020-144. Councilman Russell 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 guarantees be released.

- Allan Miller in the amount of \$3,000 for 208 N. Central Avenue.
- Richard & Ann Brooke in the amount \$6,360 for 30 N. 3rd Street.

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 2020-145. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

WHEREAS, the below listed applicant 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.

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(s).

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Posted Amount</u>	<u>Amount to Applicant</u>	<u>Amount to Borough</u>
Curcio	Professional	\$500	\$255.00	\$245
Lawlor	Professional	\$1,500.00	\$668.91	\$831.09
Sibco Holdings	Professional	\$1,500.00	\$559.54	\$940.46

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 provided the September 2020 Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Court Reports.

Councilman Hadash provided the sanitation report for October 2020. He congratulated Councilman Wm. Hodgson on his recent re-election. He also thanked the voters and state that he was humbled by his recent re-election.

Councilman Russell reported that a new sign for the Beach Wheels garage was to be purchased. He also mentioned the use of the pickleball courts and the newly installed holiday snowflake lights. After congratulating Councilman Hadash and Councilman Wm. Hodgson, Councilman Russell moved to approve Resolution 2020-148. Councilman Wm. Hodgson seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Matthew Adams hereby be appointed in the Badge Booth for November 28th & December 5th at a rate of \$12.00 per hour.

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

Councilman Wm. Hodgson provided the statistical report for the month of October 2020. On October 24, 2020, the Police Department successfully held Operation Take Back for the safe disposal of prescription medication. Also, the 6th annual Trunk or Treat was held the same day in a very safe manner due to COVID-19. Mr. Hodgson extended his sincerest thanks to all who worked and fundraised for this event. The department has participated in the nation wide 9 pm Routine. This reminds residents to lock their vehicles at 9 pm via social media. Councilman Wm. Hodgson thanked the voters for re-electing him this term and congratulated Councilman Hadash on his re-election.

Councilwoman Siciliano announced that the Public Works Department continues to fill potholes and repair street end barricades as needed. The drainage was completed for the NJDOT projects taking place on N. 7th and N. 4th Streets and the curbing was expected to be complete this week. Paving of the road is scheduled to be completed by the end of next week. The project should be completed well ahead the original completion date was December 15. The next project which is N. 3rd Street, N. 4th Street and Schroeder Avenue will be bid after January 1, 2021 with a start date of March 1st. Those roads will be completed prior to Memorial Day. Councilwoman Siciliano thanked all of our nation's veterans, commenting that they represent the best of us. She also congratulated Councilman Hadash and Councilman Wm. Hodgson on their recent re-election.

Councilman Hartney raised concerns for public impact during a video conference meeting with representatives in relation to an offshore wind project, slated for 2023. He reported that 100 Holiday Badges had been sold to date. Councilman Hartney moved Resolution 2020-146. 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 following purchase in the amount of \$55,055.78 from the Sourcewell Cooperative purchasing:

Contract No. 132314 One New 2021 Ford Super Duty F-350 SRW (F3F) XL 4WD Reg Cab with a 9' Stainless Steel Dump Body & Equipment, as described in Quote No. 14374 R2.

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 Resolution 2020-147. Council President Klose 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 following purchase in the amount of \$18,640.62 from the Sourcewell Cooperative purchasing: Contract No. 132314 One 2021 John Deere Gator Model No. XUV825M

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 ended his report by congratulating Councilman Hadash and Councilman Wm. Hodgson for their recent re-election.

Council President Klose did the same and reminded all to winterize their plumbing before the cold weather arrives.

Councilman Russell moved to pay the bills. Council President Klose 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	\$282,268.61
Current	\$2,315,999.60
Payroll Account	\$123,943.36
Dog License Account	\$13.20
Ice Cream Vendor Account	\$0.00
Escrow Release	\$14,760.00
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: Council President Klose
Councilman Hartney

Councilman Russell

Dated: November 11, 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. There were no comments.

Councilman Hartney moved to adjourn the meeting. Council President Klose seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christine Hannemann". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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