

**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 had been published in the December 3, 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.

Councilman Russell moved to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2020 regular meeting. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the minutes were approved as presented.

The following Council members voted aye: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Councilman Hartney moved to approve the first reading by title of Ordinance 2021-01. Councilman Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative the following titles was read and approved.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING, AND/OR REPEALING ORDINANCES ENTITLED  
“REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, 2000” SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 11 ENTITLED BUILDING & HOUSING  
SECTION 7.8(h).

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 approve the first reading by title of Ordinance 2021-02. Council President Klose seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative the following titles was read and approved.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING, AND/OR REPEALING ORDINANCES ENTITLED  
“REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, 2000” SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 30 ENTITLED ZONING SECTION 11.1 (I).

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 a consent agenda for the following resolutions. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

RESOLUTION 2021-23

WHEREAS, from time to time, the Tax Assessor discovers an error in calculation, transposing, measurement, or typographical errors, in the tax assessments on the tax list after the time the County Board of Taxation has certified the tax rates for the tax year or a property becomes subject to a roll-back assessment;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Taxing District of the Borough of Surf City is desirous that every taxpayer pays his fair share of taxes; and

WHEREAS, if the above discovered errors are not corrected or a roll-back assessment not applied, the taxpayers affected would not be paying their fair share of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the method for correcting such errors is to file a Petition of Appeal or Complaint with the Ocean County Board of Taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Taxing District of the Borough of Surf City, that the Tax Assessor or Municipal Attorney is hereby authorized to act as the agent for the taxing district during the year of 2021 and file a Petition of Appeal or Complaint with the Ocean County Board of Taxation to correct such assessments to the proper value and that a copy of any Petition of Appeal or Complaint filed with the Ocean County Board of Taxation, under this resolution, be filed with the Municipal Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Assessor or Municipal Attorney is hereby authorized to execute stipulations of settlement on any tax appeal or complaint filed by the taxing district or by a taxpayer in the tax year 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Taxation with any such Petition of Appeal.

RESOLUTION 2021-24

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Emergency Management Council Ledger, be and is hereby approved and the Emergency Management Coordinator be and is hereby authorized to execute same.

RESOLUTION 2021-25

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City that the Cash Management Plan of the Borough of Surf City be and is hereby adopted for the year 2021.

RESOLUTION 2021-26

WHEREAS, the County of Ocean has created and established a program to assist municipalities in the repair and maintenance of municipal streets in addition to providing certain materials and supplies in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., authorizes local units to agree to provide services jointly by contract, when approved by resolution, in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:65-5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Surf City wishes to enter into an agreement with the County of Ocean to provide certain repair, maintenance services, road overlay, materials and supplies, not to exceed the total sum of \$375,000.00, to be disbursed as follows:

Road Department	\$350,000.
Engineering Department	\$ 25,000.
Vehicle Services Department	\$ 00.

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

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Surf City are hereby authorized and directed to enter into and execute a Joint Services Agreement with the County of Ocean for the provision of services in the Borough of Surf City as more specifically set forth in the attached agreement.

2. A copy of this Agreement shall be kept on file and be available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

3. This agreement shall take effect January 1, 2021 and shall remain in full force and effect through December 31, 2021. Sufficient funds have been appropriated and are available for this purpose in the current municipal budget.

RESOLUTION 2021-27

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City that Mayor Hodgson be and is hereby authorized to execute the 1-year agreement with the Associated Humane Society for animal control services for the period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

RESOLUTION 2021-28

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City that the application for probationary membership in the Surf City Volunteer Fire Co. as submitted by Christopher DeFilippis is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2021-29

WHEREAS, the Borough of Surf City has entered a contract with the municipalities of Beach Haven, Harvey Cedars and Barnegat Light to jointly employ a Construction Code Official; and

WHEREAS, the agreement requires the Borough Council to annually consider Schedule C; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, that the attached Schedule C is hereby approved, effective as of January 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the municipalities of Beach Haven, Harvey Cedars and Barnegat Light.

The following Council members voted aye: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none. Councilman Hartney & Councilman Russell recused themselves from Resolution 2021-28.

Mayor F. Hodgson provided the November 2020 Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Court Reports.

Councilman Hadash gave the sanitation report. With the increased population, all hands have been on deck for sanitation pick up. The DPW will be installing dune fencing as time permits. Councilman Hadash moved to approve Resolution 2021-30. Councilman Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following part-time laborers be appointed in the Department of Public Works on an as needed basis at the corresponding rates, effective January 1, 2021 terminating April 30, 2021, as follows.

Troy Luongo at \$13.00 per hour  
Anthony Triola at 13.00 per hour  
John Hudson at \$13.00 per hour  
Kaelee Gross at \$13.50 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.

Councilman Russell congratulated Councilman Hadash and Councilman Hodgson on their re – election. The new sign will be installed above the beach wheels garage soon. Due to the wonderful response, the Borough has applied for approval for additional holiday light locations with Atlantic City Electric. Councilman Russell thanked Mayor F. Hodgson for reaching out to Ocean County representatives to advocate for a vaccine location in Southern Ocean County.

Councilman Wm. Hodgson provided the statistical report for the police department. The department is getting ready to accept applications for Class I special police officers.

Applications are available at the Borough Hall or on the police department website. Councilman Wm. Hodgson moved to approve Resolution 2021-31. Councilman Russell seconded the notion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Brian Forfa be appointed as Class II Special Officer in the Police Department at \$15 per hour effective as of January 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

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 congratulated Councilman Hadash for being re-elected and thanked the voters in Surf City for re-electing both of them. He wished everyone a happy New Year.

Mayor F. Hodgson mentioned that he would continue to advocate for the police and teachers to receive the vaccine.

Councilwoman Siciliano mentioned that the DPW would continue to work on potholes and barricades. The N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street bulkhead has recently received some work. The N. 4<sup>th</sup> & N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street NJDOT project needs a little more concrete work & the handicap pads need to be installed. The survey work for the next project at N. 3<sup>rd</sup>, N. 4<sup>th</sup> & Schroeder survey work will begin next week. Councilwoman Siciliano moved to approve Resolution 2021-32. 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 the CDBG project to improve parking lot accessibility.

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 mentioned that DPW will install the dune fencing soon. The NJDEP and ACOE have been and will continue to regularly survey the beaches. He also provided the final holiday beach badge sales report and mentioned the annual statistics for the Fire Company.

Council President Klose congratulated Councilman Hadash and Councilman Wm. Hodgson on their recent e-election. He reported that the pump house will be undergoing necessary repairs soon.

Mayor F. Hodgson congratulation Council President Klose on his reelection as Council President. He wished everyone a Happy, Healthy, New Year.

Councilman Russell moved to pay the bills. Councilman Hartney 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	\$126,447.78
Current	\$574,982.43
Payroll Account	\$243,487.36
Dog License Account	\$0.00
Ice Cream Vendor Account	\$0.00
Escrow Release	\$16,810.66
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: January 6, 2021.

/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 Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



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