

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 June 17, 2021 issue of the Beach Haven Times.

Roll call reflected the following members present: Councilman Peter Hartney, Councilman William D. Hodgson, Councilman James B. Russell, Councilwoman Jaqueline L. Siciliano & Mayor Francis R. Hodgson. Absent: Council President John Klose & Councilman John G. Hadash.

All present joined Mayor F. Hodgson in a salute to the Flag.

Councilman Russell moved to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2021 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. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Mr. Hadash & Mr. Klose.

Councilman Hartney moved to approve the introduction and first reading by title for Ordinance 2021-13. Councilman Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was adopted.

BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING IN PART BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2021-03 ADOPTED ON MARCH 10, 2021, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS BEACH EQUIPMENT, IN ORDER TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF IMPROVEMENTS TO INCLUDE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW TRACTOR FOR BEACH MAINTENANCE, AND TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION THEREFOR BY \$30,000 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$150,000, AND TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED BONDS AND NOTES TO BE ISSUED TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF BY \$28,500 FOR A TOTAL DEBT AUTHORIZATION OF \$142,500, 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. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Mr. Hadash & Mr. Klose.

Councilman Russell moved to approve Resolution 2021-127. Councilman Wm. Hodgson seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council President John Klose, 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 reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Mr. Hadash & Mr. Klose.

Councilwoman Siciliano moved to approve Resolution 2021-128. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO EZ DOCKS UNLIMITED FOR THE 2021 BULKHEAD
REPLACEMENT PROJECT - SCHODERER LANE.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Surf City duly advertised for the receipt of bids for the 2021 Bulkhead Replacement Project - Schoderer Lane; and

WHEREAS, in response to the invitation to bidders, six (6) bids were received on September 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the bids were reviewed by the Borough Engineer and it has been determined that EZ Docks Unlimited has submitted the lowest responsible bid in accordance with the bid specifications, said bid being \$103,434.60; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the governing body to award a contract for the 2021 Bulkhead Replacement Project - Schoderer Lane to EZ Docks Unlimited, the lowest responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Surf City, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the governing body does hereby award a contract for the 2021 Bulkhead Replacement Project - Schoderer Lane to EZ Docks Unlimited at \$103,434.60.

2. That the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with EZ Docks Unlimited in accordance with the bid submitted by EZ Docks Unlimited, and the bid specifications.

3. That a certificate of availability of funds executed by the Chief Financial Officer is annexed hereto. The following are the line-item appropriations or ordinances which constitute the availability of funds for this contract: C-04-55-915-916.

4. That a certified copy of this resolution, together with a copy of the contract between the parties, be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer and to EZ Docks Unlimited.

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

Councilman Russell moved to approve Resolution 2021-129. Councilman Wm. Hodgson seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that authorization be given to the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to execute a payroll repayment agreement with certain employees.

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

Councilman Hartney moved to approve Resolution 2021-130. Councilman Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

WHEREAS, John Vessey has submitted an application to the Tax Assessor for total exemption from property taxes as a disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has approved the application effective retroactive to December 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the property in question is 113 N. 22nd Street, also known as, Lot 7 in Block 54; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City in the County of Ocean hereby authorizes the Tax Assessor and Tax Collector to proceed with the exemption as referenced above and the refund of his tax overpayment for February, May and August 2021 in the amount of \$3,741.98.

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

Councilman Russell moved to approve Resolution 2021-131. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Surf City, New Jersey desires to amend the 2021 Capital Budget of said municipality by increasing the amount thereon to include the acquisition of a tractor and related expenses, for the Borough of Surf City.

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 2021 Temporary Capital Budget of the Borough of Surf City is hereby amended by adding thereto a Schedule to read as follows:

AMENDMENT #3
CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE
BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, NEW JERSEY
Projects Schedules for 2021
Method of Financing

PROJECT	EST. COST	CAPITAL IMP. FUND	CAPITAL SURPLUS	GENERAL BONDS	CAPITAL RESERVE
ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS BEACH EQUIPMENT	\$150,000	\$7,500		\$142,500	

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 2021 Capital Budget as adopted.

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

Councilman Russell moved to approve Resolution 2021-132. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City acknowledges receipt and reading of the annual Community Rating System update.

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

Councilman Russell moved to approve Resolution 2021-133. Councilman Hartney 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 cost of a memorial brick be increased to one hundred dollars.

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

Councilman Russell moved to approve Resolution 2021-134. Councilman Hartney 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 February 10, 2021 by Resolution 2021-41; 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 09, 2021 or until October 15, 2021 unless terminated by Mayor or Council.

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

Councilwoman Siciliano moved to approve Resolution 2021-135. 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.

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

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

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 may be released.

- Andrew Mulherin in the amount of \$3,000.00 for 312 N. 5th Street.
- Connor Daum in the amount of \$10,000 for 2107 Long Beach Boulevard.

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

Mayor F. Hodgson read the Municipal Court and Chief Financial Officer's report for the month of July 2021.

Councilman Wm. Hodgson provided the August 2021 sanitation report and moved Resolution 2021-136. Councilman Russell seconded the motion.

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 September 8, 2021 terminating December 31, 2021, as follows.

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| Terry Brennan at \$15.00 per hour | Troy Luongo at \$15.00 per hour |
| Joe Frazier at \$15.00 per hour | Anthony Triola at 15.00 per hour |
| John Hudson at \$15.00 per hour | Connor Calnan at \$15.00 per hour |

Kaelee Gross at \$15.00 per hour

Nathan Sprague at \$15.00 per hour

Michael McCarthy at \$15.00 per hour

Gary Ruhnshottell at \$15.00 per hour

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following employees in the Department of Public Works receive a one-time bonus of \$500 to be charged against the American Recovery Act Grant.

Robert McGowan

Leonard Wilson

Kenneth Wilson

Michael Ingling

Brian Miller

Shane Nooney

Arthur Yahn

Alex Buck

Ryan Boyd

Dennis McCarthy

Davonte Olivio

Jason LaVoie

Terry Brennan

Joseph Frazier

Anthony Triola

Connor Calnan

Nathan Sprague

Michael McCarthy

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

Councilman Wm. Hodgson then provided the statistical report for the police department and information about recent events. Sarah Roe, Sergeant for the Department, wrote a letter requesting Borough support for the annual “Trunk or Treat” event. Councilman Wm. Hodgson explained that the employees that participate volunteer their time and it provides a safe way for local kids to trick or treat.

Councilman Wm. Hodgson moved Resolution 2021-138. Councilman Russell seconded the motion. 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 September 30, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

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

Councilman Russell provided the monthly lifeguard report and read a complimentary letter about the “Gator” program written by Chris Kelly. He moved Resolution 2021-137. Councilman Hartney 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 as employees in the Lifeguard Department effective as of this date at the corresponding weekly rate of pay, pending satisfactory approval of a physical and all eligibility requirements have been met prior to start date. Said appointments shall terminate on September 18, 2021.

1st YEAR \$468.00

Sean White

Tyler Taglieri

Justin Sullivan

2nd YEAR \$475.00

Jaime Malandra

3rd YEAR \$505.00

Joshua Styler

5th YEAR \$590.00

Mitchell Gaudiso

7TH YEAR \$585.00

Craig Turner

Scott Meggitt LIT Instructor

14TH YEAR 3RD LIEUTENANT \$800.00

John (Connor) McMenamin

17TH YEAR 2ND LIEUTENANT \$800.00

Ryan Bonanni

38th YEAR

Mark Dileo Captain \$1,400.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mark Dileo be paid an hourly rate of \$23.00 for off-season and preparatory work. Craig Turner, Ryan Bonanni, Conner McMenamin, & Scott Meggitt shall be paid an hourly rate of \$15.00 off-season preparatory work, all hours to be approved by the Administrator, effective May 1, 2021 and shall terminate on October 15, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforementioned appointees, Francis Calise, Jaime Ryan and James Henry be appointed to operate the gator service at a rate of \$15.00 per hour to conclude September 18, 2021.

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

Councilwoman Siciliano informed everyone that the Department of Public Works continues to repair potholes and street ends. There was a washout at the natural shoreline located at N. 22nd Street and the Bay. The Department also performed some repair work at the end of N. 21st street end and filled pothole at the end of N. 24th Street. She also mentioned that this is the 20th Anniversary of September 11th and requested that we all pause to remember that day and the lives lost.

Councilwoman Siciliano moved to approved Resolution 2021-139. Councilman Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that authorization be given to the Borough Engineer to prepare bid specifications for the water tower to be painted at N. 9th & Central Avenue.

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

Councilman Hartney provided the sales report for the beach badges. The tractor that the Borough utilized for cleaning the beach each day is no longer in working order. The tractor had lasted 30 years. The Borough mechanic was able to make temporary repairs to get through the last few weeks of the season. The beach truck that the Borough had ordered Spring of 2021 has been received by the dealership and will be delivered soon.

Councilman Russell commented that Collette Pretre, Beach Patrol Lieutenant, was presented her 25 years of service to the town.

Councilman Wm. Hodgson mentioned a road project that is taking place in Ship Bottom. During that project, Ship Bottom may have to repave a portion of the street that lies in Surf City, at no cost to the Borough. Mayor F. Hodgson entertained a motion to acknowledge the same. Councilman Russell moved to resolve that Ship Bottom be permitted to pave the Borough portion of S. 3rd Street in the upcoming project. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmation the motion was approved.

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

Mayor F. Hodgson addressed a letter from Gary Spillane requesting a refund of four weekly badges. Councilman Hartney moved to deny the request. Councilman Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the request was denied. Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Wm. Hodgson, & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Mr. Klose.

A letter was received from Kyle Costabile requesting the use of dune fence and barricades for an upcoming mutual aid fundraiser for the Fire Company. The Borough superintendent will oversee the matter. Councilman Russell moved to approved. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the request was approved.

Councilman Wm. Hodgson moved to approve to pay the bills. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative of the members present, 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	\$ 59,627.73
Current	\$787,831.01
Payroll Account	\$292,186.68
Dog License Account	\$7.20
Ice Cream Vendor Account	\$0.00
Escrow Release	\$0,000.00
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: September 8, 2021

/s/ Francis R. Hodgson, Mayor

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

Jamie Ryan spoke about the amplified music resolution, inquiring if the matter could be made permanent.

With no further comments, Councilman Russell moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Hannemann, RMC/CMR/QPA

Borough Clerk/Administrator