

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 December 13, 2021, issue of the Beach Haven Times.

Roll call reflected the following members present: Councilman Peter Hartney, Councilman William D. Hodgson, Council President John H. Klose, Councilman John D. McMnamin, 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 stated the December 8, 2021, minutes should reflect the adoption of the ordinance replacing the Flood Chapter, was adopted that ordinance under duress. Representatives from FEMA contacted the Borough Clerk and advised her that if the Borough did not adopt the ordinance that the NFIP would not back any mortgages in Surf City. He mentioned numerous natural disasters in various locations throughout the United States and questioned if FEMA has enforced the same regulations upon them. Mayor F. Hodgson contacted Congressman Van Drew and Senator Chris Connors to have a virtual meeting with other Long Beach Island municipalities and Stafford Township to discuss the matter. The result of the meeting is that Congressman Van Drew and Senator Chris Connors would help to organize NJ coastal communities to represent the group against FEMA. The ordinance was adopted to protect the Borough but was adopted under duress and we had to pass it under threat.

Councilman Russell moved to approve the minutes from the December 8, 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. Klose, Mr. McMnamin, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

There were no comments during the hearing for public input in relation to the 2022 CDBG project application.

Councilman Russell moved to approve Resolution 2022-23. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

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 2022 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 2022; 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.

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

Council President Klose moved to approve Resolution 2022-24. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

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.

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

Councilman Russell moved to approve Resolution 2022-25. 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 Cash Management Plan of the Borough of Surf City be and is hereby adopted for the year 2022.

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

Councilman Russell moved to approve Resolution 2022-26. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following listed employees shall be paid the rates of base compensation below effective as of January 1, 2022. Said compensation shall be based on a work year consisting of 260 working days for full-time salaried employees only.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT FULL TIME Police Officers shall be paid in accordance with their respective contract.

Christine Hannemann	Municipal Clerk (tenure 1/2022), Registrar, Assessment Search Official, CDBG Coordinator, CRS Coordinator, Clean Communities Coordinator, Emergency Management Coordinator, Deputy Zoning Officer, Public Agency Compliance Officer, Pending Improvement Search Official, Supplemental Fire Services Coordinator	\$76,125
Christine Hannemann	Borough Administrator	\$7,105
Christine Hannemann	Qualified Purchasing Agent	\$3,045
Michael Gross	Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, Collector – water/ sewer rents, JIF Safety Coordinator, Recycling Coordinator	\$97,550
John Casella	Chief of Police	\$139,877
John Casella	Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator	\$3,000
John Casella	Police Liaison to the Mayor	\$16,014
Carrie Haberstroh	Tax Collector & Assistant Treasurer	\$67,091
Sandi Gomez	Zoning Officer, Clerk in the Municipal Offices	\$39,585
Tracey Figueiras	Court Administrator	\$40,093
Tracey Figueiras	Court ADA Supervisor	\$508
Robert McGowan	Borough Superintendent, Driver 1, Carpenter	\$61,814
Michael Ingling	Water/Sewer Foreman	\$79,759
Michael Ingling	Plumber – Water/Sewer Maintenance	\$8,941
Shane Nooney	Laborer, Plumber #2– Water/Sewer Maintenance	\$47,284
Kenneth Wilson	Laborer	\$30,575
Kenneth Wilson	Custodian – Class 2	\$1,250
Brian Miller	Custodian – Class 3	\$796
Brian Miller	Laborer	\$27,929

Leonard Wilson	Laborer	\$42,268
Leonard Wilson	Mechanic	\$1,117
Arthur Yahn	Laborer	\$34,109
Alex Buck	Laborer	\$31,973
Ryan Boyd	Laborer	\$31,973
Dennis McCarthy	Laborer	\$31,973
Davonte Olivio	Laborer	\$31,973
Jason LaVoie	Laborer – Water/Sewer Maintenance	\$31,973
Damian Murray	Municipal Court Judge	\$19,204
Daniel Sahin	Temporary Municipal Court Judge – per session	\$1,600
Walter Higgins	Tax Assessor	\$18,133
Mark DiLeo	Lifeguard Captain -Part-time post/pre-season	\$23/hour
Renee Pawlishak	Beach Badge Supervisor – Part-time post/pre-season	\$16/hour
Jenna Letts	Full-time clerk in the Municipal Offices/Probationary	\$31,500
Mark Errico	Full-time clerk in the Municipal Offices/Probationary	\$31,500
Jeannie Frazier	Temporary part-time clerk in the Municipal Offices	\$16/hr
Mayor		\$9,194
Members of Council		\$7,206
Board of Health Members		\$415
Board of Health Secretary		\$868

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Robert McGowan be paid an additional \$5,000 in base salary to be retroactive to January 1 when the required certification is achieved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jenna Letts and Mark Errico will be waiving their health benefits in lieu of payment, in accordance with Ordinance 3-12.5.

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

Councilman Russell moved to approve Resolution 2022-27. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

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, 2022 and shall remain in full force and effect through December 31, 2022. Sufficient funds have been appropriated and are available for this purpose in the current municipal budget.

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

Councilman Hartney moved to approve Resolution 2022-28. 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 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, 2022, to December 31, 2022.

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

Council President Klose moved to approve Resolution 2022-29. 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.

- Joseph Martyn of 332 N. 12th Street in the amount of \$3,000.00.

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

Mayor F. Hodgson provided the November 2021 Chief Financial Officer & Municipal Court Reports.

Councilman McMenamin provided the Sanitation Report for December 2021. He then moved to approve Resolution 2022-30. Councilman Hartney 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 through June 30, as follows.

Terry Brennan at \$15.00 per hour
Troy Luongo 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 Ruhmshottell at \$15.00 per hour
Sean Flanagan at \$15.00 per hour
Joseph Garofalo at \$15.00 per hour

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

Councilman Russell wished everyone a happy and healthy new year. Public property is in hibernation; the pickleball courts and the parks are incredibly quiet this time of year.

Councilman Wm. Hodgson congratulated Mr. Klose and Mr. Russell on their re-election victories. The finance office is working on the budget and there should not be any tax increase this year.

Councilwoman Siciliano reported that the Department of Public Works has been snow plowing, repairing patches and potholes throughout the Borough. She wished everyone a happy New Year.

Mayor F. Hodgson congratulated the Department for an excellent job cleaning the town after the most recent snowstorm.

Councilman Hartney congratulated Mr. Russell and Mr. Klose on their re-election victories. He reported that the 2022 Holiday Season Beach Badge sold out just before Christmas and the 2021 fire company statistics.

Council President Klose announced that Ship Bottom is on their own water. With that, all is well with water and sewer,

Mayor F. Hodgson read a letter from Peter Hartney, President of the Surf City Vol. Fire Company requesting permission to host a fireworks event on Sunday, July 3, 2022. Mayor F. Hodgson explained that we have people in town that would like fireworks and are sponsoring the fire company to host the event. The Borough will be helping, but all costs will be covered by the anonymous benefactors.

John Gausz, on behalf of the Surf City Taxpayers Association (SCTA), to present a check to the Borough for miscellaneous items for the lifeguards. Councilman Russell thanked the SCTA for their generosity for thinking of the Borough and the lifeguards.

Mayor F. Hodgson commented on the success of the Lifeguard in Training program. Mark DiLeo, lifeguard captain, thanked Council for putting the program together. Councilman Russell commented that the LIT program is beginning to pay for itself and that we have already hired lifeguards that have come through the work program.

Mark Dileo asked for a summation of the Flood Ordinance that was adopted last month. Mayor F. Hodgson explained a brief history of flood insurance for the local area and some of the provisions of the ordinance. Councilman Wm. Hodgson commented that Gov. Murphy wanted to add five feet to the base flood height requirements. The effects are prohibitive to building. He commented on additional permits that are required by the State and other agencies. Councilman Hartney commented on selective enforcement.

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	\$100,359.34
Current	\$843,828.57
Payroll Account	\$173,215.95
Dog License Account	\$0.00
Ice Cream Vendor Account	\$0.00
Escrow Release	\$12,400.00
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: January 5, 2022.

/s/ Francis R. Hodgson, Mayor

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

Mayor F. Hodgson called for any comments from the public, there were no comments.

With no public comments, Councilman Russell moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Siciliano 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. Klose, Mr. McMenamin, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Hannemann, RMC/CMR/QPA

Borough Clerk/Administrator