

**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 Asbury Park Press on January 11, 2024.

The roll call reflected the following members present: Councilman Joseph DeBenedetto, Councilman Peter M. Hartney, Council President William D. Hodgson, Councilman Gerry P. Little, Councilwoman Jaqueline L. Siciliano, and Mayor Francis R. Hodgson. None were absent. Police Chief Jack Casella and Superintendent Art Yahn were also in attendance.

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

Councilman DeBenedetto moved to approve the November 13, 2024, regular meeting minutes with the understanding that Mayor F. Hodgson would not be signing the agreement concerning the Deed of Easement approved at the October 9, 2024, meeting. New facts were presented after approval, and carrying out the agreement is not in the Borough's best interest. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the minutes were approved.

The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, and Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: Mr. Little. None were absent.

Mayor F. Hodgson announced that a vacancy had occurred on the Council. Councilman Hartney moved to appoint Lee Leiber to the Borough Council. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, Lee Leiber was appointed a Council member through 12/31/2025.

The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. None were absent. Recused: Mr. Wm. Hodgson.

Resolutions 2024-147-150 and 2024-152 through 2024-159 were considered and approved, as attached.

Mayor F. Hodgson read the September 2024 Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Court reports.

Councilman DeBenedetto announced that we are still getting bids for new windows at Borough Hall. He was also happy to report that the Borough would apply for the 2025 NJDCA Recreational Improvement Grant for new fencing and basketball systems. We have some new holiday decorations being installed this year. We are planning to have Vet's Park sign reconditioned. The Beach Patrol is done for the year. The lifeguard captain closes down for the season so that all he has to do next season is open the doors. The Borough had ordered a new truck through a state

contract for the beach patrol. We have been informed that our order cannot be fulfilled on time. We were able to source the same truck locally.

Council President Wm. Hodgson provided the police department statistical report and the sanitation report for August 2024. The trunk-or-treat was a great success, the weather was great, and a new, more efficient system was implemented. The police department participated in the National Take Back Day. Over six hundred thousand pounds of medication was collected nationwide.

Councilwoman Siciliano provided the October public works streets and roads report and thanked the superintendent for preparing it. All affected FY 2023 road project homeowners have been invited to an informational meeting with her and the Borough engineer. The County price for the S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street bulkhead was much higher than the current bids. Bids are coming in around \$1,200 a linear foot, and the County quote was about \$2,200 a linear foot. She was pleased to announce that the Borough was awarded 3.9 million dollars to fund drainage and road projects. She thanked the staff for submitting the grant application. Councilwoman Siciliano congratulated Councilman DeBenedetto and Councilman Little for their recent re-election.

Councilman Hartney reported that we have sold 222 holiday season beach badges so far. The weather has been warm, which could explain why we are 35 down from last year. Each week, he has reached out to advocate for funding for beach replenishment for the area between N. 19<sup>th</sup> Street and N. 25<sup>th</sup> Street. He then moved Resolution 2024-160, which was approved, as attached.

Councilman Little announced that there were no emergency shut-offs last month. The department had patched some water ditches on Sunset Avenue and N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Hydrant flushing has been completed. New chemical feed pumps have been installed at Well 6. A spectrophotometer has been sent out for calibration. Councilman Little congratulated Councilman DeBenedetto on his recent reelection and Councilman Leiber for his appointment to the Council. He also thanked Surf City for all of their support.

Mayor F. Hodgson mentioned sending a thank-you letter to the Ocean County Commissioners and Engineers for their consideration in our recent grant award of \$3.9 million.

Councilman Hartney moved to approve a memorial bench request for Dorothy Bennert. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the request was approved. The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Leiber, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. None were absent.

Mike Tomko, from the Hunger Foundation, requested that Chic-Fill-A be permitted to sell sandwiches at their upcoming 5K hunger relief run. Mayor F. Hodgson explained that allowing an outside vending company to sell food would affect the businesses in town. Donna McDowell presented her opinion in favor of the food truck, and Chuck Edwards agreed with the Mayor that vendors from outside of town affect Borough businesses. Council President Wm. Hodgson



moved to allow Chic-Fil-A to serve donated food only. Councilman Hartney seconded the request. With a vote in the affirmative, food would be permitted to be donated only. The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Leiber, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. None were absent.

Councilman Hartney moved to approve paying the bills. Council President Wm. Hodgson seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative of the members present, bills were approved to be paid. The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Leiber, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. None were absent.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 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	\$93,843.96
Current	\$3,504,122.92
Payroll Account	\$334,722.81
Dog License Account	\$0.00
Ice Cream Vendor Account	\$0.00
Escrow Release	\$0.00
Tax Certificate Account	\$0.00

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

Date: November 13, 2024/s/ Francis R. Hodgson, Mayor

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

Donna McDowell thanked everyone for their support in the relief effort she spearheaded with fire company members for those affected by the recent floods in North Carolina. She also mentioned upcoming events at the fire company.

Anthony C., from N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, presented his concerns and a letter of concern from a neighbor about wind curtains being installed at the pickleball courts.

Councilman DeBenedetto stated that the wind curtains will only be a certain height. Mayor F. Hodgson expressed concern about maintaining the curtains.

Barbara Boetticher addressed the height of the proposed wind curtains.

Councilwoman Siciliano moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative of the members present, the meeting was adjourned. The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm.

November 13, 2024

Hodgson, Mr. Leiber, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. None were absent.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hannema", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christine Hannemann, RMC/CMR/QPA

Borough Clerk/Administrator



RESOLUTION 2024-147

AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:40-1.

WHEREAS, certain transfers of funds for various 2024 budget appropriations are necessary to cover anticipated expenditures and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 4A:4-58 provides for the transfer of appropriations with excess over and above the amount deemed necessary to fulfill their purposes to those appropriations considered to be insufficient and

WHEREAS, the appropriations subject to fund transfers are not within those restricted by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 for transfer purposes.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City, that the Chief Financial Officer shall and is hereby authorized to make transfers between appropriation accounts of the 2024 Municipal budget as follows:

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$15,000	Building & Grounds S&W	Streets & Roads Maintenance
\$10,000	Maintenance of Parks S&W	Vehicle Maintenance O/E
\$15,000	Gasoline	Street Lighting

CERTIFICATION

I, CHRISTINE HANNEMANN, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Surf City, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting held on November 13, 2024, at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers at 813 Long Beach Boulevard Surf City, NJ.

  
CHRISTINE HANNEMANN, RMC/CMR/QPA  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

	Approved			Denied	Carried		
Method	Roll Call						
Council Member	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Note
DeBenedetto			✓				
Hartney			✓				
Wm. Hodgson		✓	✓				
Leiber			✓				
Little			✓				
Siciliano	✓		✓				

## RESOLUTION 2024-148

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 with an additional means of determining 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.

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Municipal Clerk/Administrator

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Council Member	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Note
DeBenedetto			✓				
Hartney			✓				
Wm. Hodgson	✓		✓				
Leiber			✓				
Little		✓	✓				
Siciliano			✓				

RESOLUTION 2024-149

WHEREAS, as per the cable franchise agreement, Comcast is obligated to provide a government access channel and

WHEREAS, Comcast has requested a letter of intent to operate or not operate a local channel, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Surf City has no desire to operate a government access channel, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Surf City that the Borough Attorney be authorized to advise Comcast that the Borough will not operate a government access channel.

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	<div>Approved Denied Carried</div>						
Method	Roll Call						
Council Member	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Note
DeBenedetto			✓				
Hartney	✓		✓				
Wm. Hodgson			✓				
Leiber			✓				
Little			✓				
Siciliano		✓	✓				



RESOLUTION 2024-150

WHEREAS, the Atlantic City Electric Company has provided quotations to upgrade the street fixtures with LED lighting and

WHEREAS, the cost of option two Street and Private Lighting (SPL) for a one-to-one replacement of one hundred and ninety-nine street light fixtures is \$24,719.25, and

WHEREAS, the fixtures will remain the property of Atlantic City Electric; and

WHEREAS, the monthly average rate under this lease option will include ordinary maintenance and replacement of lamps and automatic controls and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Surf City that the Mayor and Borough Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement to convert one hundred and ninety-nine street fixtures under the SPL lease option 2 for the amount of \$24,719.25.

CERTIFICATION

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Municipal Clerk/Administrator

	Approved			Denied	Carried		
Method	Roll Call						
Council Member	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Note
DeBenedetto			✓				
Hartney			✓				
Wm. Hodgson	✓		✓				
Leiber			✓				
Little			✓				
Siciliano		✓	✓				

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-152**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED A CONTRACT TO EARLE ASPHALT COMPANY FOR THE SFY 2023 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, N. 1ST STREET, N. 2ND STREET AND N. 3RD STREET**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Surf City, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorized the receipt of bids for the SFY 2023 Road Improvement Project, N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street; and

WHEREAS, seven (7) bids were received on October 31, 2024 in response to the invitation to bidders; and

WHEREAS, the bids were reviewed by the Borough Engineer and it has been determined that Earle Asphalt Co. has submitted the lowest responsible bid in accordance with the bid specifications, said bid being \$442,113.13; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the governing body to award a contract for the SFY 2023 Road Improvement Project – N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Earle Asphalt Co., 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 SFY 2023 Road Improvement Project – N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street to Earle Asphalt Co. at \$442,113.13
2. That the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Earle Asphalt Co. in accordance with the bid submitted by Earle Asphalt Co., and the bid specifications.

DASTI, MCGUCKIN  
McNICHOLS, CONNORS  
ANTHONY & BUCKLEY

COUNSELLORS AT LAW

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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: ROAD RECONSTRUCTION & IMPROV

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 Earle Asphalt Co.

#### CERTIFICATION


I, CHRISTINE HANNEMANN, Clerk of the Borough of Surf City, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Borough of Surf City at a meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024

  
CHRISTINE HANNEMANN, RMC/CMR/QPA  
Borough Clerk, Borough of Surf City

#### CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, Michael Gross, Chief Financial Officer for the Borough of Surf City do hereby certify that adequate funds are available for a contract with Earle Asphalt Co. for the SFY 2023 Road Improvement Project – N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in the amount of \$442,113.13.

The funds which are available for this contract are found in the following line-item appropriations or ordinances: ROAD RECONSTRUCTION & IMPROVEMENTS

  
MICHAEL GROSS, Chief Financial  
Officer, Borough of Surf City

DASTI, McGUICKIN  
McNICHOLS, CONNORS  
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Municipal Clerk/Administrator

<u>2024-152</u>	<div>Approved</div> DeniedCarried						
Method	Roll Call						
Council Member	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Note
DeBenedetto			✓				
Hartney		✓	✓				
Wm. Hodgson			✓				
Leiber			✓				
Little			✓				
Siciliano	✓		✓				

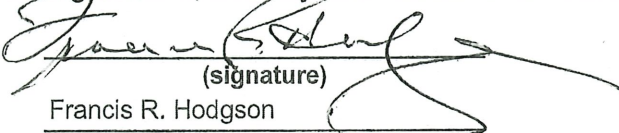
## RESOLUTION 2024-153

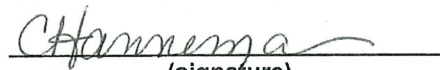
**Whereas**, the Borough of Surf City  
(formal name of organization)  
desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs  
for approximately \$ 100,000.00 to carry out a project to replace three basketball backboards  
(dollar amount of request)  
and repair and replace the fencing located at the Bay Beach, Pickleball Courts and Baseball Field.  
(briefly describe the project)

### **Be it therefore RESOLVED,**

- 1) that the Borough of Surf City  
(formal name of organization)  
does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
- 2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between  
Borough of Surf City  
(formal name of organization)  
and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

**Be it further RESOLVED**, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

  
(signature)  
Francis R. Hodgson  
(type or print name)  
Mayor  
(title)

  
(signature)  
Christine Hannemann  
(type or print name)  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator  
(title)

### **CERTIFICATION:**

I, Christine Hannemann, the Municipal Clerk  
(name of Board Secretary / Government Clerk) (title of position - Board Secretary or Government Clerk)  
of the Borough of Surf City  
(formal name of organization)  
hereby certify that at a meeting of the Board of Directors / Governing Body held on 11/13/2024  
(meeting date)  
the above **RESOLUTION** was duly adopted.

AFFIX GOV'T,  
CORPORATE OR  
NOTARY SEAL

(12/03)

  
(Signature of Secretary of the Board of Directors or Government Clerk)

# CERTIFICATION

I, CHRISTINE HANNEMANN, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Surf City, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting held on November 13, 2024, at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers at 813 Long Beach Boulevard Surf City, NJ.



CHRISTINE HANNEMANN, RMC/CMR/QPA

Municipal Clerk/Administrator

2024-153	Approved			Denied	Carried		
Method	Roll Call						
Council Member	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Note
DeBenedetto	✓		✓				
Hartney			✓				
Wm. Hodgson		✓	✓				
Leiber			✓				
Little			✓				
Siciliano			✓				



RESOLUTION 2024-154

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City that the Finance Officer for the Borough of Surf City be and is hereby authorized to pay the Borough employees on or about December 31<sup>st</sup> to the end of the year 2024.

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Method	Roll Call						
Council Member	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Note
DeBenedetto			✓				
Hartney	✓		✓				
Wm. Hodgson			✓				
Leiber			✓				
Little		✓	✓				
Siciliano			✓				

RESOLUTION 2024-155

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 on January 2, 2024, commencing at 10:00 am. with the first business regular meeting of the year to be held immediately following.

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Method	Roll Call						
Council Member	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Note
DeBenedetto			✓				
Hartney			✓				
Wm. Hodgson			✓				
Leiber			✓				
Little		✓	✓				
Siciliano	✓		✓				

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-157**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING Lee Leiber AS A MEMBER OF THE SURF CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE "MUNICIPAL VACANCY LAW," N.J.S.A. 40A:16-1 ET SEQ.**

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Surf City Council as a result of the resignation of John McMenamin who was elected as a nominee of the Republican Party in the general election held in November, 2023 for a three (3) year term commencing on January 1, 2024 and expiring on December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, said vacancy occurred on Friday, November 8, 2024 upon the filing of a written resignation with the Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:16-5 provides that whenever a vacancy occurs in the membership of the governing body of a municipality holding general elections prior to September 1 of the next-to-the-last year of the term of the officer whose office has become vacant, the vacancy shall be filled for its unexpired term at the next general election to be held not less than sixty (60) days after the occurrence of the vacancy and the governing body may fill the vacancy temporarily by appointment; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11 provides that if the incumbent whose office has become vacant was elected to office as the nominee of a political party, the municipal committee of the political party of which the incumbent was a nominee shall present to the governing body the names of three (3) nominees for the selection of a successor to fill the vacancy and the governing body shall appoint one of the nominees as successor to fill the vacancy; and

**DASTI, McGUICKIN  
McNICHOLS, CONNORS  
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WHEREAS, the municipal committee of the Republican Party of the Borough of Surf City has presented to the governing body the names of three (3) nominees for the selection of a successor to fill the vacancy in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11*; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has selected Lee Leiber from among the three (3) names submitted by the Republican Municipal Committee to temporarily fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Council Member John McMenamin until the vacancy is filled at the next general election for the remainder of the unexpired term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024, 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 appoint Lee Leiber as a member of the Surf City Borough Council in accordance with the provisions of the "Municipal Vacancy Law" *N.J.S.A. 40A:16-1 et seq.*
2. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Municipal Clerk to the Office of the Ocean County Clerk and to Lee Leiber.

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Christine Hannemann, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Surf City, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body at a regular meeting held on November 13, 2024

DASTI, McGUCKIN  
McNICHOLS, CONNORS  
ANTHONY & BUCKLEY

COUNSELLORS AT LAW

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CHRISTINE HANNEMANN, RMC/CMC  
Borough Clerk, Borough of Surf City

Prepared by:

DASTI, McGUCKIN, McNICHOLS, CONNORS, ANTHONY & BUCKLEY  
Forked River, New Jersey 08731

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Municipal Clerk/Administrator

<b>2024-157</b>	<div>Approved Denied Carried</div>						
Method	Roll Call						
Council Member	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Note
DeBenedetto			✓				
Hartney	✓		✓				
Wm. Hodgson							Refuse
Leiber							
Little			✓				
Siciliano		✓	✓				

## RESOLUTION 2024-158

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City that the Committee appointments for 2024, as made by Mayor Hodgson, be and are as follows.

Water and Sewer	Little, Siciliano, DeBenedetto
Streets and Roads	Siciliano, Little, Leiber
Police	Leiber, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson
Public Property & Lifeguards	DeBenedetto, Hartney, Wm. Hodgson
Revenue and Finance	Wm. Hodgson, Siciliano, Leiber
Beach Fees and Beach Protection	Hartney, DeBenedetto, Wm. Hodgson
Sanitation	W. Hodgson, Siciliano, Leiber
Environmental & Public Interest	Hartney, DeBenedetto, Little

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	Roll Call						
Council Member	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Note
DeBenedetto			✓				
Hartney		✓	✓				
Wm. Hodgson			✓				
Leiber			✓				
Little			✓				
Siciliano	✓		✓				

RESOLUTION 2024-159

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City that Joe DeBenedetto be and is hereby appointed a Class III member of the Land Use Board for a 1-year term expiring on December 31, 2024.

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CHRISTINE HANNEMANN, RMC/CMR/QPA

Municipal Clerk/Administrator

	Approved			Denied	Carried		
Method	Roll Call						
Council Member	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Note
DeBenedetto			✓				
Hartney		✓	✓				
Wm. Hodgson			✓				
Leiber			✓				
Little	✓		✓				
Siciliano			✓				



## **RESOLUTION 2024 – 160**

**WHEREAS**, Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC is a 50:50 partnership between Shell New Energies US LLC and EDF Renewables North America and its Lease Area is located approximately 10-20 miles off the coast of New Jersey between Atlantic City and Barnegat Light and,

**WHEREAS**, In June of 2021, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities awarded Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind a contract to develop 1,510 MW in offshore wind energy which will place hundreds of offshore wind turbines within 8.4 to 10 miles off the Borough of Surf City and Long Beach Island accompanied by accessory and supporting infrastructure and,

**WHEREAS**, The Mayor and Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City as well as each of the municipalities of Long Beach Island, other Shore municipalities of Atlantic and Cape May Counties in addition to a number of non-profit organizations such as Save LBI are of the belief that the Offshore Wind project proposed by Atlantic Shores is detrimental to both the natural environment and the shore economy. In addition, due to the high cost Federal and State subsidies to Atlantic Shores the economic return on the investment is negligible at best and will cause an increase in household electric rates and,

**WHEREAS**, The Mayor and Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City have consistently and vigorously through various methods and means has stood in opposition to the proposed Atlantic Shores project and,

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Jefferson Van Drew representing New Jersey's 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District has been a significant partner and supporter of opposition to the Atlantic Shores proposals so,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City, that by way of this resolution respectfully request that Congressman Van Drew communicate with President-elect Trump and his transition team or if the Congressman deems it appropriate in the days following President-elect Trump's inauguration as 47<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, the stringent opposition to the Atlantic Shores project and request that take immediate Executive action as President of the United States to stop the Atlantic Shores Project from moving forward in the Federal permitting process with the goal of complete termination of this project as detrimental to the health and welfare of the people of Surf City and the Jersey Shore.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the office of the Honorable Jefferson Van Drew, the Honorable Cory Booker, the Ocean County Board of Commissioners and the municipalities of Long Beach Island.

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