

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, Councilwoman Jaqueline L. Siciliano, and Mayor Francis R. Hodgson. Councilman Gerry P. Little and Councilman John D. McMenamin were absent.

Chief Financial Officer Michael Gross, 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 September 11, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Council President Wm. Hodgson 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: none. Mr. Little and Mr. McMenamin were absent.

Resolutions 2024- 137 through 2024-143 were considered and approved, as attached.

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

Councilman DeBenedetto conducted an extensive walkthrough of all the Borough properties with the Borough Superintendent. The siding has been repaired on the N. 13th Street garage after storm damage. We are currently getting bids for the windows. The pickleball committee has met for the final time this year; we had a successful year. The Lifeguard Captain is cleaning up and preparing everything for 2025.

Council President Wm. Hodgson provided the police department statistical report for September 2024. The SCPD runs the CARE program. They will call any disabled resident each day for a wellness check. The Borough also provides winter and vacation home checks. You can register by visiting the SCPD website, complete and submit the forms. The annual Trunk or Treat is October 26th. Council President Wm. Hodgson moved Resolutions 2024-144 and 2024-146, which were approved, as attached.

Councilwoman Siciliano provided the water/sewer, and public works streets & roads report reports. She also moved Resolution 2024-145, which was approved, as attached. The SFY 2023 NJDOT project for N. 1st, N. 2nd, and N. 3rd Streets bid will be October 31st. We will have a meeting with the property owners to review the project and scope of work. The engineer is

working with the County to get a price for the S. 1st Street bulkhead. Councilwoman Siciliano reminded everyone that hydrant flushing is next week.

Councilman Hartney mentioned that we are already looking forward to next year. The Holiday Badge Sale began on October 1st. He has been in discussions with the ACOE, Congressman Van Drew's office and Senator Booker to advocate for Surf City so they amend the budget to include Surf City. On October 18th, the County will deliver the dune grass plantings.

The Surf City Taxpayers Association has requested to host a community event on Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. They are requesting trash containers, vehicle access to the field, to serve food and have one live band. Chuck Edwards spoke about the event. The request was approved on the basis that out-of-town vendors would not be present and that a sketch of the booths be submitted prior to the event. Councilman Hartney moved to approve the request. Council President Wm. Hodgson 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, and Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Mr. Little and Mr. McMenamin were absent.

Boy Scout Troop 97 has requested to have a campout and plant dune grass on October 25th through October 27th. Council President Wm. Hodgson moved to approve the request. Councilman Hartney 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, and Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Mr. Little and Mr. McMenamin were absent.

Councilwoman Siciliano 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, and Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Mr. Little and Mr. McMenamin 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	\$75,901.76
Current	\$623,535.34
Payroll Account	\$254,623.27
Dog License Account	\$1.20
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: October 9, 2024/s/ Francis R. Hodgson, Mayor

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

Tony Pace, S. 1st Street, inquired about squatters. The Borough does not have a known issue.

Councilman DeBenedetto moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Siciliano 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. Hodgson, and Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Mr. Little and Mr. McMenamin were absent.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Channemann" or "Hannemann", written in dark ink.

Christine Hannemann, RMC/CMR/QPA

Borough Clerk/Administrator

RESOLUTION 2024-137

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY AND THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR RECYCLING CENTER USE AND REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM FOR 2025 AND 2026.

WHEREAS, the Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., authorizes the Borough of Surf City to enter into a contract for the provision of certain governmental services with the County of Ocean and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5 requires that such a contract be authorized by resolution and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Surf City desires to authorize the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean for the Recycling Center Use And Revenue Sharing Program For 2025 and 2026.

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

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized and directed to execute a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean for the Recycling Center Use and Revenue Sharing Program for 2025 and 2026 under the terms of said agreement.
2. A copy of this agreement shall be kept on file and be available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk.
3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County of Ocean.

CERTIFICATION

I, CHRISTINE HANNEMANN, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Surf City, do hereby certify the preceding to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting held on October 9, 2024, at 7:30 P.M.



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	✓		✓				
Little						✓	
McMenamin						✓	
Siciliano			✓				

RESOLUTION 2024-138

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY AND THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR THE PROSECUTOR'S 2024-2025 DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT CALLOUT PROGRAM AND THE DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., authorizes the Borough of Surf City to enter into a contract for the provision of certain governmental services with the County of Ocean and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5 requires that such a contract be authorized by resolution and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Surf City desires to authorize the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean for the 2024-2025 Prosecutors Drug Recognition Expert Callout Program and the Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Program.

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

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean for the Prosecutors Drug Recognition Expert Callout Program and the Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Program, in accordance with the terms of said agreement.
2. A copy of this agreement shall be kept on file and be available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk.
3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County of Ocean.

CERTIFICATIONS

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 October 9, 2024, at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers located at 813 Long Beach Boulevard, Surf City, NJ.



CHRISTINE HANNEMANN, RMC/CMR/QPA

Municipal Clerk/Administrator

RESO 2024-138	RESOLUTION 2024-138						
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Method	Roll Call						
Council Member	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Note
DeBenedetto		✓	✓				
Hartney			✓				
Wm. Hodgson	✓		✓				
Little						✓	
McMenamin						✓	
Siciliano			✓				

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-139

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATEMENT OF A DEED OF DEDICATION AND PERPETUAL STORM DAMAGE REDUCTION EASEMENT FOR BLOCK 50, LOT 4

WHEREAS, The Borough of Surf City (hereinafter "Borough") and the State of New Jersey (hereinafter "State") are participating with the United States Army Corp of Engineers (hereinafter "ACOE") to construct the Barnegat Inlet to Little Egg Inlet Storm Drainage Reduction project (hereinafter "Project"); and

WHEREAS, construction of the project includes periodic renourishment which may be performed solely by the Borough and the State or in conjunction with the ACOE; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement of the Project, the Borough and the State must obtain a perpetual storm damage reduction easement on portions of properties along the beachfront which includes Block 50, Lot 4 (hereinafter "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the property is owned by Matthew Eitner and Kate Eitner and is known and designed as Block 50, Lot 4 as shown on the official tax map of the Borough of Surf City commonly known as 1817 North Ocean Avenue, Surf City, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the original Grantors, William H. and Joann Mulcahy, at the request of the Borough, entered into an Easement Agreement between itself as Grantor and the Borough and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection as Grantees entitled Deed of Dedication and Perpetual Storm Damage Reduction Easement on July 3, 2006 and recorded on July 19, 2006 in the Ocean County Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, the original easement was granted with existing structures, including a residential home, located within the grant of easement; and

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ANTHONY & BUCKLEY**

COUNSELLORS AT LAW

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WHEREAS, it is the desire to amend the original Easement to allow the Grantor, their successors and assigns to retain use of pre-existing structures located within the grant of easement and restate the terms of the Deed of Easement to clarify the respective rights of the Grantor and obligations of the parties; and

WHEREAS, with respect to the home and associated structures, it is the intent of the Grantor to clarify the grant of easement is for the beach area around the home and associated structures, that lie seaward of the bulkhead line, necessary for Grantees to undertake the actions authorized by the Deed of Easement and is not the intent of the Grantor to grant any easement or otherwise, over or above the home and associated structures; and

WHEREAS, the Amended and Restatement of Deed of Dedication and Perpetual Storm Damage Reduction Easement, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as "Schedule A" has been approved by the State and the ACOE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 9th day of October, 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 authorize the Mayor to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest to the Amended and Restatement of Deed of Dedication and Perpetual Storm Damage Reduction Easement, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a hereof as Schedule "A".
2. That a certified copy of this Resolution together with a copy of the executed Amended and Restatement of Deed of Dedication and Perpetual Storm Damage Reduction Easement, shall be duly recorded and a copy kept on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and available for public inspection during normal business hours.

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 October 9, 2024.


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

Prepared by:

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

Moved: Council President Wm. Hodgson Second: Councilman DeBenedetto
The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, and Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Mr. Little and Mr. McMenamin were absent.

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RESOLUTION 2024-140

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.

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 adopted by the Governing Body of The Borough of Surf City, at a meeting held on October 9, 2024, at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers at 813 Long Beach Boulevard, Surf City, NJ.



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

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

RESOLUTION 2024-141

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2024, an accident occurred, damaging a portion of the fence around the N. 13th Street Public Works Yard.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the purchase and installation of fencing along Long Beach Boulevard between N. 13th and N. 14th Streets be awarded to Carl's Fencing in the approximate amount of \$9,796.00.

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

RESOLUTION 2024-142

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that authorization be and is hereby given to Mayor Hodgson to proceed with sending his 2024 Fall letter to the Borough taxpayers.

CERTIFICATION

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

RESOLUTION 2024-143

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City that the applications for probationary membership in the Surf City Volunteer Fire Co. submitted by Kevin Nagin and Emily Pereria are hereby approved.

CERTIFICATION

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CHRISTINE HANNEMANN, RMC/CMR/QPA

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

RESOLUTION 2024-144

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Jenna Letts be appointed as Deputy Clerk effective only for the General Election on November 5, 2024.

CERTIFICATION

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DeBenedetto		✓	✓				
Hartney			✓				
Wm. Hodgson	✓		✓				
Little						✓	
McMenamin						✓	
Siciliano			✓				

RESOLUTION 2024-145

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following persons be appointed part-time, no benefits to the Department of Public Works as Laborers at the following hourly rates through December 31, 2024.

Jared Russo \$17.25
Michael McCarthy \$17.50
Jacob Ceekler \$17.50
Logan Ceekler \$17.50
Joseph Frazier \$18.00
Gaetano Robert Balsamo \$17.50 per
Robert Haman \$17.50
John Olechnowicz \$17.00
Thomas Egan \$17.00
Troy Luongo \$17.50
Isiah Olivio \$17.00
Michael Mosher \$17.50
Keith Sprague \$17.25
Kaelee Gross \$17.50

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DeBenedetto			✓				
Hartney		✓	✓				
Wm. Hodgson	✓		✓				
Little						✓	
McMenamin						✓	
Siciliano			✓				

RESOLUTION 2024-146

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Kevin Mecca, Class II Officer be appointed to the police department part-time, no benefits effective October 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 at rate of \$25.00 per hour.

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Municipal Clerk/Administrator

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DeBenedetto		✓	✓				
Hartney			✓				
Wm. Hodgson	✓		✓				
Little						✓	
McMenamin						✓	
Siciliano			✓				