

**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 Peter M. Hartney, Council President William D. Hodgson, Councilman Lee R. Lieber, Councilman Gerry P. Little, Councilwoman Jaqueline L. Siciliano, and Mayor Francis R. Hodgson. Councilman Joseph DeBenedetto was 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 Hartney moved to approve the November 13, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Councilman Little seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the minutes were approved.

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

At the start of the meeting, Mayor F. Hodgson wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and Happy Holiday from the Council and Borough staff.

Resolutions 2024- 161-164 were considered and approved, as attached.

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

Councilman Lieber provided the police department's statistical report. Officers participated in No Shave November for David Dreams, which generated over \$142,000 for the organization. He then moved Resolution 2024-166, which was considered and approved, as attached.

Council President Wm. Hodgson provided the November 2024 sanitary landfill analysis. He also moved Resolution 2024-165, which was considered and approved, as attached.

Councilwoman Siciliano provided the DPW street and road reports and thanked Art Yahn for the report. She thanked the staff and engineer for hosting a pre-con meeting for the public on November 21st. On November 26th, she attended the pre-con meeting for the contractor and the administrative staff. The bulkhead replacement bid is set for December 18th. The Borough has been awarded another NJDOT grant. The 9th Leg District has notified us of the \$244,825.00 award. She wished everyone a prosperous new year and a safe holiday season.

Councilman Hartney reported on behalf of Councilman DeBenedetto that there was no change in the bid for the windows. He thanked Art Yahn for the creative holiday decor at Borough Hall.

We are reaching out to vendors to refinish signs at Veterans Park. The lifeguard captain has completed the closeout for this year and is taking inventory for the 2025 season. Councilman Hartney provided the holiday beach badge report. Everyone has two weeks left to come in and get a beach badge. They make a great gift and come with a gift box. He spoke about the ACOE completing projects in other towns. This week or next, he will get on members of Congress to see where the money is. He had written a letter to the 9th Legislative District about the traffic signal timing in Ship Bottom. On November 22nd, the NJDOT wrote back and said the complex nature of traffic signals would be thoroughly vetted before implementation.

Councilman Little read the Water Department Report. The department conducted lead sampling. Some of the older homes have lead systems inside, and we have to test those homes. The chlorine pump has been replaced at Well 6. All of the fire hydrants have been winterized. The spectrophotometer has been recalibrated and refurbished. They continue to clean the yard at South 3rd Street.

Edgar Griffith requested a refund on a building permit due to medical hardship. Council President Wm. Hodgson moved to approve the refund, less any fees the Borough has paid to the other agencies for the permit. Councilman Lieber seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the request was approved on the above terms. The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Lieber, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Mr. DeBenedetto was absent.

Councilman Hartney moved to approve memorial bench requests for Lauren Hall and Melanie Kranz. 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. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Lieber, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Mr. DeBenedetto was absent.

Council President Wm. Hodgson moved to approve paying the bills. Councilwoman Siciliano 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. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Lieber, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Mr. DeBenedetto was 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	\$74,267.47
Current	\$665,551.80
Payroll Account	\$227,723.08
Dog License Account	\$0.00
Ice Cream Vendor Account	\$0.00
Escrow Release	\$21,038.59

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: December 11, 2024/s/ Francis R. Hodgson, Mayor

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

Ron Fiore mentioned the paved side of S. 1st Street and asked if we would pave the other side.

Councilwoman Siciliano mentioned that the mayor discussed raising the street on the other side. It would be nice for NJR to reach out to the town to coordinate efforts so that the Borough can raise the street.

Mr. Fiore also asked if it is true that the Borough has to supply low-income housing. The mayor mentioned that this may be the case. He then wanted to know if the NJDEP mandates the PACT and if the Governor wants to accelerate the REAL rule. Is it true that we must raise the elevation 5 feet above the base flood? Councilman Hartney confirmed that and mentioned that they had created an inundation zone.

Councilman Hartney moved to adjourn the meeting. Council President Wm. Hodgson 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. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Lieber, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Mr. DeBenedetto was absent.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Hannemann, RMC/CMR/QPA

Borough Clerk/Administrator

RESOLUTION 2024-161

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 - N. 15th 300 Block
- Repair Bay Beach Gazebo.
- Bids or quotes for crawlspace repair.

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

RESOLUTION 2024-162

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City, under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the direction of the Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, under Ordinance 2-11.2, the purchase may be issued over the amount of \$2,000 with the approval of the Mayor & Council and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Surf Governing Body that the Department of Finance issue the final purchase orders for the following items in the corresponding approximate amounts.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Approx. Amount</u>	<u>Vendor</u>
Chemical Feed Pumps Well 6	Water/Sewer	\$6,945.17	USA Blue Book

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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 the 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 guarantees may be released.

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Lieber			✓				
Little			✓				
Siciliano		✓	✓				

RESOLUTION 2024-164

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. as submitted by Emily Smith, Robert Cassidy, Michael D'Antonio, and Laura Ritchie are hereby approved.

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RESOLUTION 2024-166

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following individuals be appointed to the police department part-time, with no benefits, effective December 11, 2024, through December 31, 2025 pending execution of the employment agreement.

Class II Special Officers

Lilly Santella, 4rd Year, at \$25.00 per hour.

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