

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. Councilman John D. McMenamin was absent.

Police Chief Jack Casella and Acting Superintendent Leonard Wilson were also in attendance.

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

Councilman Hartney moved to approve the August 14, 2024, regular and executive session 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. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Mr. McMenamin was absent.

Resolutions 2024-131-133 were considered and approved, as attached.

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

Councilman DeBenedetto reported no significant injuries on the beaches for the 2024 season. The colder water temperatures accounted for fewer rescues. Six of the LIT participants will become lifeguards next year. The Gator program received a lot of great comments. We are waiting for the truck to be built for the beach patrol. Pickleball is up and running. A tour of the Borough facilities was completed, and recommendations have been given to the Borough Clerk. We have many repairs to focus on, and window quotes have been solicited. He then moved Resolution 2024-135, which was approved, as attached.

Council President Wm. Hodgson provided the police department with the statistical report for August 2024. A high-value vehicle was stolen. Please remember to remove your key fobs from your cars. On August 6th, the Police Department attended the National Night Out event at Bayview Park in Long Beach Township. Trunk or Treat will be hosted on October 26th.

Councilwoman Siciliano provided the August 2024 DPW streets and roads work order report. She thanked them for cleaning all the drains in the Borough. We met with the NJDOT to discuss the upcoming road project. They have promised notices. A handout with all of the information released from the NJDOT is available. The S. 1st Street bulkhead replacement will hopefully be underway in October. The next road project for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd is in State review. A question-and-answer session will be held for those residents. Councilwoman Siciliano moved Resolutions

204-136 & 2024-137, which were approved, as attached. Before closing her report, Councilwoman Siciliano took a moment to remember 9/11.

Councilman Hartney announced that 503 individuals participated in each Barnegat Bay Hands-on Learning program session with the Alliance for a Living Ocean. Attendance can be attributed to the announcement on the sign board outside of Borough Hall most of the summer. He attended a pre-construction meeting in Beach Haven for the LBI beach replenishment. Surf City was scheduled as an option. The work begins soon, and he will continue to advocate for Surf City all winter. A few badge checkers were awarded a certificate for selling over 1,000 beach badges this season: Aiden Grindley, Tyler Leidemer, Maya Faulds, and Wynter Hall.

Councilman Little reported on the water and sewer work orders for August 2024; there were 48 mark outs. Last month, a lightning strike occurred at the N. 14th Street water plant. The crew patched several water ditches. The annual fall hydrant flushing is scheduled for the week of October 15th. Please run your faucets until the water runs clear. Councilman Little also remembered 9/11, thanking Councilman Hartney for his words of comfort at the County ceremony. We lost at least 21 Ocean County residents. With the war on terror, we have lost 13 soldiers from Ocean County.

Kara King has requested a bench on N. 5th and the Ocean for her father. The request was approved on a motion by Council President Wm. Hodgson. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Mr. McMenamin.

Mike Tomko has requested to host a 5K run on November 30, 2024. The request was approved on a motion by Councilman Hartney. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Mr. McMenamin.

Councilman Hartney moved to approve paying the bills. Councilman DeBenedetto seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative of the members present, bills were approved to be paid.

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	\$638,185.44
Payroll Account	\$254,623.77
Dog License Account	\$1.20
Ice Cream Vendor Account	\$0.00
Escrow Release	\$0.00

September 11, 2024

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

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

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

Tony Pace asked if the plaques on the memorial benches could be replaced when they rust.

Councilman Hartney moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the meeting was adjourned. The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Mr. McMenamin.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Hannemann, RMC/CMR/QPA

Borough Clerk/Administrator

RESOLUTION 2024-131

WHEREAS, the Borough is in receipt of escrow bonds posted pertaining to professional fees, performance guarantees and inspection fees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City that the following listed escrow bonds be released to the corresponding applicants with the balances to be released to the Borough of Surf City.

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Posted Amount</u>	<u>Amount to Applicant</u>	<u>Amount to Borough</u>
Edward Walters	Professional	\$8,480.00	\$8,480.00	\$0.00

CERTIFICATION

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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 2024-132

WHEREAS, the Auxiliary Coordinating Council for S. Ocean Medical Center Foundation has applied for a license(s) for the following raffles.

- License 24-14 on-premises 50/50 raffle to take place on October 2, 2024, from 12 pm to 3 pm.
- License 24-15 on-premises merchandise raffle to take place on October 2, 2024, from 12 pm to 3 pm.

WHEREAS, according to N.J.A.C. 13:45-2.1, the Auxiliary Coordinating Council for S. Ocean Medical Center Foundation has obtained ID number 477-5-42300 from the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and

- License 24-14 on-premises 50/50 raffle to take place on October 2, 2024, from 12 pm to 3 pm.
- License 24-15 on-premises merchandise raffle to take place on October 2, 2024, from 12 pm to 3 pm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal fee for said license be and is hereby waived under Ordinance 95-4.

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

RESOLUTION 2024-133

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 Grant McNellis and Zachary Kandel are hereby approved.

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

RESOLUTION 2024-134

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 September 30, 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
Gabriel Henderson \$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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Hartney	✓		✓				
Wm. Hodgson			✓				
Little			✓				
McMenamin						✓	
Siciliano		✓	✓				

RESOLUTION 2024-135

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Surf City that the following individuals be appointed part-time, no benefits to the Beach Patrol Department as Lifeguards through effective September 1, 2024 September 14, 2024, at the corresponding hourly rates.

Stephen Walsh – 1st-year guard - \$17.00
Madeleine Cooke 1st year guard - \$17.00
Shane Stauffer – 4th year guard - \$18.00
CJ Turner – 8th-year guard - \$19.00

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Wm. Hodgson			✓				
Little			✓				
McMenamin						✓	
Siciliano			✓				

RESOLUTION 2024-136

WHEREAS, the County of Ocean has received approximately 59.5 million dollars in American Recovery Act funding; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ocean has allocated 9 million dollars to 11 municipalities for improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Surf City intends to submit projects to the County of Ocean for drainage and flood mitigation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to mitigate by raising the streets and implementing drainage improvements for the 300 Blocks of S. 3rd, S. 2nd, S. 1st; N. 2nd, N. 9th, N. 11th, N. 12th and the 200 Block of N. 4th; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City that the Borough Engineer and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to proceed with executing the application to the County of Ocean for a portion of the American Recovery Act funding for the projects mentioned above.

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Wm. Hodgson			✓				
Little			✓				
McMenamin						✓	
Siciliano	✓		✓				

RESOLUTION 2024-137

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Leonard Wilson be appointed as a Borough mechanic at his current rate of salary of \$57,081.00, effective September 12, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Art Yahn be appointed as the Borough Superintendent for a one-year probationary period, effective September 12, 2024, at a rate of \$80,000.00.

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