

**BOROUGH OF JERSEY SHORE
COUNCIL MEETING**

April 9, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Janet Barnhart, Marguerite Dyroff, Paul Garrett, Matthew Haag, Kenneth Scheesley, Barbara Schmouder, Sean Simcox, Michael Zellers

Others Present: Dennis Thompson, Mayor; Joseph Hamm, Borough Manager; Denise Dieter, Esquire, Solicitor; Michael Crawford, Sergeant, TVRPD

Council President: President Zellers informed all Council and the public that meetings were recorded for official record keeping.

President Zellers announced an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss litigation matters.

President Zellers presented the March 12, 2018 Minutes. Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to approve the March 12, 2018 Minutes. Councilor Schmouder seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 8/0.

President Zellers stated there was a pothole at the intersection of North Cherry Alley & McClintock Alley. Mr. Hamm requested the Public Works Department to fix the pothole.

President Zellers stated there was a lot of litter on the Rails to Trails behind the YMCA. Mr. Hamm requested the Public Works Department clean up the litter.

Public: Todd Lauer raised concerns of the cost of a new police station. Borough Manager Hamm explained to Mr. Lauer that the building currently being used for the police department was in need of costly repairs due to the age of the building and the size of the police force. Mr. Hamm stated the building was in the flood zone and the repairs needed exceeded fifty percent of the value of the building and could not be completed. Mr. Lauer suggested purchasing the Wheeland Center or using the Independent Fire Hose Company building once the fire companies merged. Mr. Hamm explained the cost of the purchase of the Wheeland Center and renovations would exceed the cost of the new station and that because the Independent Fire Hose Company is also in the flood zone, the renovations could not exceed fifty percent of the value of that building.

Mr. Lauer further expressed his concern that Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police was approached about patrolling McIntyre Township. Mr. Hamm explained that the Police Department would not be patrolling McIntyre Township due to the distance between the Borough and the Township.

Mr. Lauer questioned the need to expand the police force. Councilor Simcox stated that the force is not expanding, but hiring of new officers is being done to replace outgoing officers.

Larson Design Group: Emily Diehl presented a draft Active Transportation Plan for the Borough of Jersey Shore. Ms. Diehl reviewed two (2) Early Action Projects which included connecting the trail from the Trailhead to Allegheny Street and including visitor way signage in the Borough.

Ms. Diehl discussed long-term projects such as placing bike routes through the Borough on Thompson Street, Locust Street, and Hazel Alley. These bike routes would be painted and marked as bike lanes.

Ms. Diehl also reviewed intersection enhancements at Wylie Street, Fountain Street, Staver Street, Broad Street, and Main Street to alert motorists to high pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

Ms. Diehl stated a public meeting for residents will be held on April 26, 2018 with final presentation to the Stakeholders Group being held on May 17, 2018. A presentation to Borough Council of the Active Transportation Plan will be held on June 11, 2018 for final approval.

Jerry Walls stated he is working with Representative Garth Everett to submit a Proclamation declaring the Rails to Trails as a tourist destination. With this Proclamation, signage on Route 220 to direct the public into the Borough of Jersey Shore to use the Rails to Trails would be possible.

Councilor Haag made a Motion to approve Jerry Walls asking Representative Everett to submit a Proclamation declaring the Rails to Trails as a tourist destination. Councilor Scheesley seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 8/0.

Borough Manager: Mr. Hamm presented the estimate for the 2018 paving project. Councilor Simcox made a Motion to place the 2018 paving project out for bid. Councilor Dyroff seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hamm presented the estimate for paving high-volume alleys. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to place the Alley Paving Project out for bid. Councilor Dyroff seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hamm requested to purchase a 2007 Peterbilt dump truck with plow and spreader from Loyalsock Township. Mr. Hamm explained Unit 6 would require \$15,000 to \$20,000 in repairs for inspection and this truck would replace Unit 6. Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to submit a bid of \$60,000 for the 2007 Peterbilt dump truck with plow and spreader from Loyalsock Township. Councilor Dyroff seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hamm presented Resolution 04.09.2018.01 committing the Borough of Jersey Shore to a \$250,000 cash match for the Lawshee Run Culvert Enhancement and Watershed Protection Project. Mr. Hamm explained the Borough would be applying for the FEMA PDM grant and the DCED Flood Mitigation Program Grant to help in funding the project. Councilor Simcox made a Motion to adopt Resolution 04.09.2018.01 committing the Borough of Jersey Shore to a \$250,000 cash match for the Lawshee Run Culvert Enhancement and Watershed Protection Project. Councilor Schmouder seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hamm presented Resolution 04.09.2018.02 applying for County Aid for the 2018 paving project in the amount of \$3,520. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve Resolution 04.09.2018.02 applying for County Aid for the 2018 paving project in the amount of \$3,520. Councilor Scheesley seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hamm presented a letter from Lycoming County Planning & Community Development requesting a FEMA Buyout of 420 North Lincoln Avenue. After discussion, Council decided not to move forward with the FEMA Buyout.

Mr. Hamm presented a letter from Jennifer Reibson requesting the use of the Thompson Street Rec. Field for the Jersey Shore Middle School soccer program from April 2 to May 15, 2018. After discussion, Council decided not to move forward with allowing the request. Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to draft a long-term lease with the School District for

use of the Thompson Street Rec. Field for the Middle School Soccer Program. Councilor Haag seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hamm presented the Peer-to-Peer Technical Assistance Articles of Agreement between the Borough of Jersey Shore and DCED for peer-to-peer consulting for the merger of Independent Hose Fire Company and Citizens Hose Fire Company. Mr. Hamm stated any costs incurred would be covered by DCED and there would be no cost to the Borough. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve the Peer-to-Peer Technical Assistance Articles of Agreement for peer-to-peer consulting for the merger of the Fire Companies. Councilor Garrett seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hamm presented the Spring 2018 edition of the Borough Newsletter.

Mayor: Nothing to present at this time.

Borough Solicitor: Solicitor Dieter stated Lycoming County was amending their Floodplain Ordinance to allow for accessory structures up to 600 square feet. Solicitor Dieter suggested to Council that they review and amend the Borough Floodplain Ordinance to reflect the changes made in the Lycoming County Ordinance. Councilor Simcox made a Motion to move the matter to the Building & Grounds Committee for review. Councilor Dyroff seconded the Motion. The Motion was carried 8/0.

Finance Committee: Councilor Dyroff presented the April 2018 bills in the amount of \$18,713.88. Councilor Dyroff made a Motion to pay the April 2018 bills in the amount of \$18,713.88. Councilor Scheesley seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 8/0.

Councilor Dyroff presented the Voya report from March 2018.

Police: Councilor Simcox presented the Commission report for the April 2, 2018 meeting.

Councilor Simcox stated the Commission was accepting applications and administering the police test to fill the full-time vacant position.

Their next meeting is Monday, May 7, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

TVRPD: Nothing to present at this time.

Highway: Councilor Scheesley presented the Highway Report for March 2018.

Councilor Scheesley stated street sweeping would be done April 16 through April 20, 2018.

Their next meeting is April 12, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Personnel: Councilor Barnhart presented the list of proposed 2018 pool employees who were interviewed by the Personnel Committee. Councilor Dyroff made a Motion to hire the 2018 pool employees being proposed by the Personnel Committee. Councilor Scheesley seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 8/0.

TVMA: Mr. Hamm presented the February 21, 2018 Meeting Minutes.

JSAJWA: Councilor Schmouder presented the March 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes.

Emergency Management: Mr. Buttorff presented the Emergency Management Report and the Alarm Reports.

Mr. Buttorff indicated a Dam Exercise will be held on June 1, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Geisinger Jersey Shore Hospital.

Recreation Committee: Councilor Haag stated the Winter Swim numbers were down and the event lost money.

Councilor Haag indicated the 3rd Annual Jacob's Bike Fair will be held on May 12, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Community Pool. Councilor Haag stated the Rec. Committee has raised \$2,400 with \$200 of those monies going to the purchase of bike helmets.

Councilor Haag stated upcoming events included a History Mystery Tour on April 13, 2018, Christmas in July on July 20, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and the Fanny Float to be held in August 2018.

Tree Commission: Councilor Schmouder stated a public meeting would be held on April 18, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. to review the application of Christopher and Elizabeth Rockwell to remove three shade trees at 400 Washington Avenue.

Codes: Councilor Schmouder presented the Permit Report and the Codes Enforcement Report for March 2018.

Councilor Schmouder stated the Codes Committee reviewed the request of ManorCare for two handicap parking spaces on Thompson Street near their entrance. Councilor Schmouder indicated after discussion and review, the Committee recommended to Council to approve one handicap parking space immediately West of the current drop-off location on Thompson Street near their entrance.

Solicitor Dieter will draft an ordinance for Council's review at the May 2018 Council Meeting.

Their next meeting will be May 2, 2018.

Building & Grounds Committee: Nothing to present at this time.

Library: Councilor Schmouder presented the March 13, 2018 Minutes.

Their next meeting is May 8, 2018.

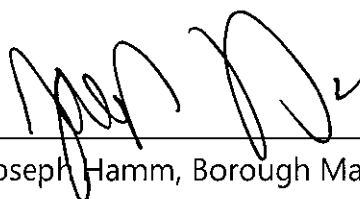
Geisinger J.S. Hospital: Councilor Simcox stated the Foundation Development Board met to discuss fundraising for the area.

J.S. YMCA: Councilor Scheesley stated the Strong Kids Campaign is going well and has one month to go.

Old Business: Nothing at this time.

New Business: Nothing at this time.

Adjourn: Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to adjourn. Councilor Garrett seconded the Motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.



Joseph Hamm, Borough Manager