

BOROUGH OF JERSEY SHORE
COUNCIL MEETING
September 11, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Janet Barnhart, Marguerite Dyroff, Denise Robbins, Barbara Schmouder, Sean Simcox, Paul Garrett (at 7:22 p.m.)

Absent: Kenneth Scheesley, Mike Zellers

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

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

President Dyroff announced an Executive Session was held to discuss personnel matters.

President Dyroff presented the August 14, 2017 Minutes. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve the August 14, 2017 Minutes. Councilor Simcox seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 5/0.

Public: Keith Handwerk requested that an opening be cut in the fence that borders the YMCA property along the Rails to Trails for easier access from the Rails to Trails to the YMCA parking lot. After discussion, Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve the request of Mr. Handwerk for an opening to be cut in the fence for easier access from the Rails to Trails to the YMCA parking lot. Councilor Simcox seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 5/0.

Trish Carothers: Trish Carothers explained that a DCNR Peer Grant is available for the Borough to apply for to conduct a Bicycle and Pedestrian Audit. Ms. Carothers stated the DCNR Peer Grant has a \$1,000 local cash match to receive \$10,000 in technical assistance from a Peer Consultant appointed by DCNR. Ms. Carothers indicated there is also a funding opportunity from the University of Pittsburgh and the Pennsylvania Department of Health through a PA WalkWorks Grant to fund the development of an active transportation plan which would include projects to implement bicycle lanes, trails, and pathways to the downtown area and schools.

Councilor Simcox made a Motion to apply for the DCNR Peer Grant and PA WalkWorks Grant. Councilor Schmouder seconded the motion. The Motion carried 5/0.

Ms. Carothers presented the Asset Based Entrepreneurial Development (ABED) study completed for Jersey Shore Borough. A workshop will be held on November 1, 2017 at the Wheelend Center in Jersey Shore. The topic will be "Attracting and Supporting Entrepreneurs to Grow our Regional Economy".

Borough Manager: Mr. Hamm presented Resolution 09.11.2017.01 adopting the US 220/I-99 Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan. Councilor Simcox made a Motion to approve Resolution 09.11.2017.01 adopting the US 200/I-99 Multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan. Councilor Schmouder seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hamm presented the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) in the amount of \$34,345.50. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) in the amount of \$34,345.50. Councilor Robbins seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hamm presented a letter from Lycoming County Planning and Community Development Office regarding the Lycoming County Bridge Bundling Program. Mr. Hamm indicated the funds collected under PA Act 89 would be utilized to repair municipal owned structurally deficient bridges in Lycoming County. Mr. Hamm stated a review of the bridges over Pfouts Run on Wilson Street and Hazel Alley have found that these bridges are structurally deficient. The cost to replace the Wilson Street bridge and rehabilitate the Hazel Alley bridge is \$535,000. Mr. Hamm explained that under the Lycoming County Bridge Bundling Program, the Borough would be responsible for five percent (5%) of the total cost to replace the bridges, or \$26,750. Councilor Barnhart made a Motion to participate in the Lycoming County Bridge Bundling Program. Councilor Simcox seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hamm presented the FFY 2014 Professional and Administrative Services Agreement Amendment. Mr. Hamm explained the Amendment was necessary to remove the fee of \$2,300 for the Environmental Review for the slum and blight project since we abandoned the project. Councilor Simcox made a Motion to approve the FFY 2014 Professional and Administrative Services Agreement Amendment. Councilor Schmouder seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hamm presented a letter from Stephen Alexander, Athletic Director of Jersey Shore Area School District, requesting the closure of Thompson Street for home football games, use of the grass lot behind the gravel parking lot for football practices, and for the use of the gravel parking lot during football games. Councilor Simcox made a Motion to approve the request of Mr. Alexander requesting the closure of Thompson Street for home football games, use of the grass lot behind the gravel parking lot for football practices, and for the use of the gravel parking lot during football games. Councilor Garrett seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hamm presented a request from ManorCare asking to close Thompson Street on September 29, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for their annual family picnic. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve the request of ManorCare to close Thompson Street for their annual family picnic on September 29, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Councilor Simcox seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hamm recommended Council set trick-or-treating hours for October 31, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Councilor Simcox made a Motion to set trick-or-treating hours for October 31, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Councilor Garrett seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hamm presented a letter from Christina Cooney, President of the Jersey Shore Historical Society, requesting the Borough to co-sponsor a Heritage Festival on August 25, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Ms. Cooney requested use of the canal path from Locust Street to Cemetery Street. After discussion, Borough Council recommended using the Thompson Street Rec. Field for the Heritage Festival. Councilor Schmouder asked Ms. Cooney about her request for the Borough to provide event insurance. Ms. Cooney stated they are looking into event insurance or if the Historical Society's liability insurance would be adequate. The request was tabled until Ms. Cooney gathered information on insurance.

Mr. Hamm presented the resignation of John Shireman from the Zoning Hearing Board effective immediately. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to accept the resignation of John Shireman from the Zoning Hearing Board. Councilor Robbins seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hamm indicated three variance requests would be heard by the Zoning Hearing Board on September 28, 2017 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Hamm stated a work session would be held on September 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Phase II of the Rental Inspection Program.

Mr. Hamm presented the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Report for August 2017.

Mayor: Nothing to present at this time.

Borough Solicitor: Nothing to present at this time.

Finance Committee: President Dyroff presented the September 2017 bills in the amount of \$166,192.07. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to pay the September 2017 bills in the amount of \$166,192.07. Councilor Robbins seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

President Dyroff presented the Voya report from August 2017.

Police: President Dyroff presented the Commission report for the September 7, 2017 meeting.

Their next meeting is Monday, October 2, 2017.

Highway: Mr. Hamm presented the Highway Report for August 2017.

Mr. Hamm presented information on a 2006 Peterbuilt dump truck available for bid on Municibid. Mr. Hamm stated this would be a replacement for Unit 6, which is in need of being replaced. Mr. Hamm indicated that the 2006 Peterbuilt dump truck is worth approximately \$50,000. Councilor Barnhart made a Motion to allow Mr. Hamm to bid on the 2006 Peterbuilt dump truck in the maximum amount of \$50,000. Councilor Simcox seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Personnel: Councilor Barnhart stated the Personnel Committee held interviews for the vacancy in the Public Works Department. Councilor Barnhart stated the Personnel Committee is recommending hiring Richard McAlister, Jr. at an hourly rate of \$15/hour.

Councilor Simcox made a Motion to hire Richard McAlister, Jr. at an hourly rate of \$15/hour. Councilor Garrett seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 5/0/1, with Councilor Barnhart abstaining.

TVMA: Nothing to present at this time.

JSAJWA: Mr. Hamm presented the August 21, 2017 Minutes.

Mr. Hamm presented a statement from Michael Zellers, Manager of the Jersey Shore Area Joint Water Authority, stating the Jersey Shore Area Joint Water Authority and Tiadaghton Valley Municipal Authority are working towards a management agreement to operate both Authorities under one Executive Director.

Mr. Hamm presented a request from the Jersey Shore Area Joint Water Authority for a ten foot (10') easement along McCanna Drive for a water main. Mr. Hamm indicated that once the Easement is granted, it cannot be revoked. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve the request from the Jersey Shore Area Joint Water Authority for a ten foot (10') easement along McCanna Drive for the water main. Councilor Robbins seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Emergency Management: Mr. Hamm presented the Emergency Management Report.

Recreation Committee: Bonnie Messersmith indicated a Lantern Tour will be held on September 23, 2017 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church and ending at the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Messersmith announced the swimming pool closed on August 20, 2017 and will be winterized in the near future.

Tree Commission: Nothing to present at this time.

Codes: Mr. Hamm presented the Permit Report and the Codes Report for August 2017.

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

Library: Nothing to present at this time.

Their next meeting is September 12, 2017.

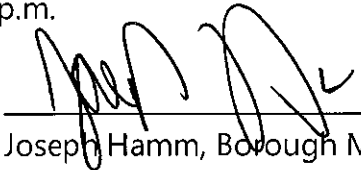
Geisinger J.S. Hospital: Councilor Simcox stated the regional advisory board has been formed and they held their first meeting. The Board will meet quarterly.

J.S. YMCA: Nothing to present at this time.

Old Business: Nothing at this time.

New Business: Nothing at this time.

Adjourn: Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Robbins seconded the Motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.



Joseph Hamm, Borough Manager