

**BOROUGH OF JERSEY SHORE
COUNCIL MEETING
April 10, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Scott Bierly, Sean Simcox, Barbara Schmouder, Steve Kanski, Dennis Thompson, Brian White, Denise Robbins and Tina Cooney

Absent:

Others Present: Cody Hoover, Borough Manager; Lon Myers, Mayor; Marc Drier, Esquire, Solicitor

Conditional Use Hearing: Hearing began at 7:02 PM. The hearing was to discuss the Conditional use request for the Jersey Shore Highway Building located on 1568 Allegheny Street, Jersey Shore. Mr. Coleman Gregory from Larson Design Group, presented the plans for the Jersey Shore Highway Building. Mr. Gregory added the variances have been received, and he would like to ask Borough Council for the approval to move on to the building phase of the plans.

Public comments or questions: None

Councilor Schmouder made a motion to approve moving forward with the building phase of the Jersey Shore Highway Building. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Conditional Use Hearing ended at 7:07 PM.

Public Hearing: Hearing began at 7:07 PM. The hearing was to discuss the West Pharmaceuticals rezoning of two parcels from Residential to Industrial. Council President Simcox made mention of the Ordinance No. 2023-02 regarding the expansion of the Industrial Zoning District. Councilor Schmouder made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 2023-02 regarding the expansion of the Industrial Zoning District. Councilor Kanski seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Public comments or questions: None

Public Hearing ended at 7:10 PM.

Regular Council Meeting began at 7:10 PM

Meeting Minutes: Council President Simcox presented the March 13, 2023 Minutes. Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve the March 13, 2023 Minutes. Councilor Kanski seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Public: Gary Wasson is a Borough Property owner with rentals. Mr. Wasson shared pictures that he has taken of current structures in the Borough, that he believes are under code violations. Mr. Wasson expressed his concern for the fairness for inspections when it comes to single building rental units, and rental units above a commercial property. Mr. Wasson expressed concern with the tenant list that has been posted to the Borough social media page. Mr. Wasson said the lists used to be mailed out yearly and then stopped. Mr. Wasson stated there are more rental units that have not registered as rental units in the Borough, and he would like to see more accountability from the Borough Council regarding holding all rental owners accountable.

Pat Ward was in attendance, as representation for Buckhorn Engineering, in regards to any questions regarding the West Pharmaceutical construction work being done.

Council President: Council President Simcox mentioned there was an executive session held on April 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM to discuss the polling locations, and personnel matters.

Correspondents: Mr. Hoover presented an email from Jim Smith from JSASD. Mr. Smith asked for support for the April 20th Bulldog Nation Earth Day. Mr. Hoover mentioned Mr. Smith and Mr. Hoover met regarding this event to discuss details.

Mr. Hoover presented the email from Renee Hill at Way to Grow Daycare, asking for permission to use the pavilion on Main Street, June 3, 2023 from 10:30 am to 12:30 PM for their preschool graduation ceremony. The rain date would be scheduled for June 10, 2023. Councilor Schmouder made a motion to approve the use of the pavilion on Main Street on June 3, 2023 with a rain date of June 10, 2023 for the preschool graduation. Councilor Robbins seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the 2023 JSASD Football Schedule.

Borough Manager: Mr. Hoover presented Resolution No. 04.10.2023.01 – Recognizing the Importance of the Jersey Shore Community Library. Councilor Schmouder made a motion to approve Resolution No. 04.10.2023.01 – Recognizing the Importance of the Jersey Shore Community Library. Councilor Bierly seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the West Pharmaceuticals Land Development Plans recommendation from the Planning Commission. Mr. Hoover mentioned the Planning Commission met, approved and stamped the plans. The property in discussion is an addition where the parcels have been purchased and rezoned as Industrial. Councilor Cooney made a motion to approve the West Pharmaceuticals Land Development Plans recommendation from the Planning Commission. Councilor Schmouder seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the Variance Hearing update for West Pharmaceuticals and the Borough Highway Building. Mr. Hoover mentioned no written decisions have been received yet.

Mr. Hoover presented the 2023 Paving Schedule. The total for the paving schedule would be \$224,589.50. Mr. Hoover mentioned \$110,000.00 would be used from Liquid Fuels, and \$114,589.50 from the General Fund. Councilor Kanski made a motion to approve the 2023 Paving Schedule. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the Memorandum of Understanding from the Citizens Hose Company regarding the property owned by Citizens Hose, that will be the grounds for the Public Safety Building. Councilor Schmouder made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding from the Citizens Hose Company regarding the property owned by Citizens Hose, that will be the grounds for the Public Safety Building. Councilor Robbins seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the update on the Public Safety Building; he has been meeting with the local Representatives regarding another RCAP.

Mr. Hoover presented the Segregation of Duties provided by Lea Ann S. Plessinger CPA, as well as the Financial Statement Audit Advisements, and Financial Statement for Year ended December 31, 2022.

Mr. Hoover presented the traffic study on Locust Street and Cemetery Street, completed by Dennis Buttorff. The stop signs would be placed on Borough property. Mr. Hoover recommended the traffic study be given to the Highway Committee to further review.

Mr. Hoover presented the Jersey Shore AYSO lease (2023-2027). Councilor White made a motion to approve the Jersey Shore AYSO lease (2023-2027). Councilor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the Lycoming Regional Police Department lease (2023-2027) with the updates as recommended by Mr. Marc Drier. Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve the Lycoming Regional Police Department lease (2023-2027) with the updates as recommended by Mr. Marc Drier. Councilor Schmouder seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the letter from the Jersey Shore Little League asking for permission to use the grass lot by the baseball field located on Pennsylvania Avenue. Councilor Kanski made a motion to approve of the Little League to use the grass lot located on Pennsylvania Avenue near the baseball field. Councilor Robbins seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the letter from the First United Methodist Church, requesting the use of Thompson Street from Cherry Alley to Main Street for the "curbside pick-up" on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Councilor Bierly made a motion to approve First United Methodist Church, requested use of Thompson Street from Cherry Alley to Main Street for the "curbside pick-up" on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Councilor Cooney seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mayor: Mayor Lon Myers mentioned his goal for the Borough of Jersey Shore is to do what is needed to help the town, and make it a place people would like to move to. Mayor Lon Myers requested permission to add to the Spring Newsletter, and post the Key to the City information to the Borough Facebook page.

Borough Solicitor: Mr. Drier mentioned he is working on the SEDA-COG Agreement on the Boroughs behalf.

Finance Committee: Ms. Christina Cooney presented the April bill report for a total of \$110,244.26. Councilor Schmouder made a motion to approve the April bill report for a total of \$110,244.26. Councilor Robbins seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Police: Council President Simcox presented the Police Commission Minutes from April 3, 2023.

Their next meeting is Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. (Old Lycoming Township)

LRPD: Sergeant Cochran: Nothing to present at this time.

Highway: Councilor Bierly presented the April 2023 Public Works Department Monthly Report. Highway Supervisor Matthew Bartholomew mentioned they are street sweeping this week, and starting to phase out the old street signs, to the new reflective signs.

Council President Simcox made a motion to amend the agenda and add in the promotion of Samuel Brown from part-time Highway employee, to full-time employee with the same hourly wage. Councilor Kanski seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Personnel: Councilor Bierly mentioned the Borough will be advertising for two Highway positions.

Emergency Management: Mr. Hoover presented the Alarm reports for Independent Hose and Citizens Hose.

Mr. Dennis Buttorff discussed the Geisinger Jersey Shore street light recommendation, and crosswalk. Mr. Buttorff feels the additional street lights and crosswalk would be beneficial to the safety of the staff and patients. Council President Simcox requested this be sent to the Highway Committee to discuss further.

Recreation Committee: Councilor Bierly mentioned the Recreation Committee is taking applications for Lifeguards, and Jacobs Bike Fair has been scheduled for May 10, 2023. Councilor Bierly mentioned the Recreation Committee will be working with the Susquehanna Greenway Trail on the 2023 Earth Day. The Borough has agreed to pay for the disposal of the rubbish.

Their next meeting is on May 4, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Tree Commission: Councilor Schmouder reported a shade tree was removed last month.

Codes: Councilor Schmouder presented the Permit Report for March 2023. Mr. Jim Emery was in attendance from Central Keystone COG, and spoke briefly about the process when inspecting rental units, the common violations. Mr. Emery mentioned 132 rental inspections have been performed this year, and they are working to make sure all rental units are registered correctly through the Central Keystone COG and the Borough Office.

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

TVMA: Mr. Hoover presented the February 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

JSAJWA: Councilor Schmouder presented the April 4, 2023 Minutes.

Their next meeting is on May 2, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Library: Nothing to present at this time.

Their next meeting is on April 11, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

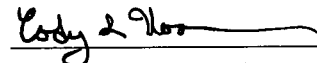
Jersey Shore Bicentennial Committee: Mayor Lon Myers mentioned there will be a meeting on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm. in the Borough Council Chambers.

Geisinger J.S. Hospital: Nothing to present at this time.

Old Business: Nothing to present at this time.

New Business: Nothing to present at this time.

Adjourn: Council President Simcox made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:17 PM.



Cody L. Hoover, Borough