

BOROUGH OF JERSEY SHORE
COUNCIL MEETING – VIA ZOOM MEETING
April 13, 2020
7:00 p.m.

The Jersey Shore Borough Council meeting was held via Zoom video conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The agenda for the meeting was posted on the website and office 96 hours prior to the meeting. The meeting was advertised in the Williamsport Sun-Gazette and allowed for residents to submit their questions and/or concerns to the Borough office to be read and addressed by Council during the meeting. No public comment was received.

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

Absent: Scott Bierly

Others Present: Dennis Thompson, Mayor; Joseph Hamm, Borough Manager

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

Councilor Zellers presented the March 9, 2020 Minutes. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve the March 9, 2020 Minutes. Councilor Scheesley seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 7/0.

Council President: Nothing to present at this time.

Borough Manager: Mr. Hamm presented a 90-day extension to the Declaration of Disaster Emergency which allows the Borough to be reimbursed for costs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to approve the 90-day extension to the Declaration of Disaster Emergency. Councilor Schmouder seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hamm presented Resolution 04.13.2020.01 to temporarily close all Borough-owned parks and recreation areas until further notice relative to the COVID-19 pandemic to protect the residents and prevent the spread of disease. Mr. Hamm stated the parks would be taped off with yellow tape and signs would be posted. Councilor Haag made a Motion to approve Resolution 04.13.2020.01. Councilor Scheesley seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hamm presented a proposal from Larson Design Group in the amount of \$6,555 to complete a feasibility study to connect the Pine Creek Rail Trail to the Clinton County Trail. Mr. Hamm stated that this feasibility study would be part of the BUILD Grant Application. Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to approve the proposal from Larson Design Group in the amount of \$6,555. Councilor Simcox seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hamm presented three quotes for 180 square feet of concrete curbing along the 1100 block of Hill Street: Tony Nork's Concrete Construction: \$6,650; R.A. Styers Concrete Construction: \$6,840; and John Sanso Concrete: \$8,100. Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to approve the quote from Tony Nork's Concrete Construction in the amount of \$6,650. Councilor Schmouder seconded the Motion. The Motion passed 6/0/1 with Councilor Barnhart abstaining.

Mr. Hamm presented a letter from SEDA-COG regarding CBDG funds being available due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to approve applying for the CDBG funds to provide grants and/or loans to small businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Borough. Councilor Schmouder seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hamm presented the Spring 2020 newsletter. Mr. Hamm explained that the Bike Safety Fair, Christmas in July, and other event dates would be determined as the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded. Mr. Hamm stated the newsletters would be sent out this week.

Mr. Hamm presented the February Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation Report.

Mayor: Mayor Thompson stated he had received several phone calls regarding the Recycling Center. Mr. Hamm stated that Lycoming County Resource Management had pulled all of the recycling bins in Lycoming County until further notice.

Borough Solicitor: Nothing to present at this time.

Finance Committee: Council President Zellers presented the April 2020 bills in the amount of \$31,692.95. Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to pay the April 2020 bills in the amount of \$31,692.95. Councilor Haag seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 7/0.

Police: Councilor Simcox stated the April Police Commission meeting was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Their next meeting is Monday, May 4, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

TVRPD: Nothing to present at this time.

Highway: Councilor Scheesley presented the Highway Report for March 2020. Councilor Scheesley stated the Highway Department has begun mowing and thanked them for the good job they did on the streets.

Council President Zellers stated the Highway Department did a great job cleaning up the bike trail behind Weis Markets.

Mr. Hamm stated the Highway Department was working on storm basins on the roads that will be paved this year and that two of the basins on South Broad Street have been completed.

Personnel: Councilor Barnhart stated the pool staff interviews were postponed at this time but would take place once the COVID-19 stay-at-home order was lifted.

Emergency Management: Mr. Buttorff stated that the EOC has been up and running 24 hours a day during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recreation Committee: Councilor Haag stated the 5th Annual Jacob's Bike Safety Fair has been postponed until after the COVID-19 pandemic subsides. Pool interviews have been put on hold until further notice. Councilor Haag indicated that additional work was needed at the community pool on the wall project and would be completed after the stay-at-home order was lifted.

Their next meeting is May 7, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Tree Commission: Nothing to present at this time.

Codes: Councilor Schmouder presented the Permit Report for March 2020 and the Codes Enforcement Report for March 2020.

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

TVMA: Mr. Hamm presented the February 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

JSAJWA: Councilor Schmouder presented the March 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Their next meeting has been cancelled.

Library: Councilor Schmouder presented the March 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Their next meeting has been cancelled.

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


J.S. YMCA: Councilor Scheesley stated the annual Strong Kids Campaign is up and running. Board meetings have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Old Business: Councilor Simcox asked if the Rental Inspection Program was still in place. Mr. Hamm stated that no inspections are being done during the COVID-19 pandemic, but once the stay-at-home order is lifted, the inspections would begin again.

New Business: Mr. Hamm stated he spoke with Tony Visco regarding Geisinger J.S. Hospital's plan to place a helipad at the hospital. Mr. Hamm stated at this time, no permit application has been received and that they intended to apply for the permit sometime in the summer and begin work in the fall of 2020.

Mr. Douty stated that he has spoken to Geisinger Jersey Shore Hospital and they plan to replace the Emergency Room entrance and place the helipad above that entrance. Mr. Douty indicated that this would be a conditional use hearing that would be held before Council.

Adjourn: Councilor Simcox made a Motion to adjourn. Councilor Scheesley seconded the Motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Joseph Hamm, Borough Manager