

BOROUGH OF JERSEY SHORE
COUNCIL MEETING
April 9, 2024
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Scott Bierly, Sean Simcox, Barbara Schmouder, Dennis Thompson, Jeremy Frantz, Denise Robbins, Molly Hollick, and Steve Kanski (phone)

Absent:

Others Present: Marc Drier, Esquire, Solicitor and Lon Myers, Mayor

Council President Simcox announced an Executive Session as held on March 20, 2024, at 5:30 PM to discuss personnel matters.

Meeting Minutes: Council President Simcox presented the March 11, 2024, meeting minutes. Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Councilor Bierly seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Public: John Shireman requested an update on the total amount of money that has been granted to the Borough for the Public Safety Building. Council President Simcox updated Mr. Shireman with the total of \$5,160,000. Mr. Shireman expressed his concern with the water in his yard still being an issue and now expanding. He is concerned there will be an issue with mosquitos if the issue remains and water becomes stagnant. Council President Simcox requested the Building and Grounds Committee meet and discuss options with Mr. Shirman and the affected neighbors.

Council President: Nothing to present currently.

Correspondence: Nothing to present currently.

Councilor Schmouder made a motion to amend the agenda and add in "RK Webster Green Light Go" as number 12 under the Borough manager section. Councilor Bierly seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Borough Manager: Council President Simcox presented Ordinance 05.13.24.01 West Alley Abandonment for advertisement. Councilor Kanski made a motion to approve the advertisement of Ordinance 05.13.24.01 West Alley Abandonment. Councilor Frantz seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Council President Simcox presented the Thompson Street Park Bids, and the Brix Design Group recommendation letter for the low bidder, Big Rock Paving (\$928,246.70, with add alternates \$1,011,271.35). Councilor Frantz made a motion to accept the low bidder, Big Rock Paving with the add alternates for \$1,011,271.35. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Council President Simcox presented the Lecce Electric, Inc. 2024 Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement for a total cost of \$3,676.00. Councilor Bierly made a motion to accept the Lecce Electric, Inc. 2024 Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement for a total cost of \$3,676.00. Councilor Robbins seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Council President Simcox presented the First United Methodist Church Curbside Pick Up letter requesting the use of Thompson Street from Cherry Alley to Main Street during their Election Day Dinner on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Councilor Schmouder made a motion to approve the First United Methodist Church, Curbside Pick Up request for the use of Thompson Street from Cherry Alley to Main Street during their Election Day Dinner on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Councilor Hollick seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Council President Simcox presented the Way to Grow letter requesting the use of the Gazebo on Main Street for their preschool graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 1, 2024, from 11:00 Am to 1:00 PM, with a rain date of Sunday, June 2, 2024. Councilor Frantz made a motion to approve the Way to Grow letter requesting the use of the Gazebo on Main Street for their preschool graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 1, 2024, from 11:00 Am to 1:00 PM, with a rain date of Sunday, June 2, 2024. Councilor Hollick seconded the motion.

Council President Simcox presented the Geisinger Jersey Shore "Touch a Truck" event request at the Jersey Shore Community Pool parking lot. The dates requested as an option for the event were May 7th, May 14th, May 15th, May 22nd, and May 23rd or the Fall. Councilor President Simcox tabled the item and recommended the event be postponed until the fall.

Council President Simcox announced HRI has started working on the PennDOT ADA Curb Cuts on South Main from Thompson Street to Nelson Street.

Council President Simcox announced the Pine Creek Township Street sweeper dates for the Wards: **1st** – April 8th and April 9th, **2nd** – April 9th and April 10th, **3rd** – April 10th and April 11th, **4th** – April 11th and April 12th.

Council President Simcox presented the Borough Spring Clean Up Days of April 19th to April 22nd, the 40-yard dumpster will be located across from the recycling center on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Council President Simcox Presented the Penn Strategies Progress Report for April 2024.

Council President Simcox Presented the HRI, Inc. State Route resurfacing project notification for Route 220 from Pine Creek exist to Route 287.

Council President Simcox Presented the RK Webster "Green Light Go" option to remove the streetlight at the intersection of Allegheny and Broad Street. A traffic study was performed by PennDOT and concluded the stop light does not meet the signal standards and recommends stop signs on Broad Street in place of the traffic signal light. Councilor Frantz made a motion to keep the traffic light in the intersection of Allegheny and Broad Street and leave it as part of the "Green Light Go" project. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mayor Myers: Mayor Myers read a message he was sent from the family of Jan and C. Burt Francis, thanking the Borough for their Key to the City recognition in honor of their Parents.

Borough Solicitor: Mr. Drier mentioned there will be a Conditional Use Hearing next month for the Magisterial District Judge Office on Harris Street. The title search has been found for the purchased property on Allegheny Street and sent to the SEDA-COG to look over and approve.

Finance Committee: Council President Simcox presented the April bill report for a total of \$79,732.89. Councilor Schmouder made a motion to approve the April bill report for a total of \$79,732.89. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Council President Simcox presented the 2023 Audit Report.

Council President Simcox presented the Borough Budget Year to Date report.

Police: Nothing to present currently.

Their next meeting is Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Public Works: Councilor Bierly presented the April 2024 Public Works Department Monthly Report.

Councilor Bierly presented the 2024 Paving Bid Advertisement update and information.

Public Works Committee Meeting will be scheduled to discuss potholes.

Personnel: Councilor Bierly announced The Personnel Committee met regarding the vacant Borough Manager position and discussed hiring for this position internally. An Interview was performed, and the Personnel Committee will be recommending Sean Simcox for the vacant Brough Manager position, with a start date of April 22, 2024. Councilor Schmouder requested a roll call vote. The vote was unanimously approved with 7-yes, 0-no, and 1-abstain (Sean Simcox).

Borough Council President will present his letter of resignation.

Emergency Management: A meeting has been scheduled for April 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Recreation Committee: Councilor Bierly presented the meeting minutes from February 6, 2024.

Councilor Bierly announced the 8th Annual Jacob's Bike Safety Fair will be on May 18, 2024, and the Community pool will be celebrating it's 60th Birthday. Events are being discussed for the summer season.

Councilor Bierly announced it was discovered the terracotta drainpipes by the pool were discovered to be crushed and will need to be replaced.

Their next meeting is on May 2, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Tree Commission: Councilor Schmouder mentioned there was a shade tree removed on Broad Street, and there will be another removed on Washington Avenue. Both trees were in bad health and for safety reasons, needed to be removed.

Codes: Councilor Schmouder presented the March 2024 permit and codes report.

Building & Grounds Committee: Noting to present currently.

TVMA: Council President Simcox presented the February 21, 2024, meeting minutes.

JSAJWA: Councilor Schmouder presented the March 5, 2024, and March 18, 2024, meeting minutes.

Their next meeting is on May 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Library: Nothing to present currently.

Jersey Shore Revitalization Committee: Council President Simcox presented the March 21, 2024, meeting minutes.

Their next meeting is on April 18, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

200th Anniversary Committee: Nothing to present currently.

Their next meeting is on April 25, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Geisinger J.S. Hospital: Council president Simcox mentioned the Hospital is now fully staffed, completed the merger with Risant Health, and the patient surveys have improved.

YMCA Advisory Board: Nothing to present currently, Borough Council will consider a member to place on the Board.

Combined Public Service Building: Nothing to present currently.

Thompson Street Park: Council President Simcox mentioned the Bidding has been awarded to Big Rock Paving and add alternates have been approved.

Lawshee Run: Council President Simcox mentioned \$1,000,000.00 has been awarded to the Borough for Engineering from the County.

Active Transportation Plan: Council President Simcox mentioned the grant funding awarded for Hazel Alley additions to the Rail Trail project.

Old Business: Nothing to present currently.

New Business: Nothing to present currently.

Adjourn: Council President Simcox made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:50 PM.



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Borough Council President

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