

**BOROUGH OF JERSEY SHORE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 10, 2020**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Scott Bierly, Matthew Haag, Barbara Schmouder, Kenneth Scheesley, Sean Simcox, Michael Zellers

Absent: Janet Barnhart, Paul Garrett

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

Council President: Councilor Zellers presented the July 13 and the July 16, 2020 Minutes. Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to approve the July 13 and the July 16, 2020 Minutes. Councilor Schmouder seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Public: John Shireman thanked Borough Council for their approval of the Geisinger Jersey Shore Conditional Use request for the helipad.

Mr. Shireman expressed concerns of the costs of hiring an Interim Assistant Borough Manager and whether or not the budget allows for the expense. He also expressed his concerns of whether the Borough Manager would be able to handle his responsibilities and duties while also running a campaign for State Representative. President Zellers stated that the costs of the salary of the Interim Assistant Borough Manager are able to be covered by the general fund and that Borough Council did not have any concerns regarding Mr. Hamm's ability to serve the Borough.

Mr. Shireman stated that he has had several political signs removed from his yard and one was vandalized. President Zellers recommended Mr. Shireman contact the police department.

April Embick thanked Borough Council for their assistance with the Jersey Shore Town Meeting, Inc. Annual Celebration and stated the community yard sale they held in lieu of the Annual Celebration went well.

Ms. Embick stated Jersey Shore Town Meeting, Inc. was in the planning stages of holding a community-wide fall festival that would include local businesses and possibly a scavenger hunt for the children. Ms. Embick requested the use of the Gazebo lot for this event. She stated they would follow all the Governor's guidelines at the time of the event. She stated

they did not have an exact date and would come back in September with a final date and with the certificate of liability insurance.

SEDA-COG: Kristin McLaughlin stated the Borough will receive \$95,950 in 2020 FFY CDBG funds. Mrs. McLaughlin recommended allocating the 2020 FFY CDBG funds to the reconstruction and paving of Meadow Alley. She explained that a survey was underway in the area and, if the Federal standards could not be met after the survey was completed, the funds would be reallocated to curb cuts. Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to allocate the 2020 FFY CDBG funds to the reconstruction and paving of Meadow Alley, with the funds being reallocated to curb cuts if the Federal standards could not be met upon the completion of the survey. Councilor Schmouder seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mrs. McLaughlin stated the Borough would be receiving \$61,683 in 2020 CDBG-CV funding. Mrs. McLaughlin indicated she met with members of Borough Council and the recommendation was to allocate the funds to STEP, Inc. Supportive Housing Program and the American Rescue Workers Rental/Mortgage/Utility Assistance Program. These funds would only help residents of the Borough. She stated residents are only eligible for three months of assistance from one of the programs. Councilor Haag made a Motion to approve the allocation of the 2020 CDBG-CV funding to STEP, Inc. Supportive Housing Program and the American Rescue Workers Rental/Mortgage/Utility Assistance Program. Councilor Scheesley seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Council President: Councilor Zellers stated the Highway Department is doing a good job rebuilding and repairing the storm basins.

Borough Manager: Mr. Hamm presented a proposal from Cohen Law Group to represent the Borough in negotiations with Comcast for the renewal of the Cable Franchise Agreement. Cohen Law Group's proposal is in the amount of \$7,900. Mr. Hamm stated the current Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement expires on December 31, 2020. Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to approve the proposal from Cohen Law Group to represent the Borough in negotiations with Comcast for the renewal of the Cable Franchise Agreement in the amount of \$7,900. Councilor Schmouder seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hamm stated the Wayne Township Landfill will hold their annual Residential Tire Collection Event on September 11 and 12, 2020. Borough residents are invited to participate.

Mayor: Mayor Thompson stated he has received a number of compliments on the Borough streets.

Borough Solicitor: Solicitor Dieter stated she is currently drafting the decision for the Geisinger Jersey Shore Hospital conditional use hearing.

Finance Committee: Council President Zellers presented the August 2020 bills in the amount of \$136,622.24. Councilor Simcox made a Motion to pay the August 2020 bills in the amount of \$136,622.24. Councilor Scheesley seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Council President Zellers presented the July 2020 Voya Financial Report.

Police: Councilor Simcox presented the August 3, 2020 Police Commission meeting packet.

Councilor Simcox stated the Commission purchased a digital in-car camera from Pine Creek Township.

Councilor Simcox stated the Commission presented plaques to two officers for their heroic actions in saving a life from the Broadway Hotel fire.

Their next meeting is Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

TVRPD: Nothing to present at this time.

Highway: Councilor Scheesley presented the Highway Report for July 2020.

Personnel: Councilor Haag stated the interviews were held for the Interim Assistant Borough Manager position. Councilor Haag indicated the Committee recommended hiring Cody Hoover for the position at a salary of \$55,000 a year. Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to approve the hiring of Cody Hoover for the position of Interim Assistant Borough Manager at a salary of \$55,000 a year. Councilor Schmouder seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Emergency Management: Mr. Hamm presented the alarm reports for July 2020.

Recreation Committee: Councilor Haag presented the July 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Councilor Haag stated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas decorating contest will be held this year with the Recreation Committee judging the residential contestants and Revitalize Jersey Shore judging the business contestants.

Councilor Haag requested permission for the Recreation Committee to donate the bike repair station to DCNR after it is placed at the Railroad Street parking lot. Councilor Haag stated DCNR would maintain the bike repair station and replace the station in the event of damage. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve the donation of the bike repair station to DCNR. Councilor Scheesley seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Their next meeting is September 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Tree Commission: Nothing to present at this time.

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

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

TVMA: Nothing to present at this time.

JSAJWA: Councilor Schmouder presented the July 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Their next meeting is August 17, 2020.

Library: Councilor Schmouder stated the Board did not hold a meeting in July.

Their next meeting will be held August 11, 2020.

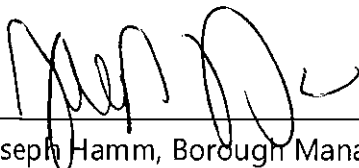
Geisinger J.S. Hospital: Nothing to present at this time.

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

Old Business: Nothing to present at this time.

New Business: Nothing to present at this time.

Adjourn: Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to adjourn. Councilor Simcox seconded the Motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:47p.m.

  
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Joseph Hamm, Borough Manager