

BOROUGH OF JERSEY SHORE
COUNCIL MEETING
December 11, 2023
7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Steve Kanski

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

Meeting Minutes: Council President Simcox presented the November 13, 2023 meeting minutes. Councilor Schmouder made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Councilor Cooney seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Public: Nothing to present at this time.

Council President: Council President Simcox wanted to thank everyone for their hard work and a very productive year as well as wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Correspondence: Mr. Hoover presented the letter from the Jersey Shore Area Joint Water Authority, regarding the 10% water rate increase on each public fire hydrant, sprinkler and hose system.

Borough Manager: Mr. Hoover presented the Ordinance 2023-03 (2024 Tax Rate). Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve the Ordinance 2023-03 (2024 Tax Rate). Councilor White seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/1.

Mr. Hoover presented the 2024 Budget. Councilor Bierly made a motion to approve the 2024 Budget as advertised. Councilor Robbins seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/1.

Mr. Hoover presented the Penn Strategies Agreement (December 1, 2023 – December 1, 2024). Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve the Penn Strategies Agreement (December 1, 2023 – December 1, 2024). Councilor Cooney seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hoover mentioned the possibility for a Waiver of Saldo regarding the property located at 1313 Walnut Street. Borough Council decided to table this item, and discuss this again in the January Council meeting, after this item has been discussed at the scheduled Planning Commission meeting on December 20, 2023.

Mr. Hoover presented the Larson Design's project opinion of probable cost for the Jersey Shore Highway Facility.

Mr. Hoover presented the Jersey Shore Town Meeting Lease Agreement; the agreement is pending payment and signature from the Jersey Shore Town Meeting. Councilor Cooney made a motion to approve the Jersey Shore Town Meeting Lease Agreement, pending the payment and signatures. Councilor Bierly seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hoover mentioned the Zoning Hearing Board will have a Vacancy as of December 31, 2023 that will need to be filled.

Mayor: Mayor Lon Myers Thanked the Council for all of their services to the community.

Borough Solicitor: Nothing to present at this time.

Finance Committee: Ms. Christina Cooney presented the December bill report for a total of \$241,061.35. Councilor Schmouder made a motion to approve the December bill report for a total of \$241,061.35. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Police: Council President Simcox presented the Commission update.

Their next meeting is Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. (Jersey Shore)

Public Works: Councilor Bierly presented the December 2023 Public Works Department Monthly Report.

Personnel: Mr. Hoover requested the Personnel Committee meet to discuss the potential advertisement of a full-time Public Works Foreman.

Emergency Management: Mr. Hoover mentioned the Citizens Hose Company's 2022 Financial Statement is in the Council Folders, as well as available at the Borough Office.

Recreation Committee: Councilor Bierly mentioned the Christmas decoration Contest deadline would be on December 12, 2023, and judging would begin on December 13, 2023.

Their next meeting is on January 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Tree Commission: Nothing at this time.

Codes: Councilor Schmouder presented the November 2023 permit and codes report.

Building & Grounds Committee: Mr. Hoover requested the Building and Grounds Committee schedule a meeting to go over potential future beautification projects in the Borough.

TVMA: Nothing to present at this time.

JSAJWA: Councilor Schmouder presented the November 7, 2023 Minutes.

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

Library: Nothing to present at this time.

Jersey Shore Bicentennial Committee: Nothing to present at this time.

Geisinger J.S. Hospital: Council President Simcox mentioned the Hospital has been awarded with two awards for healthcare performance, and currently only have one open position for a nurse.

YMCA Advisory Board: Mr. Hoover mentioned the YMCA will have food trucks in front of their building for the basketball games.

Combined Public Service Building: Mr. Hoover presented the updated language for the SEDA-COG land purchasing agreement. Councilor Schmouder made a motion to approve the updated language for the SEDA-COG land purchasing agreement. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Thompson Street Park: Mr. Hoover presented the Brix Design Group anticipated project schedule. Mr. Hoover mentioned, EQT has purchased new material for the Max Engle Memorial Bridge.

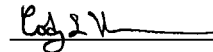
Lawshee Run: Mr. Hoover mentioned the project has been completed and the grass has been planted.

Active Transportation Plan: Nothing to present at this time.

Old Business: Nothing to present at this time.

New Business: Mr. Hoover would like to thank Councilor Cooney and Councilor White for their dedication and service to the Borough, as Council Members.

Adjourn: Council President Simcox made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:50 PM.



Cody L. Hoover, Borough