

**BOROUGH OF JERSEY SHORE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**December 13, 2021**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Barbara Schmouder, Sean Simcox, Dennis Thompson, Michael Zellers, Dick DeLaney, Scott Bierly, Janet Barnhart (By Phone)

Absent: Paul Garrett

Others Present: Cody Hoover, Borough Manager; Abbey Welker, Mayor; Mark Drier, Solicitor; Brian Fioretti, Police Sergeant, TVRPD

Council President: Council President Zellers presented November 8, 2021 Minutes. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve the Minutes. Councilor DeLaney seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 7/0.

Council President Zellers sent his thanks to the Council for serving alongside of them, and mentioned that he is very proud of the progress and the path that the Borough Council is on.

Public: Nothing to present at this time.

Correspondents: Nothing to present at this time.

Borough Manager: Mr. Hoover presented the finalized 2022 Budget. Councilor Schmouder made the motion to approve the 2022 Budget. Councilor Simcox seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0

Mr. Hoover presented the Ordinance 2021-03 (2022 Tax Levy). Councilor Simcox made a motion to approve the Ordinance 2021-03. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion was carried 7/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the Resolution for the Tax Collection 12.13.2021.01. Councilor Schmouder made a motion to approve the Resolution for the Tax Collection 12.13.2021.01. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the Agreement for River Valley Transit. Six months for \$2,280.25. Councilor Simcox made the motion to approve the Agreement with River Valley Transit. Councilor Delaney seconded the motion. Motion was carried 7/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the Penn Strategies Agreement for 2022. Councilor Schmouder made a motion to approve the Penn Strategies Agreement. Councilor Delaney seconded the motion. Motion was carried 7/0.

Mr. Hoover announced that the Borough reorganization meeting would be on January 3, 2022 at 4:30 pm. Councilor Delaney made a motion to approve the meeting date and time. Councilor Schmouder seconded the motion. Motion was carried 7/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the 2022 Council Meeting Dates. Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve the 2022 Council Meeting Dates. Councilor Schmouder seconded the motion. Motion was carried 7/0.

Mr. Hoover announced that there have been 97 sign ups for the new 2022 newsletter. Mr. Hoover stated that each month the Facebook page is updated to remind residents to sign up for the digital newsletter.

Mr. Hoover recognized the Council Members and Mayor that will be leaving the Council, and thanked them for their time as Council and Mayor.

Mayor: Mayor Abbey Welker wanted to thank the Council, Cody Hoover, and Bonnie Messersmith for supporting her during her time as Mayor. Abbey thanked the Council for helping to make her 13 months as Mayor great. She is very proud of the positive impact the Borough is having in Jersey Shore.

Borough Solicitor: Mr. Drier mentioned that the Tax Ordinance will need to be adjusted from stating the three Supervisors, to the correct titles.

Finance Committee: Council President Zellers presented the December 2021 bills in the amount of \$86,725.70. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to pay the December 2021 bills for \$86,725.70 Councilor Simcox seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 7/0.

Police: Councilor Simcox presented the December 6, 2021, Commission Report. Counselor Simcox announced that pending the Cogan House agreement decision, they will bring in a new Full Time Officer Kenny Bower Jr.

Their next meeting will be on Monday January 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

TVRPD: Sergeant Fioretti updated the Council on the new driving simulator that has been installed at Jersey Shore Area High School.

Sergeant Fioretti mentioned that there are 21 families that they will be donating gifts to this year.

Highway: Councilor Zellers presented the Highway Report for December 2021. Mr. Hoover announced that work on Kerr Avenue has been completed. Mr. Hoover thanked Independent Hose for putting all of the Christmas lights up along Allegheny Street.

Personnel: Nothing at this time.

Emergency Management: Nothing at this time.

Recreation Committee: Councilor Bierly presented the Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes from November 1, 2021.

Councilor Bierly announced that they will be judging the December Decorating Contest entries this week.

Councilor Bierly mentioned the Borough Office is still collecting the plastic bags at the Borough Office, YMCA and Weis.

Councilor Bierly mentioned that they have received a quote on the inclusion playground equipment, and will have a decision soon on the quote.

Their next meeting is on January 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Tree Commission: Councilor Schmouder mentioned that the two trees on Wilson Street are in the process of being removed. The tree removal will be completed on December 14, 2021.

Codes: Councilor Schmouder presented the Permit Report and Codes Enforcement Report for November 2021.

Building & Grounds Committee: Nothing at this time.

TVMA: Nothing to present at this time.

Their next meeting is December 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

JSAJWA: Nothing to present at this time.

Their next meeting is December 20, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Library: Councilor Schmouder mentioned that the property committee did locate the source of the leak in the building. The leak was found in the basement, caused by a natural spring.

Councilor Schmouder mentioned that the Fire Inspection found some issues that needed to be taken care of right away.

Councilor Schmouder mentions that they will be having another book sale in March or April.

Their next meeting is December 14, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

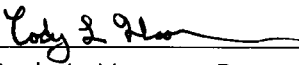
Geisinger J.S. Hospital: Councilor Simcox announced that the Jersey Shore Geisinger is currently 130% full capacity. 62% of the beds in use are COVID related. Life Flight is busy transporting patients to other facilities.

J.S. YMCA: Nothing at this time.

Old Business: Nothing to present at this time.

New Business: Mr. Hoover reminded Council of the Office Christmas luncheon on December 23, 2021.

Adjourn: Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to adjourn. Councilor Simcox seconded the Motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

  
Cody L. Hoover, Borough Manager