

BOROUGH OF JERSEY SHORE
COUNCIL MEETING
February 10, 2025
7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Josh Glunk

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

Meeting Minutes: Council President Schmouder presented the January 13, 2025, meeting minutes. Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve January 13, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Hollick seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Public: Melanie Palski addressed Council to follow up on the parking issues that are happening on Bastress Street, and at her restaurant "The Shore Diner" and the "Gateway Café". Ms. Palski would like to find a solution to the parking issues that have been happening for some time and wanted to know if the "Gateway Café" occupancy permit has been investigated. Borough Manager Simcox mentioned the Codes Officer and himself have been working with LRPD to monitor and cite parking violations in this area and will be reaching out to the Fire Company regarding the "Gateway Café's" occupancy permit. Borough Manager Simcox mentioned the weather has delayed painting the curbs and placing the signs.

Don Smith from the Sun Gazette was in attendance and introduced himself to the Borough Council.

Jennie McDermott from the Jersey Shore GSV Little League addressed the Council and mentioned they will be taking over the lease from the Jersey Shore Area Softball league. Ms. McDermott has been working with the Code's Officer on the shed replacements on the property to obtain the permits needed.

Correspondence: Borough Manager Simcox presented a letter from Geisinger, requesting permission to use Thompson Street Park for their annual Easter Egg Hunt for their employees, on April 13, 2025, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Borough Manager Simcox mentioned the area they are requesting is under construction, but there is plenty of space for them to hold this within the park. Councilor Bierly made a motion to approve. Councilor Robbins seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Borough Manager Simcox presented the Jersey Shore Summer Recreation program donation request letter and mentioned this has been budgeted and a donation approved. No motion needed.

Borough Manager: Borough Manager Simcox mentioned the Nittany MinitMart Storm Water Management Plan on 615 Allegheny Street, would be tabled for the March Council Meeting.

Borough Manager Simcox mentioned the Borough would like to hold another "Spring Clean-up" event. The dates in May need to be chosen for the event. Councilor Kanski made a motion to hold the "Spring Clean-up" event on May 16, 2025, and May 17, 2025. Councilor Frantz seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Borough Manager Simcox presented the Borough office cleaning quotes. The cleaning will be every other week. Choice Carpet Cleaning \$127.20/cleaning, Advanced Professional Cleaning \$130.00/cleaning and Jess Spellman \$75.00/cleaning. Councilor Thompson recommended Jess Spellman at \$75.00/cleaning contingent on providing certificate of insurance. Councilor Hollick seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Borough Manager Simcox presented the Lease Agreement for the Jersey Shore GSV Little League for the remainder of the lease, beginning on February 10, 2025, and ending on December 31, 2026. The lease was taken over from the Jersey Shore Area Softball League. Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilor Kanski seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Borough Manager Simcox presented the Jersey Shore Area Joint Water Authority board reappointment of Dave Palski with a term beginning on January 1, 2025, and ending on December 31, 2028. Councilor Kanski made a motion to approve. Councilor Hollick seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Councilor Hollick made a motion to add the Jersey Shore Presbyterian Church Road closure request Letter to the agenda.

Borough Manager Simcox presented the Jersey Shore Presbyterian Church Road closure request Letter. They would like to temporarily close the east end of Thompson Street to traffic by the Jersey Shore Presbyterian Church until the roof replacement is completed. Councilor Frantz made a motion to approve. Councilor Bierly seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Mayor Myers: Mayor Myers mentioned he attended a presentation at the JSASD and presented his duties as Mayor to the students.

Mayor Myers presented the 2025 Key to the Borough to Mr. Ralph Lehman and Mrs. Linda Lehman. Mrs. Lehman was in attendance to accept the Key to the Borough and spoke of the memory of Mr. Lehman as a previous Mayor, for the Borough of Jersey Shore.

Borough Solicitor: Mr. Drier mentioned Gene and himself are caught up on the enforcements they have been working on.

Finance Committee: Council President Schmouder presented the February bill report for a total of \$33,427.69. Councilor Frantz made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$33,427.69. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Police: Nothing to report

Their next meeting is Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Public Works: Councilor Bierly presented the February 2025 Public Works Department Monthly Report.

Public Works Supervisor Matthew Bartholomew mentioned there have been two new sinkholes found on Lawshee Run. The one by the Nittany Minitmart has been fixed, and they will be working on the other by the Tiadaghton Mall.

Mr. Bartholomew mentioned they are looking to purchase a utility trailer, to be able to transport their mowers and equipment for repairs and site maintenance. Mr. Bartholomew is looking at one on Municibid and would like permission to bid.

Councilor Bierly made a motion to allow a purchase capped at \$3,200.00 for a utility trailer. Councilor Frantz seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Personnel Committee: Nothing to report.

Emergency Management: Nothing to report.

Recreation Committee: Councilor Bierly mentioned the Jersey Shore Community Pool is looking for lifeguards.

Their next meeting is on March 6, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Tree Commission: Nothing to report.

Codes: Councilor Schmouder presented the January 2025 permit and codes report.

Their next meeting is on March 5, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Building & Grounds Committee: Borough Manager Simcox reported there is a boiler leak in the Jersey Shore LRPD building, Dixon Heating and AC are scheduled to investigate the issue.

TVMA: Nothing to report.

Their next meeting will be February 19, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

JSAJWA: Council President Schmouder presented the February 4, 2025, meeting minutes.

Their next meeting is on March 4, 2025, at 5:15 p.m.

Library: Council President Schmouder presented the January 14, 2025, meeting minutes.

Their next meeting is on February 11, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Jersey Shore Rivertown Committee: Tina Cooney presented the January 16, 2025, meeting minutes. Ms. Cooney mentioned they have been working on bike trail and connector routes.

Their next meeting is on February 20, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Jersey Shore Bicentennial Committee: Mayor Lon Myers mentioned the Committee will be hosting a Jersey Shore Birthday Party at the Independent Fire Company on March 15, 2025. They will be providing cupcakes and ice cream for this celebration.

Their next meeting is on February 27, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Geisinger J.S. Hospital: Nothing to report.

YMCA Advisory Board: nothing to report.

Combined Public Service Building: Borough Manager Simcox mentioned they have requested to activate the MOU to release the funds to begin phase 1 of the Public Works Building. Mr. Simcox is working on a letter with Penn Strategies to the Lycoming County Commissioners.

Thompson Street Park: Work is on hold until Spring.

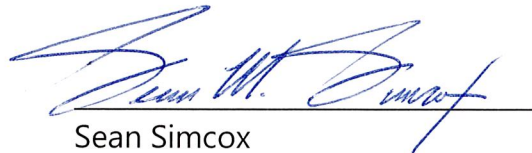
Lawshee Run: Borough Manager Simcox mentioned the Borough has received an approved pre-engineering agreement from Larson Design Engineering. The engineering cost will be funded by the Lycoming County Commissioners.

Old Business: Councilor Bierly brought up the topic of placing the paving bid sooner than later and recommended the Borough place their paving bids earlier in the year, to allow potentially lower bids and better scheduling flexibility to all bidders. Councilor Bierly will be working with the Public Works Supervisor to get the 2025 paving bid completed.

New Business:

Council President Schmouder requested an Executive Session, after the adjournment of the Council Meeting.

Adjourn: Council President Schmouder made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:55 PM. and begin an Executive Meeting.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sean M. Simcox", written over a horizontal line.

Sean Simcox
Borough Manager

