BOROUGH OF JERSEY SHORE COUNCIL MEETING February 14, 2022 7:00 p.m.

<u>Members Present</u>: Denise Robbins, Scott Bierly, Dick Delaney, Sean Simcox, Steve Kanski, Barbara Schmouder, Dennis Thompson, Janet Barnhart (Phone)

Absent:

Others Present: Cody Hoover, Borough Manager; Sally Ann Combs, Mayor (Phone); Dance Drier, Esquire, Solicitor; Nathan DeRemer, Chief, TVRPD

<u>Council President</u>: Councilor Simcox presented the January 10, 2022, Minutes. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve the January 10, 2022, Minutes. Councilor Delaney seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Public: John Shireman commented that he feels that there should be a published treasury report, handed out at every meeting. He would like to ask again to have the meeting live-streamed, he feels the meeting information is taking too long to reach the public. John wanted to discuss the Public Service Building, which is intended to bring various groups together. He feels that the public should be more aware of the details of the new building. John asked how many Council meetings can a Council member miss before they are off of the board. Councilor Simcox answered, that the Council member would have to miss 3 consecutive meetings before any action could be taken. Councilor Simcox stated that the live streaming has not been discussed in full at this time, and there are no updates on moving forward with live streaming. Mr. Shireman stated that he would like to know where the funding is coming from for the new building, and how it will affect the taxpayers. Councilor Simcox stated that the Borough is working on gathering all of the grants and funding that they can receive for the Public Service Building. Borough Manager, Mr. Hoover stated that the treasures report was available at the meeting and had been since late last year.

<u>Borough Manager</u>: Mr. Hoover presented Resolution 02.14.2022.01 for the Share Assessment Grant for the Public Service Building in the amount of \$1,000,000. Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve Resolution 02.14.2022.01. Councilor Delaney seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented Resolution 02.14.2022.02 for the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program Grant not to exceed \$250,000 for the use for various improvements to a community park. Councilor Bierly made a motion to approve Resolution 02.14.2022.02. Councilor Schmouder seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented Resolution 02.14.2022.03 for the Community Parks and Recreation Grant not to exceed \$250,000 for the use for various improvements to a community park. Councilor Delaney made a motion to approve Resolution 02.14.2022.03. Councilor Kanski seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the Inclusive playground proposal for the Grant Assistance. The work will be completed by R K Webster Engineering. Councilor Bierly made a motion to approve the Inclusive playground proposal for grant assistance completed by R K Webster Engineering. Councilor Kanski seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented Veterans Mental Health Awareness Walk-A-Thon, sponsored by River Valley Transit. The Walk-A-Thon will be on March 25, 2022. The walk will start in Picture Rocks, PA, and end in Lock Haven, PA. The walk will take them thru the Borough. There is no financial obligation from the Borough for this event. Councilor Schmouder made a motion to approve the Veterans Mental Health Awareness Walk-A-Thon. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover mentioned that the 50/50 Fundraising Group, led by Ann Green and Betty Allen, presented a charitable donation of \$20,580.22 to the Pool savings account. The finds will be used for the maintenance of the Jersey Shore Community Pool.

Mr. Hoover mentioned that the Trade Eastern will be temporarily closing the section of Howard Street, between the intersections of Kerr Ave, and Howard Street. The temporary closure will be on February 26, 2022, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The temporary closure will be for the removal of the existing MRI rig at the Jersey Shore Geisinger Hospital.

Mr. Hoover mentioned that there is a parking issue on the corner of N. Lincoln Ave. and Wilson Street. The parking is causing a safety issue with the busses and the parents picking up their children. The Police are aware of the parking issue and have been fining the violators. Mr. Hoover mentioned that there is an issue with the one-way alley at West Pharmaceuticals. Mr. Hoover requested to have the two issues brought to the Highway Committee for further discussion. Mr. Hoover stated that the Highway Committee would be setting up a meeting to discuss the roadway issues.

Mayor: Mayor Sally Ann Combs, had nothing to present at this time.

Borough Solicitor: Nothing to present at this time.

<u>Finance Committee</u>: Councilor Delaney presented the February 2022 bills in the amount of \$31,719.94. Councilor Schmouder made a motion to pay the February 2022 bills in the

amount of \$31,719.94. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

<u>Police</u>: Councilor President Simcox presented the January 3, 2022, Police Commission meeting packet.

Their next meeting is Monday, March 7, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

<u>TVRPD</u>: Chief Nathan DeRemer commented on the shooting that occurred this month in Porter Township, the suspect crossed into the Borough and was apprehended. The Police believe that this arrest was drug-related, and approximately 50 Police Officers were at the scene. Chief Nathan DeRemer mentioned that there was an accidental shooting this month in Porter Township.

<u>Highway</u>: Mr. Hoover presented the Highway Report for February 2022. Mr. Henry stated that they will be finishing up the snow/ice removal on Main St. by Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Mr. Henry mentioned that they did have issues with the plows and trucks requiring maintenance, causing delays with the snow/ice removal.

<u>Personnel</u>: Councilor Barnhart mentioned that the Borough did decide to let the former part-time employee go after their 90-day probation was over. Councilor Barnhart mentioned that they will be looking to advertise for a part-time employee. Councilor Barnhart stated that they are accepting applications for the part-time Zoning and Codes Enforcement Officer, until February 21, 2022. There are 13 applicants for the position, as of February 14, 2022.

Emergency Management: Nothing to present at this time.

Recreation Committee: Councilor Bierly mentioned that they have one bench that will need to be placed, and they have almost collected enough plastic bags, to receive another bench. Councilor Bierly mentioned that the Recreation Committee is currently working on looking into inclusion equipment. Councilor Bierly is mentioned that the Bike Fair will be in May.

Their next meeting is on March 3, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

<u>Tree Commission</u>: Nothing to present at this time.

<u>Codes</u>: Councilor Schmouder presented the Permit Report and Codes Enforcement Report for January 2022.

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

TVMA: Mr. Hoover presented the December 15, 2021 meeting minutes.

JSAJWA: Councilor Schmouder presented the January 2022, Meeting Minutes.

Their next meeting is on February 21, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

<u>Library</u>: Councilor Schmouder presented the January and February 2022, meeting minutes. Councilor Schmouder stated that they received \$700 from Porter Township and \$500 from Piatt Township. Councilor Schmouder mentioned that they now have an app for magazine and book access, and it is going well.

Their next meeting will be held on March 8, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

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.

<u>Adjourn</u>: Councilor Kanski made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Delaney seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Cody L. Hoover, Borough Manager