

BOROUGH OF JERSEY SHORE
COUNCIL MEETING
January 13, 2025
7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Denise Robbins

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

Council President Schmouder announced the Council will adjourn the regularly scheduled Council Meeting will adjourn at 7:00 p.m. and begin the Special Meeting.

Special Meeting: Borough Manager Simcox began the Special Meeting by going over the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Earmark. This Earmark will provide the funds to begin "phase one" of the Public Safety Building, by funding the removal and building of the Public Service Building. The funds needed have been awarded, and the Borough is hopeful to advertise and accept bids this Spring.

Public Comments: no comments or questions

Council President Schmouder adjourned the Special Meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Council President Schmouder announced the Council will re-enter the regularly scheduled Council Meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Meeting Minutes: Council President Schmouder presented the December 9, 2024, meeting minutes. Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve the December 9, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Kanski seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Council President Schmouder presented the December 23, 2024, meeting minutes. Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve the December 9, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Bierly seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Public: Melanie Palski addressed Council regarding the parking issues that are happening on Bastress Street, and at her restaurant "The Shore Diner" and the "Gateway Café". Ms. Palski requested the amount of parking spaces the "Gateway Café" was provided in the

original Ordinance. Ms. Palski would like to find a solution to the parking issues that have been happening for some time. Borough Manager Simcox provided the amount of parking spaces the "Gateway Café" was provided under the Ordinance when the "Gateway Café" was opened. Borough Manager Simcox mentioned he would be reaching out to the Fire Company regarding the "Gateway Café's" occupancy permit, to see the maximum number of patrons and staff they would be able to hold. Borough Manager Simcox mentioned the Police have been made aware of the parking issues, and they have been vigilant with parking tickets and patrolling. The Public Works Crew will be painting the curbs where no parking is to be permitted, with yellow paint, and signs for no parking will be placed.

Correspondence: Borough Manager Simcox presented a letter from Wreaths Across America, asking for donations for wreaths. Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve a donation in the same amount as 2024 for \$250.00. Councilor Kanski seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Denny Buttorff mentioned the wreaths have been hung on the medallions, and it is causing the medallions to become damaged and need replaced. The ribbons on the wreaths have been blown off the wreaths when the wind blows on them, resulting in the ribbons coming off the wreaths. Council President Schmouder mentioned she would be reaching out to Wreaths Across America, regarding Mr. Buttorff's concerns.

Borough Manager: Borough Manager Simcox presented a letter from Larson Design Group, regarding the Larson Designs Groups engineering study on the Stormwater management and subdivision of Nittany Minitmart plans located at 815 Allegheny Street. Larson Design strongly advised against allowing Glenn O Hawbaker to exempt stormwater mitigation for this project, given the Borough experiences flooding of Lawshee Run during rain events. Larson Design has reached out to Glenn O Hawbaker regarding the stormwater mitigation, and Glenn O Hawbaker will begin working on the changes, pending Borough Council's approval of the recommendations from Larson Design Group. Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve the Larson Design Groups' recommendations to Glenn O Hawbakers for the Nittany Minitmart's stormwater mitigation plan and subdivision.

Borough Manager Simcox presented the funding request letter to the Lycoming County Commissioners for the release of \$1,500,000 in pledged funds for the Regional Public Safety Complex, to begin phase 1. Councilor Frantz made a motion to approve the letter to the Lycoming County Commissioners. Councilor Kanski seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Borough Manager Simcox presented the 2025 Annual Events list. Councilor Glunk made a motion to approve the 2025 Annual Events list. Councilor Bierly seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Borough Manager Simcox presented the letter from Central Keystone COG, regarding their hourly rate increase for 2025. No motion was required.

Borough Manager Simcox announced the re-appointment request of Sean Simcox to the Planning Commission, with the term ending December 31, 2029. Councilor Kanski made a motion to approve the request. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Borough Manager Simcox announced the re-appointment request of Brian Fioretti as the Alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board, with the term ending December 31, 2027. Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilor Hollick seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Mayor Myers: Mayor Myers wanted to congratulate the Borough Council and Borough Manager for a great 2024.

Borough Solicitor: Nothing currently.

Finance Committee: Council President Schmouder presented the January bill report for a total of \$236,982.86. Councilor Glunk made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$236,982.86. Councilor Frantz seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Police: Borough Manager Simcox presented the December 11, 2024, minutes. Borough Manager Simcox announced Captain Kriner has been voted in as the Police Chief for LRPD.

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

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

Councilor Bierly mentioned the Borough has hired a new Public Works Foreman, Kevin Styer.

Personnel Committee: Nothing to report.

Emergency Management: Denny Buttorff mentioned the County has started their Hazardous Mitigation Plans.

Recreation Committee: Councilor Bierly mentioned the Jersey Shore Community Pool is looking for lifeguards. The Community Pool has purchased a cooler from Subway to hold more drinks.

Councilor Bierly mentioned Valerie Hively has been re-appointed to the Recreation Committee, and her term will end on December 31, 2027.

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

Tree Commission: Nothing to report.

Codes: Councilor Schmouder presented the December 2024 permit and codes report.

Building & Grounds Committee: Nothing to report.

TVMA: Council President Schmouder presented the November 20, 2024, meeting minutes.

Their next meeting will be January 15, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

JSAJWA: Council President Schmouder presented the January 7, 2025 (reorganization) meeting minutes, and the January 7, 2025 (regular) meeting minutes.

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

Library: Council President Schmouder presented the November 12, 2024, meeting minutes.

Their next meeting is on January 14, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Jersey Shore Rivertown Committee: Borough Manager Simcox presented the December 19, 2024, meeting minutes.

Their next meeting is on January 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Jersey Shore Bicentennial Committee: Nothing currently.

Their next meeting is on January 22, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Geisinger J.S. Hospital: Borough Manager Simcox mentioned he will be setting up a time for Geisinger to present happenings to the Borough Council.

YMCA Advisory Board: nothing to report.

Combined Public Service Building: nothing to report.

Thompson Street Park: Work is on hold until Spring.

Lawshee Run: Nothing to report.

Old Business: nothing to report.

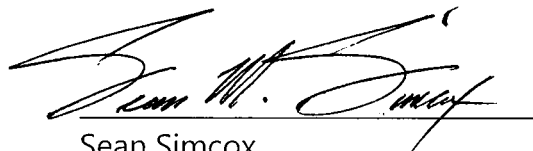
New Business: Council President Schmouder mentioned DAR had a meeting in the Council Chambers about the Revolutionary War Patriots, who are buried in the Borough.

Councilor Bierly mentioned he spoke with a contact from Glenn O Hawbaker. The gentleman from Glenn O Hawbaker recommended the Borough place their paving bids earlier in the year, to allow potentially lower bids and better scheduling flexibility to all bidders.

Councilor Frantz mentioned the Citizen Hose Fire Company banquet invites Borough Council, and they provide an abundance of information for the attendees.

Denny Buttorff mentioned there is still no power to the tower yet, for thew radios, and the transmitter is in.

Adjourn: Council President Schmouder made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:07 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean M. Simcox". The signature is stylized with a large initial "S" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Sean Simcox
Borough Manager

