

BOROUGH OF JERSEY SHORE
COUNCIL MEETING
July 8, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Marguerite Dyroff, Matthew Haag, Kenneth Scheesley, Barbara Schmouder, Sean Simcox, Michael Zellers

Absent: Janet Barnhart, Paul Garrett

Others Present: Dennis Thompson, Mayor; Joseph Hamm, Borough Manager; Joshua Klinger, Officer, TVRPD; Denise Dieter, Esquire, Solicitor

Council President: Councilor Zellers informed all Council and the public that meetings were recorded for official record keeping.

Councilor Zellers presented the June 10, 2019 Minutes. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve the June 10, 2019 Minutes. Councilor Simcox seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Public: Burt Francis asked if there would be any flood mitigation during the bridge replacement project over Lawshee Run on North Main Street. Mr. Hamm stated that he had been in contact with Vance Cohick of PennDOT and Mr. Cohick stated that no flood mitigation was planned.

LeeAnne Rauch expressed concern about the pool membership applications. Ms. Rauch stated that the applications were at least 10 years old and requested Borough Council to reconsider what constitutes a family for a family membership.

Ms. Rauch expressed interest in becoming a member of the Recreation Committee as she was concerned that the swim team was not being represented on the Recreation Committee.

Mr. Hamm stated that he had discussed Ms. Rauch's concerns with her at the Borough Office and explained to her that the composition of the Recreation Committee was recently changed because no swim team members would step up to serve on the Recreation Committee.

Michael Burger of the U.S. Census Bureau stated the 2020 census would begin in February 2020 with postcards going out to inform residents of the upcoming census and the process to complete the census. There will be three ways to complete the census: paper, telephone, and internet. Mr. Burger requested Council to consider a resolution that the Borough would give full support to the 2020 census.

Christina Cooney of The Preservation League of Jersey Shore presented a proposal for River Town Square at Gazebo Park. Ms. Cooney explained that River Town Square is made up of small businesses operating out of sheds with facades to reflect the downtown area. Ms. Cooney stated that approximately five sheds would be located at Gazebo Park and that the sheds would not be purchased and placed until they have a committed business. Ms. Cooney indicated that The Preservation League of Jersey Shore would purchase the sheds through grant underwriting, place restrooms facilities, and a security camera at no cost to the Borough. Ms. Cooney also stated that they would clean the gazebo and purchase paint to repaint the gazebo. Councilor Haag made a Motion to approve the request of Christina Cooney to move forward with the River Town Square project and to clean and paint the gazebo. Councilor Dyroff seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Kristin McLaughlin: Ms. McLaughlin stated the Borough would be receiving \$93,901 in FFY 2019 CDBG funds. Ms. McLaughlin indicated there may be additional costs to the Meadow Alley Project and recommended allocating the FFY 2019 CDBG funds to the Meadow Alley Project. Councilor Simcox made a Motion to allocate the FFY 2019 CDBG funds in the amount of \$93,901 to the Meadow Alley project. Councilor Schmouder seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Ms. McLaughlin presented the Jersey Shore Borough Procurement Policy which updated the existing Procurement Policy to include the HOME Programs. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve the Jersey Shore Borough Procurement Policy. Councilor Scheesley seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Dr. Ken Dady of the Jersey Shore Area School District indicated the District is interested in extending the lease between the Borough and the School District for the use of the Thompson Street Recreation Field for the Middle School Soccer Program for a five-year term. Councilor Schmouder requested the School District give consideration to the Borough for the Winter Swim Event for the same cost of the lease between the Borough and the School District for the Thompson Street Recreation Field for the Middle School Soccer Program.

After discussion, the Borough will provide the cost to maintain the Thompson Street Recreation Field to the School District and the matter would be revisited.

Council President: Nothing to present at this time.

Borough Manager: Mr. Hamm presented draft Ordinance 2019-05 establishing parking regulations and fines for Borough-owned parking lots. Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to advertise Ordinance 2019-05. Councilor Schmouder seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hamm presented three quotes for tree removal in the area of Shore Auto Parts near the Rails to Trails: Loffredo's Tree Trimming & Removal - \$1,200; Plocinski Tree Service - \$1,800; and Dincher

& Dincher Tree Surgeons - \$2,600. Councilor Simcox made a Motion to approve the quote of Loffredo's Tree Trimming & Removal in the amount of \$1,200. Councilor Schmouder seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hamm presented the Jersey Shore Borough Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Actuarial Assumption Changes. Mr. Hamm stated John Vargo, Actuary, recommended updating the mortality table assumption to the new mortality tables for public workers and the actuarial value method to a 5-year smoothing methodology. Councilor Haag made a Motion to approve updating the mortality table assumption to the new mortality tables for public workers and the actuarial value method to a 5-year smoothing methodology. Councilor Dyroff seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hamm presented a Letter of Intent to be submitted to DCED to perform a regional police study of the coverage areas of the Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department and the Old Lycoming Township Police Department. Mr. Hamm stated DCED would perform the study at no cost to either police departments. Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to approve the Letter of Intent to be submitted to DCED to perform a regional police study of the coverage areas of the Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department and the Old Lycoming Township Police Department. Councilor Dyroff seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hamm presented two letters of request from UGI to excavate in the street at 1431 Allegheny Street and 119 Glover Street to install gas services where paving has been performed within the last five years. After discussion, Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to approve the request of UGI to excavate in the street at 1431 Allegheny Street and 119 Glover Street to install gas service with the conditions that an engineer inspect the backfill and compaction work and the overlay must be extended 50 feet in each direction of the cut for the full width of the roadway and must meet PennDOT specifications. Councilor Haag seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hamm presented the Jersey Shore Borough Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Audit for 2015 through 2018. Mr. Hamm stated that as of January 1, 2017 the Pension Plan was 92% funded.

Mr. Hamm presented the May Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation Report.

Mayor: Nothing to present at this time.

Borough Solicitor: Nothing to present at this time.

Finance Committee: Councilor Dyroff presented the July 2019 bills in the amount of \$13,216.50. Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to pay the July 2019 bills in the amount of \$13,216.50. Councilor Schmouder seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Councilor Dyroff presented the June 2019 Voya reports.

Police: Councilor Simcox presented the July 1, 2019 meeting packet.

Councilor Simcox stated the Commission approved the mortality table for the pension plan that was recommended by the actuary.

Councilor Simcox indicated the Commission discussed a K-9 Program and that research into public funding was being explored.

Their next meeting is Monday, August 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

TVRPD: Nothing to present at this time.

Highway: Councilor Scheesley presented the Highway Report for June 2019. Councilor Scheesley stated the paving project would begin at the end of July.

Personnel: Nothing to present at this time.

TVMA: Nothing to present at this time.

JSAJWA: Councilor Schmouder presented the June 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

Emergency Management: Nothing to present at this time.

Recreation Committee: Councilor Haag stated the next scheduled meeting is July 11, 2019.

Tree Commission: Nothing to present at this time.

Codes: Councilor Schmouder presented the Permit Report for June 2019 and the Codes Enforcement Report for year-to-date 2019.

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

Library: Councilor Schmouder stated the Used Book Sale went well during Town Meeting.

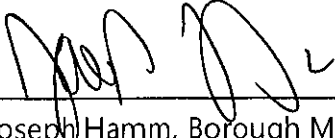
Geisinger J.S. Hospital: Nothing to present at this time.

J.S. YMCA: Councilor Scheesley stated that the renovations were on-going and the new doors have been installed.

Old Business: Nothing at this time.

New Business: Burt Francis expressed his interest in seeing the Clinton County Trail tied into the Pine Creek Rail Trail. Mr. Francis also stated he spoke to a Borough resident about erecting a sports museum uptown near the Rail Trail to draw people into the Borough.

Adjourn: Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to adjourn. Councilor Haag seconded the Motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.



Joseph Hamm, Borough Manager