

BOROUGH OF JERSEY SHORE

COUNCIL MEETING

June 8, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Janet Barnhart (via phone), Scott Bierly, Paul Garrett, Matthew Haag, Barbara Schmouder, Sean Simcox, Michael Zellers

Absent: Kenneth Scheesley

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

Council President: Councilor Zellers informed all Council and the public that an executive session was held at 6:15 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

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

Councilor Zellers presented the May 11, 2020 Minutes. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve the May 11, 2020 Minutes. Councilor Bierly seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 7/0.

Public: Walter Spotts of 209 Calvert Street expressed concern about the conditions at 215 Calvert Street. Mr. Spotts stated the grass was high and the home and outbuildings were in disrepair.

Mr. Douty explained that he has been in contact with the bank that owns the property and that he would be working with Solicitor Dieter to move forward with the notice of violation process.

SEDA-COG: Kristin McLaughlin presented the bid tabulation for the Meadow Alley Stormwater Reconstruction Project. Mrs. McLaughlin recommended awarding the bid to Charles Construction in the amount of \$302,559.01. Mr. Hamm explained this bid was for only the underground piping for stormwater management and to repair the roadway to its current condition.

Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to award the Meadow Alley Stormwater Reconstruction Project to Charles Construction in the amount of \$302,559.01. Councilor Garrett seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 7/0.

Mrs. McLaughlin opened the first public hearing for the FFY 2020 CDBG funding. Mrs. McLaughlin stated the Borough should be receiving an estimated allocation of \$95,950 in FFY 2020 CDBG funds. Mrs. McLaughlin asked Council to recommend projects for these funds.

Mr. Hamm recommended allocating the FFY 2020 CDBG funds to paving Meadow Alley and the perpendicular roadways once the stormwater project was completed.

Mrs. McLaughlin stated project selection would need to be made at the August Council meeting.

Mrs. McLaughlin stated the Borough would be receiving \$61,683 in CDBG-CV funds due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mrs. McLaughlin stated the funds must be used to prevent, prepare, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic with a project selection being made no later than June 30, 2020.

After discussion, a committee was formed consisting of Councilor Simcox, Councilor Schmouder, and Councilor Haag. This committee will work with Mrs. McLaughlin to select a project.

Council President: Nothing to present at this time.

Borough Manager: Mr. Hamm presented a Federal 340B Agreement between Geisinger Jersey Shore Hospital and the Borough. Under the Public Health Service Act this would allow Geisinger Jersey Shore Hospital to provide health-care services to low-income individuals. Mr. Hamm explained this Agreement was required by the Health Resource Services Administration to allow the Hospital to purchase certain medications at a manufacturer's discount. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve the Federal 340B Agreement between Geisinger Jersey Shore Hospital and the Borough. Councilor Barnhart seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hamm presented a memo from Bonnie Messersmith regarding the community pool opening guidelines. Mrs. Messersmith stated tape would be placed at the concession stand and that cones with tape would be placed at the doorway to direct one-way entrance and

one way exit to promote social distancing. Councilor Haag made a Motion to approve opening the community pool for the 2020 season. Councilor Bierly seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/1 with Councilor Schmouder voting no.

Mr. Hamm presented a letter from Jersey Shore Summer Recreation requesting the use of a hose and the use of the restroom at the west end of the pool building. Councilor Simcox made a Motion to approve the request of Summer Recreation conditional upon Summer Recreation assisting with keeping the restrooms clean, children being chaperoned to the bathroom, and charging a surcharge if the water bill increased due to their usage of the hose. With a lack of a second, the Motion died.

Jeremy Frantz of Jersey Shore Town Meeting, Inc. indicated that the Town Meeting Celebration was being postponed and requested use of the Thompson Street Recreation Field the week of July 19, 2020. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to grant exclusive usage to Jersey Shore Town Meeting, Inc. from July 19 to July 25, 2020. Councilor Bierly seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hamm presented a letter from Revitalize Jersey Shore Area. Ms. Cooney stated they would like to hang red, white, and blue flag banners until Labor Day and rehang them on Memorial Day of 2021. Councilor Haag made a Motion to approve the request of Revitalize Jersey Shore Area. Councilor Schmouder seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hamm presented a handicap parking spot application for 1558 Allegheny Street. Mr. Hamm stated the request was for a handicap space for the caregivers of the resident at 1558 Allegheny Street. After discussion, the request was denied by lack of a motion.

Mr. Hamm presented a request from the George W. Pepperman American Legion Post 36 for a crosswalk from their parking lot to their building due to moving the handicap parking spots from the rear of the building to the parking lot on the south side of Seminary Street. After discussion the request was moved to the Buildings & Grounds Committee for review.

Mr. Hamm presented a letter from PMHIC with the first surplus claim fund distribution check in the amount of \$8,713.08. Mr. Hamm explained this surplus was based on the total claims closed out for the 2019 plan year versus any outstanding claims that still need to be settled.

Mr. Hamm stated a variance hearing will be held on June 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. on a request from John Frederick at 419 Washington Avenue to place an accessory structure less than ten feet from the side yard setback.

Mr. Hamm stated a conditional use hearing will be held on July 21, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. on a request from Geisinger Jersey Shore Hospital at 1020 Thompson Street to erect a helipad at the hospital.

Mayor: Nothing to present at this time.

Borough Solicitor: Nothing to present at this time.

Finance Committee: Council President Zellers presented the June 2020 bills in the amount of \$41,314.47. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to pay the June 2020 bills in the amount of \$41,314.47. Councilor Garrett seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 7/0.

Council President Zellers presented the April and May 2020 Voya Financial Reports.

Police: Councilor Simcox presented the June 1, 2020 Police Commission meeting packet.

Councilor Simcox stated no official actions were taken and that calls have been down about 33% but seem to be on the increase as the traffic and DUI enforcement details are reimplemented as the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown moves towards reopening.

Councilor Simcox reminded Council that DCED is still working on the study for the possible regionalization of Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department and Old Lycoming Township Police Department.

Councilor Simcox stated the Commission is working on looking for additional funds for the new public safety building. Councilor Simcox indicated they have received the RACP funds and they are still working on obtaining matching funds.

Their next meeting is Monday, July 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

TVRPD: Officer Fera stated a speed detail was held on Thursday June 3, 2020 and another speed detail would be held on June 9, 2020.

Highway: Mr. Hamm presented the Highway Report for May 2020.

Personnel: Councilor Barnhart requested a Motion to authorize the advertisement for an Assistant Borough Manager position. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to authorize the advertisement for an Assistant Borough Manager position. Councilor Haag seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 7/0.

Emergency Management: Mr. Hamm presented the Alarm reports for March, April, and May 2020.

Recreation Committee: Councilor Haag stated the 5th Annual Jacob's Bike fair has been postponed until further notice.

Councilor Haag indicated the Committee has set aside funds to purchase a bike repair stand for \$1,300 to place near the caboose at the Rails to Trails parking lot on Railroad Street and requested approval of the purchase of the bike repair stand. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve the purchase of the bike repair stand. Councilor Bierly seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 7/0.

Councilor Haag stated that there will be maintenance at the community pool completed before opening.

Their next meeting is July 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Tree Commission: Nothing to present at this time.

Codes: Councilor Schmouder presented the Permit Report for May 2020 and the Codes Enforcement Report for May 2020.

Building & Grounds Committee: Council President Zellers stated they would schedule a meeting to review the request from the American Legion for the crosswalk.

TVMA: Nothing to present at this time.

JSAJWA: Councilor Schmouder presented the May 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Their next meeting is June 17, 2020.

Library: Councilor Schmouder stated the Board did not hold a meeting in April.

Their next meeting has been cancelled.

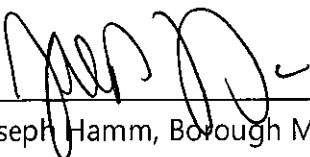
Geisinger J.S. Hospital: Councilor Simcox stated the hospital did great preparation work for the COVID-19 pandemic and there were no cases of infection among hospital staff.

J.S. YMCA: Councilor Schmouder stated the YMCA was open and that COVID-19 precautions and social distancing is being practiced.

Old Business: Nothing to present at this time.

New Business: Councilor Haag raised a concern about the number of items that are sitting on the sidewalk in front of the Miller building on Allegheny Street. Mr. Douty stated Mr. Stahl has a permit for a retail business at that location.

Adjourn: Councilor Simcox made a Motion to adjourn. Councilor Garrett seconded the Motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.



Joseph Hamm, Borough Manager