

BOROUGH OF JERSEY SHORE
COUNCIL MEETING
May 8, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Scott Bierly, Sean Simcox, Barbara Schmouder, Steve Kanski, Dennis Thompson, Brian White, Denise Robbins and Tina Cooney

Absent:

Others Present: Cody Hoover, Borough Manager; Lon Myers, Mayor; Marc Drier, Esquire, Solicitor

Public Hearing: Hearing began at 7:01 PM. The hearing was to discuss SEDA-COG Federal Block Grant information. Mitzi Gallagher-Long and Tanya Collins discussed the public announcements, and the project review. Borough Council discussed several possible projects, including paving Meadow Alley.

Public comments or questions: None

Public Hearing ended at 7:25 PM.

Regular Council Meeting began at 7:25 PM

Meeting Minutes: Council President Simcox presented the April 10, 2023 Minutes. Councilor Schmouder made a motion to approve the April 10, 2023 Minutes. Councilor Kanski seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Public: Casey Lowmiller and Ethan Goodbrod from Citizens Hose spoke about the importance of the Fire and EMT, as well as their equipment that is in service and in the future will need to be replaced. Mr. Lowmiller asked the Council to consider a fire tax increase for the next fiscal year, as well as the possibility of funding the Borough Residents Ambulance Subscription from the ACT 13 money. No actions were taken at this time.

Greg Cromer presented a picture that was taken of the Jersey Shore Area by his company "America from the sky". Mr. Cromer provided the picture and digital file pricing, as well as his contact information, if the Borough would be interested in purchasing the image. No actions were taken at this time.

Diane Carothers expressed her concern regarding the neighboring property that has been sitting vacant for the past several years. The property is being maintained every 6 weeks by HUBZone, but there are concerns regarding the rodents the vacant home may be attracting. Borough Manager Cody Hoover will be looking into this issue with the Zoning and Codes Officer Gene Kennelley.

Gary Wasson expressed his concern regarding the rental fee schedule and policy procedures between the Borough Office and the CKCOG. Council President Simcox requested the Codes Committee meet and discuss the Borough Code and the CKCOG contract to be able to provide policy details.

Council President: Council President Simcox announced there was an Executive Session held on April 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM to discuss personnel and Contractual Agreements.

Correspondents: Mr. Hoover presented a letter from Jersey Shore High School Teacher, Jim Smith, regarding the successful 2023 Bulldog Nation Earth Day "Pick Up PA" Event.

Borough Manager: Mr. Hoover presented Resolution No. 05.08.2023.01 – Disposition of Records. Councilor Cooney made a motion to approve Resolution 05.08.2023.01 – Disposition of Records. Councilor Robbins seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the 2023 Paving Bid opening results; HRI \$183,882.00, Charles Construction \$183,351.60, Glenn O Hawbaker \$181,050.30, Wolyniec Construction \$238,407.00. Councilor Thompson made a motion to move forward with the lowest bidder of Glenn O Hawbaker for \$181,050.30. Councilor Kanski seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the Thompson Street Park Bid opening results; RK Webster \$84,836.00, Larson Design Group \$71,500.00 and Brix Design Group \$47,906.25. Mr. Hoover presented the letter from Anthony Visco, regarding the review of the bids. Mr. Visco recommended the Borough Solicitor review the "Terms and Conditions" attached to the Brix proposal. Mr. Visco recommended awarding the contract to Brix Design. Councilor Cooney made a motion to move forward with the lowest bidder Brix Design Group for \$47,906.25. Councilor Bierly seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the Conditional Use Hearing Written Decision regarding the Jersey Shore Borough Highway Building on 1568 Allegheny Street. Councilor Schmouder made a motion to accept the Conditional Use Hearing Written Decision regarding the Jersey Shore Borough Highway Building on 1568 Allegheny Street. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the Zoning Hearing Board Written Decision regarding West Pharmaceuticals. No motion was necessary.

Mr. Hoover presented the Intrada Technologies quote for server replacement and migration for a total of \$9,487.96 and \$68/month for back up. The second option was a server migration to Microsoft 365 for \$3,600.00 and \$181/month for back up. Councilor Kanski made a motion to accept the second option of a server migration to Microsoft 365 for \$3,600.00 and \$181/month for back up. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the Intrada Technologies quote for the replacement of the Highway laptop for \$2,315.40. Councilor Bierly made a motion to accept the Intrada Technologies quote for the replacement of the Highway laptop for \$2,315.40. Councilor Cooney seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the Borough Kubota Zero-turn mower with a bagger attachment for \$14,186.55 from C.H. Waltz Sons, Inc. Councilor Kanski made a motion to accept the quote for the Borough Kubota Zero-turn mower with a bagger attachment for \$14,186.55 from C.H. Waltz Sons, Inc. Councilor White seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the Highway Building Environmental Study from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The DCNR did find the area to be a northern long-eared bat spring staging/fall swarming habitat. No tree removal is allowed to be conducted from May 15th to August 15th. No motion was necessary.

Mr. Hoover presented the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Proposed Detour Route for bridge replacement located between Baer Street and Seminary Street. Work is anticipated to begin in April 2024.

Mr. Hoover presented the letter of Interest for the Zoning Hearing Board from Ms. Kate Hakes. Councilor Schmouder made a motion to accept the letter of Interest for the Zoning Hearing Board from Ms. Kate Hakes. Councilor Cooney seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mayor: Mayor Lon Myers mentioned this month's meeting marked his one-year anniversary.

Borough Solicitor: Mr. Drier mentioned he is working on the Ward Consolidation consideration for the Borough.

Finance Committee: Ms. Christina Cooney presented the May bill report for a total of \$101,618.93. Councilor Robbins made a motion to approve the May bill report for a total of \$101,618.93. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Police: Council President Simcox presented the Police Commission Minutes from May 1, 2023.

Their next meeting is Monday, June 5 2023, at 6:30 p.m. (Old Lycoming Township)

LRPD: Detective Segura: Spoke about the positive impacts of regionalization, promotion, focus on specialized units, and the positive changes happening for the Lycoming Regional Police Department.

Highway: Councilor Bierly presented the May 2023 Public Works Department Monthly Report. Councilor Bierly mentioned he will be assisting with the Saturday brush area opening and closure.

Personnel: Mr. Hoover presented the three Highway employee recommendations:
Zeke Fisher – Full-Time, \$15.31/hourly and benefits
Emory Bierly – Full-Time, \$15.31/hourly and benefits
Kyle Strouse – Part-Time, \$15.31/hourly 30 hours a week
Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve Zeke Fisher, Emory Bierly, and Kyle Lose as Highway employees. Councilor Kanski seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Emergency Management: Mr. Hoover presented the Alarm reports for Independent Hose and Citizens Hose.

Recreation Committee: Councilor Bierly mentioned the Recreation Committee is still taking applications for Lifeguards, and Jacob's Bike Safety Fair will be on May 20, 2023.

Their next meeting is on June 1, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Tree Commission: Councilor Schmouder reported a possible shade tree removal, after an observation it was deemed not a shade tree. Resident will be removing the tree.

Codes: Councilor Schmouder presented the Permit Report for April 2023.

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

TVMA: Mr. Hoover presented the February 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Mayor Lon Myers mentioned TVMA has been updating the existing lines as available, and have not had to increase their prices in 9 years.

JSAJWA: Councilor Schmouder presented the April 4, 2023 Minutes.

Their next meeting is on June 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Library: Nothing to present at this time.

Their next meeting is on May 9, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

Jersey Shore Bicentennial Committee: Nothing to present at this time.

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

Old Business: Nothing to present at this time.

New Business: Council President Simcox mentioned, Mr. Lorson from the Softball Association would like to look into building an enclosed locker room near the pavilion.

Adjourn: Council President Simcox made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting at 9:09 PM.

Cody Hoover
Cody L. Hoover, Borough