BOROUGH OF JERSEY SHORE
COUNCIL MEETING
August 10, 2026
7:00 p.m.

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

Absent:

Others Present: Sean Simcox, Borough Manager and Dance Drier, Esquire, Solicitor and Mayor Lon Myers

Meeting Minutes: Council President Schmouder presented the July 13, 2026, meeting minutes. Councilor Glunk made a motion to approve. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Public: None

Correspondence: Mr. Simcox mentioned there has been email communication with Brandon Kinney regarding the use of Thompson Street Park for semi-pro football. The field would be painted for a 50-yard line field and used for 3 to 4 hours every Saturday from October to June. Mr. Simcox mentioned they would have to re-read JSAYO's current lease on the field, and requested this topic be given to the Recreation Committee for further discussion.

Borough Manager: Mr. Simcox presented the Full-Time Public Works vacancy position hiring recommendation of Nick Houtz. Mr. Houtz will start at $21.56 an hour through the collective bargaining agreement; full benefits (health, life, dental and eye); pension and pro-rated pto. Councilor Bierly made a motion to approve. Councilor Hollick seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Simcox presented the 2027 MMO for a total of $49,543. Councilor Kanski made a motion to approve. Councilor Glunk seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Simcox presented the SEDA-COG Meadow Alley bid results. Mr. Simcox mentioned there was an error with the advertisements and there would need to be a rebid. This has been tabled for the September Council Meeting.

Mr. Simcox presented the UGI Spruce Street excavation request. Mr. Simcox mentioned Spruce Street was last paved in 2025. The Codes Committee did discuss this topic, and they have recommended allowing UGI to dig and install services, with the stipulation the road is repaired from curb to curb and repaired to the satisfaction of the current road condition. Councilor Thompson made a motion to repair with the stipulation of the repair being the standards set. Councilor Bierly seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Simcox requested permission to advertise the following Ordinances:

1. Quality of Life – This comes from CKCOG and allows the Codes Officer to write tickets on various topics.
2. Data Center – This would restrict the type of work that could be performed in the Borough that would impact the ability to open a data center.
3. Shipping Containers – This would prohibit the use of a shipping container as a shed, prolonged storage or a living space.

Mr. Simcox presented the Wayne Township Landfill Tub Grinder estimate for the brush area to be cleaned up. The projected time to clean the entire brush area would be estimated at 10 hours. The wood chips from the grinding would be available free of charge to the Borough Residents. Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve of the time needed to grind all the current brush located in the Borough Brush area. Councilor Glunk seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Simcox presented the letter from the Jersey Shore School District, requesting barriers for the home football games. Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilor Kanski seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mayor Myers: Mr. Myers mentioned he received a call from a Jersey Shore resident regarding what seemed to be a scam, using references such as the mayor to provoke the resident for financial gain. The resident was urged to reach out to their financial institution and Police Department to report the scam.

Borough Solicitor: Mr. Drier mentioned 507 Allegheny Street is currently getting an appraisal, and he will be in touch with the Borough when this is completed.

Finance Committee: Council President Schmouder presented the August bill report for a total of $102,049.17. Councilor Bierly made a motion to approve. Councilor Kanski seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Council President Schmouder presented the Borough Budget Year to date update.

Council President presented the Cetera report for July.

Police: Mr. Simcox presented June 10, 2026, meeting minutes, and let the Council know the Police will be working on their budget session on 8/13/26.

Their next meeting is Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. *Jersey Shore location (July-September)*

Public Works: Councilor Bierly presented the August 2026 Public Works Department Monthly Report.

Personnel: Nothing to report.

Emergency Management: Mr. Edwards reported that Mr. Buttorff is working on the July HMP report and the Disaster Planning Committee is being set up. He mentioned the EOC meeting dates will be set and the books have been ordered.

Recreation Committee: Councilor Bierly presented July 9, 2026, meeting minutes. Mr. Bierly mentioned the message board has been installed, and they are working on the power issue that will be resolved soon. Mr. Bierly mentioned the pool season is going well and will be ending soon. The pool will need repairs, and they are looking into this. Mr. Bierly mentioned the Recreation Committee is looking to restructure itself.

Their next meeting is on September 3, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Tree Commission: Council President Schmouder mentioned a large tree branch was removed from the area of the canal, that caused the road to be temporarily closed, and a shade tree was removed from Seminary Street.

Codes: Council President Schmouder presented the July 2026 permit and codes report.

Their next meeting is as needed

Building & Grounds Committee: Nothing to report

TVMA: No minutes to report, July meeting did not have a quorum.

Next meeting will be August 19, 2026, at 6:00 pm

JSAJWA: Council president Schmouder reported the JSAJWA has hired a new Lawyer.

Their next meeting is on September 4, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

Library: Council President Schmouder mentioned one of their staff members was leaving.

Jersey Shore Revitalization Committee: Nothing to report.

The next meeting will be on August 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Jersey Shore Bicentennial Committee: Council President Schmouder mentioned Mayor's 200th Anniversary float was the backdrop for the GoJoe29 event, and the float was very well received and maintained.

Geisinger J.S. Hospital: Nothing to report.

YMCA Advisory Board: Councilor Kanski stated there will be a board meeting on August 11, 2026, and the YMCA has met their financial goal for the year already.

Combined Public Service Building: Nothing to report.

Lawshee Run: Mr. Simcox mentioned Larson Design has requested dates for the times Lawshee Run has flowed over the road. Mr. Simcox noted that the preliminary hearing is almost finished.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Mr. Simcox mentioned that due to the high volume of requests. The Borough brush area will be open on the weekends during the months of July and August, where previously the area was closed on the weekends.

Councilor Thompson mentioned on Saturday he briefly attended the 3-on-3 basketball tournaments and the teams spanned from Bellefonte to Williamsport. The event was well attended, and people were very appreciative of the event being held on the new courts.

Councilor Hollick mentioned the Beautification Committee would like to know if the Borough would like to have one of the bikes they are restoring and decorating, could be placed in front of the Borough Building. Councilor Hollick made a motion to approve. Councilor Frantz seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Councilor Frantz asked for updates on the E-Bikes in the Borough. Mr. Simcox noted this was discussed in the June Council Meeting.

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

Sean Simcox
Borough Manager