

BOROUGH OF JERSEY SHORE
COUNCIL MEETING
November 13, 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 and Lon Myers, Mayor; Marc Drier, Esquire, Solicitor

Council President Simcox made a motion to amend the agenda, to add in the Hoffman Ford F-550 quote. Councilor Schmouder seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Council President Simcox announced an Executive Session was held on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. and Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. to discuss personnel.

Meeting Minutes: Council President Simcox presented the October 9, 2023 meeting minutes. Councilor Cooney made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with the edits to the adjournment section. Councilor Bierly seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Public: John Shireman asked for figures on how much tax money the Borough lost on the three homes that were torn down by West Pharmaceuticals. The information was not readily available at this time. Mr. Shireman expressed concern for the blight in the town, that may cause issues with homes selling, including his own. Mr. Shireman mentioned the water laying in his yard is worse now, due to stone work and the restriction of water flow to the drain. Mr. Hoover mentioned he would be out to Mr. Shireman's residence to look into the issue.

Council President: Council President Simcox presented the quote from Hoffman Ford for the F-550 regular cab truck for a total of \$55,000.00, and the dump bed, spreader and plow from Bradco for a total of \$58,175.76 bringing the total for the truck, dump bed, spreader and plow to \$113,175.76. Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve the purchase of the F-550 regular cab truck for a total of \$55,000.00, and the dump bed, spreader and plow from Bradco for a total of \$58,175.76 bringing the total for the truck,

dump bed, spreader and plow to \$113,175.76. Councilor Bierly seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Correspondence: Mr. Hoover presented the letter from the Lycoming County SPCA, thanking the Borough for their recent donation of \$125.00.

Borough Manager: Mr. Hoover presented the 2024 Tax Levy Ordinance 2023-03 for advertisement. Council President Simcox made a motion to approve the advertisement of Ordinance 2023-03 at a quarter mil. Increase. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/2.

Mr. Hoover presented the Collective Bargaining Agreement covering years 2024, 2025 and 2026 between the Borough of Jersey Shore and United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber Manufacturing, Energy Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO-CLC. Councilor Kanski made a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement covering years 2024, 2025 and 2026 between the Borough of Jersey Shore and United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber Manufacturing, Energy Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO-CLC. Councilor Schmouder seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the 2024 Budget Advertisement for approval. Councilor Schmouder made a motion to approve the 2024 Budget Advertisement. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the SEDA-COG Amendment #2 to the Agreement for Professional and Technical Services. Councilor Kanski made a motion to approve the SEDA-COG Amendment #2 to the Agreement for Professional and Technical Services. Councilor Cooney seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the ADA Construction plans from Anthony H. Visco Jr. Architecture for the Borough Building sidewalk.

Mr. Hoover presented the G & R Charles Excavating LTD change order for the curb cuts.

Mr. Hoover presented the 2024 Council Meeting dates and the Jersey Shore Borough Council Organization Meeting date for advertisement. Councilor Schmouder made a motion to approve the 2024 Council Meeting dates and the Jersey Shore Borough Council Organization Meeting date for advertisement. Councilor Bierly seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the SEDA-COG Mortgage Satisfaction pieces for Cindy Olsen (408 Wilson St.), Mary Greene (520 Allegheny St.), Carol Eck (525 S. Main St.), Betsy and Miles Moore (524 High St.), Ernest and Kari Hensler (336 Elm St.), and Jerome and Susan Hackenburg Sr. (411 Eden St.). Councilor Kanski made a motion to approve all six SEDA-COG Mortgage Satisfaction pieces. Councilor Cooney seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption Certificate for Mr. Stewart (231 Oliver Street). Councilor Cooney made a motion to approve the Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption Certificate for Mr. Stewart (231 Oliver Street). Councilor Schmouder seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the Penn Strategies Progress Report for November 2023.

Mayor: Mayor Myers mentioned the Jersey Shore Borough is a great place to raise a family, and he would like to pursue the Revitalization of Jersey Shore, improve the Borough. Mayor Myers mentioned the street sign at Locust and Main Street is missing and will need replaced.

Borough Solicitor: Mr. Drier mentioned he is currently working on Zoning and Codes Enforcement items with the Zoning and Codes Enforcement Officer.

Finance Committee: Ms. Christina Cooney presented the October bill report for a total of \$91,600.01. Councilor Kanski made a motion to approve the October bill report for a total of \$91,600.01. Councilor Schmouder seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Police: Council President Simcox presented the Commission update.

Their next meeting is Monday, December 4, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. (Old Lycoming Twp.)

Public Works: Councilor Bierly presented the November 2023 Public Works Department Monthly Report.

Mr. Hoover mentioned he would like to thank Independent Hose, for hanging up the Christmas lights.

Personnel: Nothing to present at this time.

Emergency Management: Nothing to present at this time.

Recreation Committee: Councilor Bierly mentioned the Christmas Decorating contest judging dates will be December 18th – 20th, and the winners will be announced on December 21st.

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

Tree Commission: Nothing at this time.

Codes: Councilor Schmouder presented the October 2023 permit and codes report.

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

TVMA: Nothing to present at this time.

JSAJWA: Councilor Schmouder presented the November 7, 2023 Minutes.

Their next meeting is on December 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Library: Nothing to present at this time.

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

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

YMCA Advisory Board: Mr. Hoover mentioned the YMCA has increased their members since opening 24/7.

Combined Public Service Building: The bill of sale on the purchased ground will need changed to add a barrier on the property line.

Thompson Street Park: Mr. Hoover mentioned "Join us at the Playground!" event will be on November 17, 2023 at 2:00 P.M. at 410 Thompson Street to hear about the upcoming improvements to the Thompson Street Park. Mr. Hoover announced the bidding for the park project will begin Late November or Early December.

Mr. Drier presented the deed to add additional language on the three parcels at the park. Councilor Schmouder made a motion to approve the deed to add additional language on the three parcels at the park and authorized Sean Simcox as signatory. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

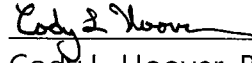
Lawshee Run: Mr. Hoover mentioned the pipes are now in, and the paving just needs to be completed.

Active Transportation Plan: Nothing additional at this time.

Old Business: Mr. Hoover mentioned he is working on an LSA and RCAP application for the remaining funds needed for the Public Safety Building.

New Business: Nothing to present at this time.

Adjourn: Council President Simcox made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:15 PM.


Cody L. Hoover, Borough

