BOROUGH OF JERSEY SHORE COUNCIL MEETING November 8, 2021 7:00 p.m.

<u>Members Present</u>: Paul Garrett, Barbara Schmouder, Sean Simcox, Dennis Thompson, Michael Zellers, Dick DeLaney, Janet Barnhart (By Phone)

Absent: Scott Bierly

Others Present: Cody Hoover, Borough Manager; Abbey Welker, Mayor; Mark Drier, Solicitor; Nathan DeRemer, Police Chief, TVRPD

<u>Council President</u>: Council President Zellers presented October 11, 2021 Minutes. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve the Minutes. Councilor DeLaney seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 7/0.

Public: Nothing to present at this time.

<u>Correspondents:</u> Mr. Hoover presented the letter from Bassett Engineering Inc. regarding the temporary road closure of Wilson Street on 12/1/2021, for tree removal at 327 Allegheny Street. Councilor Garrett made the motion to approve the road closure of Wilson Street on 12/1/2021. Councilor Schmouder seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

<u>Borough Manager</u>: Mr. Hoover presented the Water Authority's request to cut into Poplar Street at West Pharmaceuticals, if they would need to. Councilor Schmouder made the motion to approve the request to cut into Poplar Street if needed. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0

Mr. Hoover announced the parking lot alterations from West Pharmaceuticals. West Pharmaceuticals will be painting road markings for the employees, to mark areas in and out of the property, as well as the walkways for the employee's safety. No motion was required.

Mr. Hoover presented the estimates from Bastian and Condo's for the snow plow. The estimate from Bastian's was for a new plow, for a cost estimate of \$7,000.00. The estimate from Condo's was for repair to the plow, for a cost estimate of \$2,797.84. Cody recommends to the Council to repair the plow, and go with the estimate from Condo's.

Councilor Schmouder made a motion to approve of the Condo's estimate to repair the plow. Councilor Garrett seconded the motion. Motion was carried 7/0.

Mr. Hoover announced that the 2022 Budget is available for review in the Borough Office.

Mr. Hoover presented the 2022 Council Meeting dates.

Mr. Hoover announced that they would be purchasing new tires for the truck.

Mr. Hoover presented the RACP extension letter for the Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Public Safety Building.

Mayor: Nothing to present at this time.

<u>Borough Solicitor</u>: Mr. Drier introduced himself and mentioned that he would like to continue with their business with the Borough as their Solicitor.

<u>Finance Committee</u>: Council President Zellers presented the November 2021 bills in the amount of \$247,248.05. Councilor Simcox made a Motion to pay the November 2021 bills for \$247,248.05 Councilor Schmouder seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 7/0.

<u>Police</u>: Councilor Simcox presented the September 9, 2021, Commission Report. Counselor Simcox announced, that the 2022 Budget has been passed.

Their next meeting is Monday December 6, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

TVRPD: Chief DeRemer updated the Council of the recent Borough activity and citations.

<u>Highway</u>: Councilor Zellers presented the Highway Report for October 2021. Mr. Hoover announced that the Highway employees placed two concrete barriers around the bridge, behind the Dollar General.

<u>Personnel</u>: Councilor Barnhart mentioned that there are three applicants that she recommended for. Two have been hired for Part-time and one for Full Time. Brent Weidler (Full-time), Aryana Fox (Part-time) and Shane Stine (Part-time). All of the positions will have the hourly rate of \$15.31 per hour. Councilor Barnhart recommended that there be a separate motion to hire each employee.

Councilor Schmouder made a motion to hire Brent Weidler as a Full-time Borough employee for \$15.31 per hour. Councilor Garrett seconded the motion. Motion was carried 7/0.

Councilor Thompson made a motion to hire Aryana Fox as a Part-time Borough employee for \$15.31 per hour. Councilor Schmouder seconded the motion. Motion was carried 7/0.

Councilor Thompson made a motion to hire Shane Stine as a Part-time Borough employee for \$15.31 per hour. Councilor Simcox seconded the motion. Motion was carried 7/0.

Emergency Management: Nothing at this time.

Recreation Committee: Councilor Thompson announced that they finished up with the fall decorating contest. The announcements and papers have been sent out for the Christmas Decorating Contest. Councilor Thompson mentioned that there will be a separate category judged for the residents who will be only decorating their doors. Councilor Thompson mentioned that the Borough is sill collecting the plastic bags at the three locations; YMCA, Borough Office and Weis. Councilor Thompson updated the Council on the Bench location, he stated that the placement location will be placed on hold, and decided on in the December meeting.

Councilor Thompson brought up, that the Borough is collecting plastic bags for chance to earn another bench. The drop off locations are at the Borough Office, Weis, and the YMCA.

Councilor Thompson announced that this Wednesday, October 12, 2021 will be the deadline for the entries of the Fall Decorating Contest.

Their next meeting is on December 2, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

<u>Tree Commission</u>: Nothing at this time.

<u>Codes</u>: Councilor Schmouder presented the Permit Report and Codes Enforcement Report for October 2021.

Building & Grounds Committee: Nothing at this time.

TVMA: Nothing to present at this time.

Their next meeting is November 17, 2021, at 6:00 PM.

JSAJWA: Nothing to present at this time.

Their next meeting is November 15, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

<u>Library</u>: Councilor Schmouder mentioned that the property committee did find a leak in the building. Councilor Schmouder announced that the library did make \$449.00 on the book sale.

Their next meeting is November 9, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

<u>Geisinger J.S. Hospital</u>: Councilor Simcox announced that the Jersey Shore Geisinger has obtained a Level 4 Trauma center status, as well as now being a primary Stroke Care Center. Councilor Simcox updated the Council on the current COVID vaccine count of 28,000 administered COVID vaccines. Councilor Simcox announced that starting in 2022 there will be a Family Medical Center opening up. Councilor Simcox mentioned that the Veterans Day Dinner has over 200 RSVP's.

J.S. YMCA: Mr. Hoover presented the YMCA monthly updates.

Old Business: Nothing to present at this time.

<u>New Business</u>: Mr. Hoover introduced Steve Kanski, who was present at the meeting, he was elected to Council in the November election. Mr. Hoover mentioned that he did schedule meetings to meet with the new Council members, as well as the new Mayor.

<u>Adjourn</u>: Councilor Simcox made a Motion to adjourn. Councilor Thompson seconded the Motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Cody L. Hoover, Borough Manager