

BOROUGH OF JERSEY SHORE
COUNCIL MEETING
October 11, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Paul Garrett, Barbara Schmouder, Sean Simcox, Dennis Thompson, Michael Zellers, Dick DeLaney, Janet Barnhart

Absent: Scott Bierly

Others Present: Cody Hoover, Borough Manager; Abbey Welker, Mayor; Denise Dieter, Esquire, Solicitor; Shawn Hummer, Police Sergeant, TVRPD

Amendment of the Agenda: Mr. Hoover made a request to have an Amendment to the Agenda, due to Resolution 10.21.2021.01 being received within 24 hours of the Council Meeting. Councilor Schmouder made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Agenda. Councilor Dennis seconded the motion. The Motion carried 7/0.

Council President: Council President Zellers presented September 13, 2021 Minutes. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve the Minutes. Councilor DeLaney seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 7/0.

Public: Diane Carothers was concerned about the vacant properties in the Borough, exclusively Mr. Wolf's property on Seminary Street. She said that there has been an increase in the snake and rodent population. She stated that she brought this up in the September Council Meeting, and would like to know if there was an update to the situation. She would like to know who owns the property, who is maintaining it, and if the home is for sale. Council President Zellers stated that they will look into the matter, and they will update her with her with the status of the property. Diane asked who made the road a one way by the school. She stated that the road being a one way, is causing a delay in transit getting to the homes by the school. President Zellers stated that they will look into the matter and see if the school does in fact own the roadway, that they have changed to a one way. Diane asked about the dock update. Mr. Hoover stated that they would be going over the dock update in the meeting.

John Shireman commented on the one-way road concern from Diane Carothers, he stated that it is an issue for the residents in the area of the one-way road. John mentioned that he would like to see the council meetings livestreamed, he mentioned this at the last meeting and was wandering the status of this. President Zellers stated that they are looking into this, but a final decision has not been made yet. John mentioned that he feels

there should be two sections in the Agenda for Public Comment Sections, one in the beginning and one in the end. John would like to see a public Treasurer Report of the cash spent and vendor payments. John expressed concerns with the Public Building, and how much the Architectural fees are, as well as how much money has been spent on the design phase. President Zellers stated that he would be getting with the Borough Manager to discuss the concerns.

Borough Manager: Mr. Hoover presented Resolution 10.11.2021.01 approving the submission of the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Grant application to DCED for \$1,000,000.00. Councilor Simcox made the motion to approve Resolution 10.11.2021.01. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0

Mr. Hoover presented the 5-Year Paving Plan. Councilor DeLaney made the motion to approve the 5-Year Paving Plan. Councilor Garrett seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hoover requested a motion to continue pursuing the Public Service Building, along with the TVRPD, Independent Hose, and Citizen Hose. Councilor Thompson made the motion to approve continued pursuing of the Public Service Building. Councilor Schmouder seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the road closure request from the Future Business Leaders of America, for the weShorecare Community Service Project, as well as the Football playoff/home game. The weShorecare dates would be November 4, 5 and 18, 2021. The Football playoff/home games would be November 1-21, 2021. Councilor Schmouder made the motion to approve the Future Business Leaders of America, road closure events. Councilor DeLaney seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hoover announced the Town Meeting tentative dates for the Annual Christmas Block Party & Santa Parade December 4, 2021 at 4:00 PM, and the Tree lighting ceremony on December 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Hoover presented the Trade Eastern, Inc. Road closure request for the installation of the new MRI at Geisinger Hospital. The street that will be affected will be the section of Howard Street, between the intersections of Kerr Ave. and Howard Street. Letters are being mailed to the affected residences. Councilor Schmouder made the motion to approve the Trade Eastern, Inc., road closure event for January 8, 2022 from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Councilor Simcox seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0

Mr. Hoover presented the update on the Dock. Two weeks ago, the dock floated down the river, and became stuck along the bank below Sweitzer's Garage property. The borough at the time of the flooding was understaffed. Due to being understaffed, it was a safety hazard to use the employees available to remove the dock before/during the flooding. The dock has been retrieved, and only sustained minor damages. The Borough will be able to repair the dock damages. Mr. Hoover would like to thank Sweitzer's Garage for allowing the Borough to enter their property, to retrieve the dock.

Mayor: Nothing to present at this time.

Borough Solicitor: Nothing to present at this time.

Finance Committee: Council President Zellers presented the October 2021 bills in the amount of \$69,253.10. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to pay the October 2021 bills for \$69,253.10, Councilor DeLaney seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 7/0.

Police: Councilor Simcox presented the September 9, 2021, Commission Report.

Their next meeting is Monday November 1, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

TVRPD: Nothing to Present at this time.

Highway: Councilor Zellers presented the Highway Report for September 2021.

Councilor Barnhart mentioned that the Labor/Equipment Operator bids are due by this Friday October 15, 2021, for the Part-Time and Full-Time positions. Councilor Barnhart mentioned that the board will talk more, once all of the applications are in.

Personnel: Nothing at this time.

Emergency Management: Nothing at this time.

Recreation Committee: Minutes from the August 2021 meeting were presented.

Councilor Thompson mentioned that the bench is here, and they will be discussing the placement location for the bench.

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 November 4, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Tree Commission: Nothing at this time.

Codes: Councilor Schmouder presented the Permit Report and Codes Enforcement Report for September 2021.

Building & Grounds Committee: Mr. Hoover mentioned that the trolley location has been changed.

Tina Cooney stated that there will be a gazebo built around the trolley, to allow the trolley to be restored. Cameras will be installed in the gazebo for safety and insurance purposes.

Councilor Simcox requested the Recreational Master Plan for the trail entering the Jersey Shore Borough, from Clinton County be evaluated to allow space for the bike path to run along side of the trolley.

Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve the new trolley location. Councilor Simcox seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 7/0.

TVMA: Nothing to present at this time.

Their next meeting is October 20, 2021, at 6:00 PM.

JSAJWA: Meeting minutes are in the folder for the September 20, 2021 Meeting.

Their next meeting is October 18, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Library: Councilor Schmouder presented the minutes.

Their next meeting is October 12, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Geisinger J.S. Hospital: Councilor Simcox announced that the New MRI will be installed in January 2022.

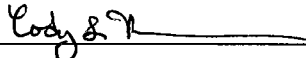
J.S. YMCA: Councilor Schmouder announced that the YMCA will be open 24/7 beginning in January 2022.

Mr. Hoover mentioned that the YMCA will be emailing him Monthly updates.

Old Business: Nothing to present at this time.

New Business: State Representative, Joe Hamm updated the council, as well as the Public of the news and happenings in Harrisburg. Mr. Hamm held a Q & A for the Council and Public.

Adjourn: Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to adjourn. Councilor Simcox seconded the Motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.


Cody L. Hoover, Borough Manager