

BOROUGH OF JERSEY SHORE
COUNCIL MEETING
October 12, 2020
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Scott Bierly, Paul Garrett, Barbara Schmouder, Kenneth Scheesley, Sean Simcox, Michael Zellers

Absent: Janet Barnhart

Others Present: Dennis Thompson, Mayor; Joseph Hamm, Borough Manager, Cody Hoover, Assistant Borough Manager; Brian Fioretti, Sergeant, TVRPD; Marc Drier, Esquire, Solicitor

Council President: Councilor Zellers presented the September 14, 2020 Minutes. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve the September 14, 2020 Minutes. Councilor Scheesley seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Public: Bryan Edwards of Jersey Shore Town Meeting, Inc. requested permission to hold the Santa Parade on December 5, 2020, from Locust Street to South Broad Street to Smith Street if PennDOT denies their permit to use Allegheny and Main Streets.

Kathi Hensler of Jersey Shore Town Meeting, Inc. requested the use of the Gazebo lot on December 5, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and to decorate the Gazebo for the Christmas season. Mrs. Hensler stated that Jersey Shore Town Meeting, Inc. would pay for any increase in electricity for December.

Ms. Hensler also requested the use of the Gazebo lot for Jersey Shore Town Meeting, Inc. to hold a Christmas Festival on December 5, 2020.

Mr. Hoover requested Jersey Shore Town Meeting, Inc. to submit separate letters outlining their three requests for approval at the November Council meeting.

Diane Eck of the Jersey Shore Public Library requested Borough Council to consider increasing their annual donation to the library. Council President Zellers stated the request would be put in the Finance Committee for review.

Council President: Nothing to present at this time.

Assistant Borough Manager: Mr. Hoover presented Resolution 10.12.2020.01 approving the submission of a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant application in the amount not

to exceed \$3,000,000 to be used for the Active Transportation Plan. Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to approve Resolution 10.12.2020.01. Councilor Bierly seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hoover presented a letter of interest from Dennis Thompson to fill the 1st Ward Council vacancy. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to appoint Dennis Thompson to the 1st Ward Council vacancy. Councilor Scheesley seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hoover presented a resignation letter from Dennis Thompson resigning from his position as Mayor. Councilor Simcox made a Motion to accept Mayor Thompson's resignation. Councilor Schmouder seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the Federal Fiscal Year 2017 OBO Agreement – Amendment 1 extending the termination date from June 30, 2020, to December 31, 2020. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve the FFY 2017 OBO Agreement – Amendment 1. Councilor Scheesley seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hoover presented the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority Easement Agreement between SEDA-COG and the Borough of Jersey Shore. Mr. Hoover explained there is an \$800 easement fee that covers the preparing of the application, legal review, and recording fees. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve the Easement Agreement between SEDA-COG and the Borough of Jersey Shore. Councilor Bierly seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hoover presented an application from Stephen Casale for a handicap parking spot for 414 South Broad Street. Councilor Thompson made a Motion to approve the request of Stephen Casale for a handicap parking spot. Councilor Schmouder seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hoover presented a letter from the First United Methodist Church requesting the use of Thompson Street from Cherry Alley to Main Street for their curbside pick-up on November 3, 2020, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to approve the request of the First United Methodist Church. Councilor Simcox seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hoover presented a request from Nola Allison of the Jersey Shore Summer Recreation Committee to plant trees at the Thompson Street Recreation Field near the pavilion. After discussion, the request was placed in the Buildings & Grounds Committee.

Mayor: Nothing to present at this time.

Borough Solicitor: Nothing to present at this time.

Finance Committee: Council President Zellers presented the October 2020 bills in the amount of \$32,265.48. Councilor Simcox made a Motion to pay the October 2020 bills in the amount of \$32,265.48. Councilor Schmouder seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Council President Zellers presented the September 2020 Voya Financial Report.

Police: Councilor Simcox presented the October 5, 2020, Police Commission meeting packet.

Councilor Simcox stated the Commission is working on the 2021 Budget.

Their next meeting is Monday, November 2, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

TVRPD: Sergeant Fioretti stated the Police Department is selling "Blue Lives Matter" signs for \$20 each and the proceeds go to purchasing Halloween candy.

Sergeant Fioretti indicated they have begun sign up for the 20th Annual Christmas Program. He also stated the officers will be out on Halloween handing out candy.

Council President Zellers asked what "Assist to the Public" calls consisted of. Sergeant Fioretti explained that these calls did not require citations to be issued or arrests to be made but consisted of answering residents' questions and concerns.

Highway: Councilor Scheesley presented the Highway Report for September 2020.

Personnel: Nothing to present at this time.

Emergency Management: Mr. Buttorff presented the September 2020 Emergency Management Report and stated the rainfall was approximately 2.65 inches below normal.

Mr. Buttorff presented the alarm reports.

Recreation Committee: Bonnie Messersmith stated the Committee was working on the Christmas decorating contest.

Their next meeting is November 5, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

Tree Commission: Nothing to present at this time.

Codes: Councilor Schmouder presented the Permit Report for September 2020 and the Codes Enforcement Report for September 2020.

Building & Grounds Committee: Council President Zellers stated a meeting would be scheduled to discuss Summer Recreation's request to plant trees and to discuss the dog park when the information requested was received from Ms. Sherwood.

TVMA: Nothing to present at this time.

JSAJWA: Councilor Schmouder presented the September 21, 2020, Meeting Minutes.

Their next meeting is October 19, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

Library: Nothing to present at this time.

Their next meeting will be held on October 13, 2020.

Geisinger J.S. Hospital: Councilor Simcox stated their next meeting is October 15, 2020.

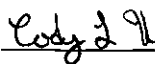
J.S. YMCA: Councilor Scheesley stated the YMCA held its annual bike ride two weeks ago with approximately 85 people participating.

Old Business: Nothing to present at this time.

New Business: Council President Zellers asked if the bike repair station would be installed this year. Mrs. Messersmith stated it would not be installed until the Spring of 2021.

Denny Buttorff requested Council to consider his previous request to use colored tape on the street signs to indicate the different flood zone. Council President Zellers placed his request into the Buildings & Grounds Committee.

Adjourn: Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to adjourn. Councilor Thompson seconded the Motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.


Cody Hoover, Borough Manager