

BOROUGH OF JERSEY SHORE
COUNCIL MEETING
September 14, 2020
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Janet Barnhart, Scott Bierly, Paul Garrett, Barbara Schmouder, Kenneth Scheesley, Michael Zellers

Absent: Matthew Haag, Sean Simcox

Others Present: Dennis Thompson, Mayor; Joseph Hamm, Borough Manager, Cody Hoover, Assistant Borough Manager; Michael Crawford, Sergeant, TVRPD; Denise Dieter, Esquire, Solicitor

Council President: Councilor Zellers presented the August 10, 2020 Minutes. Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to approve the August 10, 2020 Minutes. Councilor Schmouder seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Public: Bridget Sherwood requested Council to erect a dog park at the old playground at the Thompson Street Recreation Field. Councilor Garrett requested Ms. Sherwood to provide information and details of what she intended for the dog park. After discussion, Ms. Sherwood's request was placed in the Buildings & Grounds Committee for review.

Conditional Use Hearing: A conditional use hearing was held for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to erect an electric vehicle charging station at 483 Railroad Street.

After testimony and discussion, Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve the request by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to erect an electric vehicle charging station at 483 Railroad Street. Councilor Bierly seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Council President: Nothing to present at this time.

Borough Manager: Mr. Hamm presented the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) in the amount of \$52,434.68. Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to approve the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) in the amount of \$52,434.68. Councilor Garrett seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hamm presented the FFY 2019 CDBG OBO Cooperative Agreement between the Borough of Jersey Shore and Lycoming County. Mr. Hamm explained this OBO Cooperative Agreement would allow the Borough to draw funds for the Meadow Alley Project from the County. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve the FFY 2019 CDBG OBO Cooperative Agreement. Councilor Scheesley seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hamm presented subdivision plans for Ronald and Nancy Houtz of 215 Bastress Street. Mr. Hamm stated the Planning Commission reviewed the subdivision plans and recommended approving the subdivision. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to approve the subdivision plans for Ronald and Nancy Houtz. Councilor Bierly seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hamm presented a letter from Jersey Shore Town Meeting, Inc. requesting use of the Gazebo Lot on October 10, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for their Fall Festival and to close Thompson Street from Mt. Pleasant Avenue to McCanna Drive from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a pumpkin roll contest as part of the Fall Festival. Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to approve the request of Jersey Shore Town Meeting, Inc. to use the Gazebo Lot on October 10, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for their Fall Festival and to close Thompson Street from Mt. Pleasant Avenue to McCanna Drive from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a pumpkin roll contest as part of the Fall Festival. Councilor Schmouder seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hamm requested Council to set trick-or-treating hours for Saturday, October 31, 2020, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Councilor Garrett made a Motion to set trick-or-treating hours for Saturday, October 31, 2020, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Councilor Bierly seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hamm stated PPL Electric Utilities had begun the LED street light conversion. Mr. Hamm indicated the Borough received a few concerns from Borough residents, but that PPL Electric Utilities had corrected those issues.

Mr. Hamm presented an estimate in the amount of \$7,085 from Charles Construction to place paved buffers around 13 storm basins in the Meadow Alley area to prevent the stone from entering into the new storm basins. Mr. Hamm stated the paved buffers were 1 (one) foot wide and 4 (four) inches thick. Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to approve the estimate in the amount of \$7,085. Councilor Barnhart seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hamm presented a resignation letter from Councilor Matthew Haag. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to accept the resignation of Councilor Matthew Haag, with regrets. Councilor Scheesley seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Mr. Hamm stated a variance hearing is scheduled for September 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. for a request of West Pharmaceutical, Inc. for a variance from the ten (10) foot rear yard setback.

Mayor: Nothing to present at this time.

Borough Solicitor: Nothing to present at this time.

Finance Committee: Council President Zellers presented the September 2020 bills in the amount of \$329,138.49. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to pay the September 2020 bills in the amount of \$329,138.49. Councilor Scheesley seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Council President Zellers presented the August 2020 Voya Financial Report.

The Finance Committee will meet on September 28, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. to begin preparation of the 2021 Budget.

Police: Mr. Hamm presented the September 10, 2020, Police Commission meeting packet.

Mr. Hamm stated the Commission approved the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) and entered into a contract to provide service to Cummings Township from October 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020.

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

TVRPD: Nothing to present at this time.

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

Councilor Garrett asked Ron Henry, Highway Supervisor, if anything could be done with the ruts on Thompson Street near the intersection with Front Street. Mr. Henry stated the road would need to be repaved.

Personnel: Nothing to present at this time.

Emergency Management: Nothing to present at this time.

Recreation Committee: Bonnie Messersmith presented the August 6, 2020, Meeting Minutes.

Mrs. Messersmith stated the Community Pool closed on August 23, 2020, and the Highway Department has been working on preparing the pool for winterization.

Mrs. Messersmith indicated that the Christmas decorating contest would be held again this year.

Mrs. Messersmith stated that the bike repair station arrived and that Tom Butzler and Denny Thompson would be attending the Rails to Trails Committee meeting on September 15, 2020, to discuss the location of the bike repair station.

Their next meeting is October 1, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

Tree Commission: Nothing to present at this time.

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

Building & Grounds Committee: Council President Zellers stated a meeting would be scheduled to discuss Ms. Sherwood's request for a dog park once she provides information and details of what she intended for the dog park.

TVMA: Nothing to present at this time.

JSAJWA: Councilor Schmouder presented the August 24, 2020, Meeting Minutes.

Councilor Schmouder presented a letter of interest from Katelyn Wasson to be appointed to the Jersey Shore Area Joint Water Authority to serve the remaining term of David Palski, which expires December 31, 2024. Councilor Schmouder made a Motion to appoint Katelyn Wasson to the Jersey Shore Area Joint Water Authority Board to serve the remaining term, which expires on December 31, 2024. Councilor Bierly seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 6/0.

Councilor Schmouder indicated the Jersey Shore Area Joint Water Authority was requesting a voluntary ten (10) percent reduction in water usage from residents.

Councilor Schmouder stated the Water Authority Board would be meeting at the Tiadaghton Valley Municipal Authority building until the end of the year and that the meetings would be held at 6:30 p.m.

Their next meeting is September 21, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

Library: Councilor Schmouder presented the August 11 and the September 8, 2020, Meeting Minutes.

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

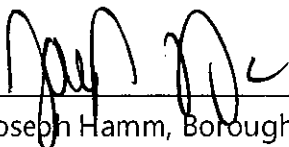
Geisinger J.S. Hospital: Nothing to present at this time.

J.S. YMCA: Nothing to present at this time.

Old Business: Nothing to present at this time.

New Business: Nothing to present at this time.

Adjourn: Councilor Scheesley made a Motion to adjourn. Councilor Garrett seconded the Motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



Joseph Hamm, Borough Manager