

BOROUGH OF JERSEY SHORE
COUNCIL MEETING
December 9, 2024
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Scott Bierly, Sean Simcox, Barbara Schmouder, Dennis Thompson, Jeremy Frantz, Molly Hollick, Denise Robbins, Steve Kanski and Josh Glunk

Absent:

Others Present: Marc Drier, Esquire, Solicitor and Lon Myers, Mayor

Council President Schmouder announced there was an Executive Session held on November 18, 2024, at 7:50 PM. following the regularly scheduled Council Meeting for the purpose of personnel.

Meeting Minutes: Council President Schmouder presented the November 18, 2024, meeting minutes. Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve the November 18, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Glunk seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Public:

Correspondence: Borough Manager Simcox presented the letter from Dave Harris, expressing his concern for the stray cat population. Borough Manager Simcox stated he would reach out to Mr. Harris and try to find groups that may help with the cat population.

Borough Manager: Borough Manger Simcox mentioned they will be tabling Ordinance 2024-01 (2025 Tax Levy) due to not having the Ordinance advertised before the scheduled meeting. The meeting will be advertised for December 23, 2024, at 11 AM.

Borough Manager Simcox presented Resolution 12.09.2024.01 Adopt Fee Schedule, a line item was added for the Skill Machine License Fee. Councilor Robbins made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Borough Manager Simcox presented the 2025 Millage Rates

Borough Manager Simcox requested approval for the 2025 Budget as Advertised. Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilor Hollick seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Borough Manager Simcox presented the MOU between the Borough and the Town Meeting for the electric responsibility of the Thompson Street Stage. Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve the Borough taking over the responsibility for the electricity for the Thompson Street Stage. Councilor Bierly seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Borough Manager Simcox presented the Penn Strategies Agreement for 2025. Councilor Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilor Glunk seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Borough Manager Simcox presented the Planning Commission written decision for the Nittany Mart on 815 Allegheny Street. Borough Council tabled this item, for further review from the Borough's Engineer.

Mayor Myers: The Mayor mentioned he attended the Historical Societies open house event, and it was great.

Borough Solicitor: Nothing currently.

Finance Committee: Council President Schmouder presented the November bill report for a total of \$60,322.65. Councilor Frantz made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$60,322.65. Councilor Bierly seconded the motion. The motion carried 8/0.

Council President Schmouder presented the Borough Budget Year to Date report.

Police: No meeting minutes were presented.

Their next meeting is Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Public Works: Councilor Bierly presented the December 2024 Public Works Department Monthly Report.

Personnel Committee: Nothing to report.

Emergency Management: Nothing to report.

Recreation Committee: Councilor Bierly reported that the committee will begin the judging for the Christmas House Decoration Contest from December 16, 2024, to December 19, 2024.

Their next meeting is on January 2, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Tree Commission: Nothing to report.

Codes: Councilor Schmouder presented the November 2024 permit and codes report.

Building & Grounds Committee: Borough Manager Simcox mentioned that the work at Thompson REC Field is moving along well.

TVMA: Council President Schmouder presented the October 16, 2024, meeting minutes.

Their next meeting will be December 18, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

JSAJWA: No meeting minutes were presented.

Their next meeting is on January 7, 2025, at 5:15 p.m.

Library: Council President Schmouder mentioned, they are still selling the Shore-Opoly game.

Their next meeting is on December 10, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Jersey Shore Rivertown Committee: Tina Cooney presented the November 21, 2024, meeting minutes. Ms. Cooney mentioned the new pole at Richmond Park has been installed and electricity has been run to it.

Their next meeting is on December 19, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Jersey Shore Bicentennial Committee: Nothing currently.

Their next meeting is on January 22, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Geisinger J.S. Hospital: Borough Manager Simcox mentioned Geisinger is working on community engagement and has installed new surgical robotic machines.

YMCA Advisory Board: Councilor Kanski mentioned they are working on community and Borough engagement.

Combined Public Service Building: Borough Manager Simcox mentioned they have met with the County Commissioners regarding their support for the project and are still actively working on grants for the building projects.

Thompson Street Park: Borough Manager Simcox reported the project is still ongoing, but hopeful it will be completed in the spring.

Lawshee Run: Nothing currently.

Old Business:

New Business: Council President Schmouder mentioned there will be a public meeting for the Tax Levy, on December 23, 2024, at 11:00 AM.

Adjourn: Council President Schmouder made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:40 PM.


Sean Simcox
Borough Manager