



BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT

MAYOR & COUNCIL

MINUTES • JANUARY 20, 2022

Regular Meeting

Clement V. Sommers Municipal Building

7:00 PM

910 Oceanport Way, Oceanport, NJ 07757

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Coffey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
- II. **Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act:** This meeting complies with the Open Public Meetings Act by adequate and electronic notification on January 5, 2022 of this meeting and its location, date and time to the Asbury Park Press and Two River Times and by the posting of same on the municipal bulletin board and Borough's Web Site.
- III. **Flag Salute:** Mayor Coffey led attendees and the members of Council in the flag salute.

IV. **Roll Call:**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jay Coffey	Mayor	Present	
William Deerin	Councilman	Present	
Richard Gallo	Councilman	Present	
Bryan Keeshen	Councilman	Present	
Michael O'Brien	Councilman	Present	
Thomas Tvrdik	Councilman	Present	
Meghan Walker	Councilwoman	Present	
Jeanne Smith	Borough Clerk	Present	
Scott Arnette	Board Attorney	Present	
Donna M. Phelps	Administrator	Present	
Catherine D. LaPorta	Chief Financial Officer	Present	

- V. **GUEST: FMERA Staff Monthly Update:** Mayor Coffey provided updates on Fort Monmouth redevelopment including an amendment to the mega parcel RFOTP to include the bowling alley parcel which will push back the receive date in late May. FMERA had a \$11.2 million profit in 2021 due to sales with upcoming closings on Allison Hall parcel. The mega parcel RFOTP will complete the sale of available parcels with the exception of the nursing quarters.
- VI. **Administrators Report:** Ms. Phelps reported on items including renewal of the shared court services agreement with Sea Bright; update on curbing and sidewalk replacement on Oceanport Ave by the track – County said no but suggested doing a joint application using the sports wagering money, cost estimate was \$115,000 with \$155,000 available in the sports wagering fund, she asked County to split the cost so they would like more information, discussed approaching track to share in the cost as well; receipt of JIF dividend for \$16,076; MC Health Dept inspection of the First Aid building found no violations when assessing compliance with the Governor's Executive Order #192; Shore Regional student transportation agreement for 2021-2022; contract expiring for Administrative Agent for affordable housing program and recommends reappointment of CGP&H for a period longer than 12 months – they do a great job
- VII. **Clerk's Report:** Ms. Smith reported that credit card payments are in place and are active for pet licensing and will phase in other departments.
- VIII. **Consent Agenda**
#2022-39 1. Resolution authorizing payment of BILL LIST 01-20-2022
2. Receipt and Acceptance of Minutes, Parks & Recreation Committee, 12/15/2021
3. Receipt and Acceptance of Minutes, Parks & Recreation Committee, 11/10/2021
4. Receipt and Acceptance of Minutes, Parks & Recreation Committee, 10/13/2021

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Meghan Walker, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Michael O'Brien, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker

- IX. **Resolutions:**
#2022-40 Resolution authorizing Contract for Cleaning Services for 2022

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Michael O'Brien, Councilman
SECONDER: William Deerin, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdek, Walker

#2022-41 Resolution authorizing 2020 Road Program Change Order #2

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Richard Gallo, Councilman
SECONDER: Michael O'Brien, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdek, Walker

#2022-42 Resolution promoting Brian Trivett to full time laborer for the Public Works Dept

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Richard Gallo, Councilman
SECONDER: Michael O'Brien, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdek, Walker

X. Minutes:

1. Mayor & Council - Workshop - Dec 2, 2021 7:00 PM

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: William Deerin, Councilman
SECONDER: Meghan Walker, Councilwoman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdek, Walker

2. Mayor & Council - Regular Meeting - Dec 16, 2021 7:00 PM

RESULT: ACCEPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER: Michael O'Brien, Councilman
SECONDER: William Deerin, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Walker
ABSTAIN: Tvrdek

3. Mayor & Council - Reorganization Meeting - Jan 1, 2022 12:00 PM

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Meghan Walker, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Michael O'Brien, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdek, Walker

XI. Committee Reports:

1. Councilman Deerin, Parks & Recreation – Councilman Deerin reported on the award from MC Open Space Grant Program with stipulations - reduced award amount for the pickleball courts and exclude the community garden. He recommends that the Borough still accept as DPW could handle much of the community garden project with the exception of water access which Mr. Briskey is looking at. Ms. Phelps commented that she is working with a resident who thinks there are volunteers that can also assist. Councilman Deerin also reported that the Recreation Committee would be moving forward with Action Camp this year and there are plans for 3 movies in the park this year.
2. Councilman Gallo, Public Works & Engineering – Councilman Gallo reported on meeting to review 2022 Road Program which would next be reviewed by the Finance Committee.

3. Councilman Keeshen, Public Safety – Councilman Keeshen reported that the fire department was conducting its annual training; First Aid 689 calls last year with 97% responded to by Oceanport; advised residents to remove vehicles from the streets during snowstorms for DPW plowing.
4. Councilman O'Brien, Finance & Administration – Councilman O'Brien reported that the 2022 budget process has begun, requests received and being reviewed from department heads; welcomed Brian Trivett to DPW full time; thanked Mayor and Council and staff on their thoughts at the passing of his father-in-law.
5. Councilman Tvrdik, Planning & Development – Councilman Tvrdik reported that Planning Board had held its Reorganization Meeting, thanked Chris Widdis for his years of service on the Board since the 80's and many of those years as Chairman, he'll continue to serve on the Board but has stepped down as Chairman as he'll be spending more time in Florida; welcomed Jim Whitson as new Chairman and Jack Kahle as Vice Chairman; application for Barker's Circle continuing this month and provided a description of the project before the Planning Board; demolition has begun at the lodging parcel on Fort Monmouth by Somerset Development; the final home sale closed at the former Borough Hall site; Community Garden has requested to place 2 urns outside front doors of Borough Hall which they will maintain with no objections.
6. Council President Walker, Health & Human Services - Council President Walker reported on attendance at the school's "roof topping" ceremony where the final steel beam was placed; progress continues on the improvements with a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new addition planned for Wolf Hill School; reported new members of the school board and its reorganization meeting; the Board President has requested to reopen the conversation about the shared services for grounds maintenance with DPW which will expire later this year in June.

XII. Mayor Coffey's Report: Mayor Coffey extended condolences for the loss of Pete Bova, a long time resident and former photographer for Fort Monmouth and used to work at Borough Hall, recently celebrated his 95th birthday; development at the Fort is flying now, the RFOTP for the mega parcel has been pushed back to May which leaves the nurses quarters; the Mayor is working with the State to address the 47 affordable units that would have been met from housing on the 400 area that will no longer take place with the mega parcel.

XIII. Petitions from the public: Mayor Coffey opened the meeting to petitions from the public.

Matt Zieniowicz, 1215 Turf Drive, asked about FMERA not attending to provide report; Mayor Coffey updated him on the report from earlier in the meeting. Mr. Zieniowicz expressed concern that FMERA is still meeting virtually and the difficulties of being heard by that Board which limits public comment; concerned that Barker's Circle would be apartments – Mayor Coffey advised that had recently been modified to condos. There was an exchange regarding the history of the fort redevelopment process and the success that FMERA has had with the redevelopment as well as some of the pitfalls including how affordable unit obligations were mandated, the increased demand on Borough services.

Rosanne Letson, 52 Deer Path Court, Tinton Falls, asked if the credit card payment option would be available for sale of the historical committee's new book. Ms. Smith advised that there was not a process established for that but she would work with the CFO to put something in place in time for the book sales.

Jeffrey King, 24 Elizabeth Parkway, Eatontown, friends with Jeff Oakes family, petitioned the Council to rescind the ban on medical cannabis, and urged them to consider allowing a dispensary somewhere in town – on the fort or otherwise.

As no one else from the public appeared, Mayor Coffey closed that portion of the meeting.

XIV. Adjournment: As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM on a motion by Councilman Deerin, seconded by Councilman Gallo and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Smith
BOROUGH CLERK