



BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT MAYOR & COUNCIL WORKSHOP • AGENDA

Clement V. Sommers Municipal Building
910 Oceanport Way, Oceanport, NJ 07757

JULY 17, 2025 at 7:00 PM

1. **Meeting Called to Order**
2. **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, 2025 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.
3. **Flag Salute, Statement to the Public:** Often times it may appear that the Mayor & Council take action with very little comment and in many cases by unanimous vote. Many items are of routine business that are placed on a Consent Agenda as they do not require additional discussion. Items not of a routine nature are first listed for discussion at a Workshop meeting prior to being listed for action at a Regular Meeting. Where appropriate, items are referred to a Council Committee for further study and investigation before being returned with a recommendation for the full Council to consider. The members of the Borough Council work via committees along with the Mayor, Borough Clerk and Administration to assure that the members fully understand the matter. There are occasions where matters are presented to the Mayor & Council for discussion and action at the same meeting when of a timely nature.
4. **Roll Call**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT - Action Items Only:** At this time, comments are invited on action items only. Upon being recognized by the Mayor, anyone wishing to address the Governing Body, please state your name and address. No member of the public may address or question individual Governing Body members or administration. Although public participation is welcomed and encouraged, the governing body may, through the Mayor or presiding officer, terminate remarks to and/or by any individual not keeping with the conduct of a proper and efficient meeting. The Borough bears no responsibility for comments made by members of the public. In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of public comment, questions from the public will be responded to, if feasible, after the public comment portion of the meeting is closed.
6. **Action Items**

Resolution #2025-192 - Accepting the Resignation of Jeanne Smith

Resolution #2025-193 - Appointing Stephanie Kramer as Acting Borough Clerk

7. **Oath of Office Ceremony - Acting Clerk Stephanie Kramer**
8. **Administrator's Report**
9. **Clerk's Report**
10. **Old Business**

NONE

11. **New Business**

Resolution - Payment of Bills

Resolution - Authorizing Mayor and Administrator to Execute TWA Applications

Resolution - Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #23-00014

Resolution - Requesting Approval to Amend the 2025 Municipal Budget for NJ American Water

Resolution - Approving Stephan Molnar Jr. for Oceanport First Aid Membership

Resolution - Approving Michael McGhee for Fire Department Member

Resolution - Authorizing In Rem Tax Foreclosure of Block 117 Lot 49 Gold Street

Resolution - Authorizing The Purchase & Renewal of The Borough's Spatial Data Logic Software

Resolution - Authorizing a Salary Increase for Gianna Tafuri as per the Employment Agreement

Resolution - Authorizing Veteran Jamie Leslie Tax Exemption

Resolution Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 24-00003 Block 44 Lot 8

Resolution - Authorizing an MOU with FMERA for Engineering Services - JCP&L Electrical Substation

Resolution - Amending 2025 Budget for FMERA MOU Replace Army Electrical Grid

Resolution - Awarding Contract to Colliers Replacement of Electrical Grid - FMERA

Resolution - Authorizing the Ratification Award of an Emergency Contract for Sink Hole Repair and Pipe Replacement on Seneca

Resolution - Authorizing an Increase in the Bid Threshold

Resolution - Authorizing Change Order #2 Final 2023 Road Program Mecco Inc.

Resolution - Approving 1st Aid Squad Member Thomas Viscuso

Resolution - Approving 1st Aid Squad Member Cassandra Cabrera

Resolution - Authorizing Participation in the 1033 LESA Program for 2025

Resolution - Approving 1st Aid Squad Member Marco Molino

Resolution - Authorizing Preliminary Investigation of HABcore and Lunch Break Projects

12. Minutes

01-02-2025 Reorganization Minutes

04-03-25 Workshop Meeting Minutes

13. Mayor Tvrdek's Report

14. Public Comments

15. Adjourn to Executive Session

Resolution #2025-194 - Authorizing an Executive Session, July 17, 2025, Matters Relating to

**the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property-Open Space and Matters Relating to
Collective Bargaining and Contract Agreements**

16. **Return from Executive Session**
17. **Adjournment**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT ACCEPTING THE
RESIGNATION OF JEANNE SMITH**

Resolution #2025-192
07/17/25

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oceanport hired Jeanne Smith on June 18, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Smith has served as the Borough Clerk for the Borough of Oceanport since 2013; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith successfully completed eighteen years of continuous service with the Borough of Oceanport; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Attorney received an email from Ms. Smith on June 30, 2025, attaching a letter of resignation dated June 27, 2025, addressed to Mayor and Council informing them of her decision to resign effective June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received notice from the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits that Jeanne Smith has applied for retirement effective July 1, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oceanport that they do hereby accept the resignation of Jeanne Smith effective June 30, 2025 and extends their congratulations as well as appreciation and thanks for more than eighteen years of service and commitment to the Borough of Oceanport, our community and residents and wishes her well.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following: Jeanne Smith, Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk, and Chief Financial Officer.

Motion:

Second:

ROLL CALL	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deerin	()	()	()	()
Gallo	()	()	()	()
Keeshen	()	()	()	()
Manna	()	()	()	()
O'Brien	()	()	()	()
Cooper	()	()	()	()
Tvrdik	()	()	()	()

I certify this to be a true copy of Resolution #2025-192
approved by the Oceanport Borough Council at the
Regular Meeting held July 17, 2025

STEPHANIE KRAMER
BOROUGH ACTING CLERK

June 27, 2025

Mayor & Council
Borough of Oceanport
910 Oceanport Way
Oceanport, NJ 07757

Dear Mayor & Council,

I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign my service as a public servant to the public, the Mayor & Council, and the residents of Oceanport effective June 30, 2025. I have made the difficult decision to submit my application to the State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. This application seeks an accidental disability retirement effective July 1, 2025.

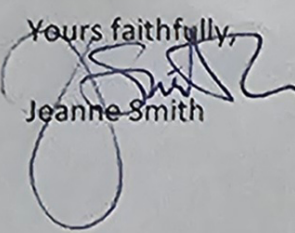
Regrettably, I have had to make this decision based on medical diagnoses including neurological and mental health disorders by my treating professionals. I have been struggling with physical and mental health challenges that are primarily stress-induced and more specifically based on a traumatic event that occurred during my service to the Borough. This event led to an investigation that resulted in the Council's censorship of a council member. In my efforts to be a dedicated employee, I tried to return to service after this event and following interactions with the offending councilmember but am no longer able to do so.

I loved my position serving the Mayor & Council, the Borough's residents, other staff members, and the public in general. I dedicated myself fully to my service often at my own expense and that of my family. It was important to me that I do my job to the best of my ability and for the benefit of the taxpayers I and my co-workers strived to serve.

During my tenure of eighteen years as an employee of the Borough, I have had the privilege to serve in the positions of Borough Clerk, Deputy Borough Clerk, Planning & Zoning Board Administrator & Secretary, Qualified Purchasing Agent, Clean Communities Coordinator and Zoning Officer. I have also served in the role of other "hats" including administrative assistant, affordable housing trust fund liaison, website administrator, information technology coordinator and code enforcement officer.

It has been my honor to serve the Mayor and Council. Thank you for your continued support throughout my tenure. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served and grown as an individual because of my experience with the Borough.

Yours faithfully,


Jeanne Smith

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT
AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHANIE KRAMER
AS ACTING BOROUGH CLERK**

**Resolution #2025-193
7/17/2025**

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk resigned effective June 30, 2025, and the position of Borough Clerk within the Borough of Oceanport is now vacant; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 5, Section 5-6 of the Revised General Code of the Borough of Oceanport, Stephanie Kramer has been selected to be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Oceanport that the appointment of Stephanie Kramer as Full-Time Acting Borough Clerk by Mayor Thomas Tvrdik is hereby confirmed. The appointment shall be effective July 1, 2025, at an annual salary of \$73,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk forward a certified true copy of this resolution to Stephanie Kramer, Borough Administrator Donna Phelps and the CFO, Catherine LaPorta.

Motion:	Second:				I certify this to be a true copy of Resolution #2025-193 approved by the Oceanport Borough Council at the Regular Meeting held July 17, 2025
ROLL CALL	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	
Deerin	()	()	()	()	STEPHANIE KRAMER DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK
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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF
BILL LIST FOR July 17, 2025**

**Resolution
7/17/2025**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has considered the payment of said bills as set forth at its public meeting of July 17, 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council that the bills be paid as on the attached bill list for \$ 2,070.884.24 .

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

I, Catherine D. LaPorta, Chief Financial Officer, of the Borough of Oceanport do hereby certify that funds are available for the purpose stated herein.

Catherine D. LaPorta
CATHERINE D. LaPORTA, CFO

**RSOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN
TREATMENT WORKS APPROVAL (TWA)**

**Resolution
7/17/2025**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oceanport is required from time to time to execute TWA applications on land development projects as required by the State of New Jersey, NJDEP and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Thomas Tvrdik, and the Borough Administrator, Donna Phelps, are hereby authorized to act as the signatory authority representing the Borough of Oceanport, in all matters relating to proper execution of all TWA applications as required, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is authorized to forward copies of this Resolution, certified to be a true copy, to: Mayor Tvrdik and Borough Administrator, Donna Phelps.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT
AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #23-00014 FOR
BLOCK 133 LOT 43 KNOWN AS 1 IRMA PLACE**

Resolution
7/17/25

WHEREAS, at the Borough Tax Sale held on October 5, 2023, a lien was sold on Block 133 Lot 43, otherwise known as 1 Irma Place; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate 23-00014 was sold to Pro Cap 8 FBO Firsttrust Bank at an interest rate of 0%; and

WHEREAS, the owner has redeemed Certificate 23-00014 in the amount of \$1,296.77.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the CFO be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,296.77 payable to Pro Cap 8 FBO Firsttrust Bank, PO Box 774, Fort Washington, PA 19034-0774 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 23-00014.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT
REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
SERVICES AMENDING THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PER NJSA 40A:4-87 FOR NJ AMERICAN
WATER FUNDING**

Resolution
7/17/25

WHEREAS, N.J.S.40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oceanport hereby request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$2,398.00 which item is now available as a revenue from NJ American Water pursuant to the provisions of statute, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$2398.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of NJ American Water, \$2398.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer file this resolution electronically with the Director of Local Government Services.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT APPROVING STEPHEN MOLNAR JR.
FOR OCEANPORT FIRST AID MEMBERSHIP**

Resolution

07/17/2025

WHEREAS, Stephen Molnar Jr, Oceanport, NJ, has submitted a Membership Application to join the Oceanport Volunteer First Aid & Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, the application has been approved and accepted by the Squad membership, approved by the First Aid Captain and received Police Chief designation of suitable for service,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Oceanport that the First Aid Department Membership Application of Stephen Molnar Jr. is hereby approved.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT APPROVING MICHAEL MCGHEE FOR
OCEANPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP**

**Resolution
07/17/2025**

WHEREAS, Michael McGhee, Oceanport, NJ, has submitted a Membership Application to the Oceanport Port Au Peck Fire Company to join the Oceanport Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the application has been approved and accepted by the Company membership, approved by the Fire Chief and received Police Chief designation of suitable for service,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Oceanport that the Fire Department Membership Application of Michael McGhee is hereby approved.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT
AUTHORIZING IN REM FORECLOSURE FOR THE PROPERTY DESIGNATED
AS BLOCK 117, LOT 49**

**Resolution
July 17, 2025**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.35 provides the Borough Council of the Borough of Oceanport is authorized to proceed with the *In Rem* Foreclosure process on those municipal tax sale certificates held for more than six months from the date of the Tax Sale; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oceanport sold Tax Sale Certificate number 020007 (the "Tax Sale Certificate") to Borough of Oceanport ("Oceanport") on October 8, 2002 for the property designated as Block 117, Lot 49 on the Tax Map of the Borough of Oceanport (the "Subject Property") and located on Gold Street; and

WHEREAS, Oceanport has all rights, title and interest in the Tax Sale Certificate including the right to foreclose on the Subject Property; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council believes it is in the best interest of its residents and taxpayers to proceed with the In-Rem Foreclosure on the tax lien on the Subject Property; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is desirous of foreclosing on the tax lien by way of an *In Rem* Foreclosure proceeding in accordance with New Jersey law N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.30 et seq., in order to address ongoing maintenance issues and neglect on the Subject Property; and

WHEREAS, the foreclosure proceeding requires the filing of a Complaint in the Superior Court of New Jersey and authorization must be given by the Borough Council to institute the foreclosure action of the Subject Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council and Mayor of the Borough of Oceanport, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes the Borough Attorney and its Tax Collector proceed with an *In Rem* Foreclosure by filing a Complaint with the Superior Court of New Jersey and by servicing a copy of same to the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey, and the County Recorder of Deeds for the Subject Property identified below, and further identified on the schedule certified by the Tax Collector an attached hereto and made a part hereof:

Cert #:	Blk. Lot	Property Address
020007	Block 117, Lot 49	Gold Street, Oceanport, NJ

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE & RENEWAL OF THE BOROUGH'S SPATIAL DATA LOGIC (SDL)
ENTERPRISE LICENSING SOFTWARE**

**Resolution
07/17/25**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oceanport purchased Spatial Data Logic (SDL) enterprise licensing software for the management of licenses, permits, work orders and more pursuant with Resolution #2019-91; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is satisfied with the services provided by SDL and desires to continue using SDL license services through a non-fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that the value of the services will exceed \$17,500.00.

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is the period April 30, 2025 through April 29, 2026; and

WHEREAS, proposals were obtained from **Spatial Data Logic, 285 Davidson Ave, Somerset, NJ 8873** for renewal of twelve (12) existing licenses for a total contract amount of \$23,880; and

WHEREAS, Spatial Data Logic has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Political Contribution Disclosure Form which certifies that Spatial Data Logic is compliant pursuant with **P.L. 2023, c.20**; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the temporary operating budget and Construction UCC Trust as evidenced by the CFO's certification of funds below,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oceanport, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that:

1. Spatial Data Logic is hereby awarded a contract to renew 12 existing licenses in accordance with proposals for the April 30, 2025 through April 29, 2026 for a total contract amount of Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$23,880) to Spatial Data Logic, 285 Davidson Ave. Somerset, NJ 08873 subject to provision of the appropriate certificate of insurance and business registration.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the Borough of Oceanport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Political Contribution Disclosure Form be placed on file with the Borough Clerk with said contract.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

As required by N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et. seq., and any other applicable requirement, I, Catherine D. LaPorta, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Oceanport, certify that there are funds available in Account 01-201-20-120-227 - \$13,930.00 and 18-270-55-600-203 - \$9,950.00 for the purposes stated herein.


Catherine D. LaPorta, CFO

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SALARY INCREASE TO GIANNA TAFURI AS PER
EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT**

**Resolution
7/17/2025**

WHEREAS, Gianna Tafuri was appointed Deputy Municipal Court Administrator as per Resolution #2024-141, dated May 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, as per Mrs. Tafuri's employment agreement with the Borough of Oceanport, upon completion of Levels 3 and 4 of the courts required for her to become a Certified Court Administrator, her salary would increase from \$52,100.00 to \$53,100.00 annually; and

WHEREAS, the Borough received official notification from the New Jersey Courts that Gianna Tafuri received a passing grade for the Principles of Municipal Court Administration Management Program which began on April 24, 2025, and ended June 27, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oceanport that effective June 27, 2025, Gianna Tafuri's salary be increased to \$53,100.00 upon completion of the Principles of Municipal Court Administration Management Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Gianna Tafuri, Borough Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Court Administrator, and the Payroll Clerk.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT
APPROVING TAX EXEMPTION FOR JAMES LESLIE**

**Resolution
7/17/25**

WHEREAS, the owner for Block 115 Lot 8 has filed an application for exemption on taxes due to a total and permanent veteran disability, and

WHEREAS, the owner is entitled to the exemption as a result of the total and permanent veteran disability per NJSA 54:4-3.30, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has approved said application for the property where the applicant lives effective June 1, 2025 and every year the applicant is qualified,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Tax Collector for the Borough of Oceanport recommends that the taxes on Block 115 Lot 8, otherwise known as 8 Arcana Ave., effective June 1, 2025, currently owned by James Leslie be canceled and therefore exempt for the duration of ownership and as long as the applicant meets all qualifications for said exemption.

Dated: June 2025

Interpretative Statement:

The above property owner has requested and received an exemption from taxes due to a total and permanent disability of a war veteran. Since the request was granted during the tax year and after taxes were levied on their property, I need to obtain an approved resolution dismissing a portion of the taxes for June 1, 2025 through to the end of 2025. Starting in 2026, the taxes will be exempt from the levy.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT
AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #24-00003 FOR
BLOCK 44 LOT 8 KNOWN AS 23 MONMOUTH BLVD**

**Resolution
7/17/25**

WHEREAS, at the Borough Tax Sale held on October 10, 2024, a lien was sold on Block 44 Lot 8, otherwise known as 23 Monmouth Blvd.; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate 24-00003 was sold to Trystone Capital Assets LLC at an interest rate of 0%; and

WHEREAS, the owner has redeemed Certificate 24-00003 in the amount of \$188.67.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the CFO be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$188.67 payable to Trystone Capital Assets LLC, PO Box 1030, Brick, NJ 08723 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 24-00003.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN FMERA AND THE BOROUGH OF
OCEANPORT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION, CONSTRUCTION
OVERSIGHT, BIDDING SERVICES AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION OF A NEW 4.16 kV OVERHEAD
DISTRIBUTION LINE**

**Resolution
07/17/2025**

WHEREAS, the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority (FMERA) has need for engineering services to replace the Army electrical grid with a new distribution grid owned and operated by JCP&L that services the Main Post property to support FMERA's redevelopment; and related to the installation of electric distribution facilities for the buildout of a 22MVA substation and for the installation of an electrical distribution grid including electrical lines from the new substation to support FMERA's redevelopment of the Main Post Property; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oceanport will provide for the engineering and related services for this project through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with FMERA, subject to approval of the Attorney General's Office and attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Oceanport authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign and effectuate said MOU for engineering services related to replacing the Army electrical grid on the Main Post of Fort Monmouth, NJ, to support FMERA's redevelopment of the Main Post Property in concert with the approval and signature by FMERA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk forward a certified copy of this resolution along with the executed MOU to FMERA's Executive Director for approval and execution.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT
REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION AMENDING THE 2025
MUNICIPAL BUDGET PER NJSA 40A:4-87 FOR FMERA MOU ARMY ELECTRICAL GRID REPLACEMENT
PROJECT**

**Resolution
07/17/2025**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oceanport hereby request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$510,958.00 which item is now available as a revenue from the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority Army Electrical Grid Replacement Project Fund pursuant to the provisions of statute, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$510,958.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of FMERA MOU Army Electrical Grid Replacement, \$510,958.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer is directed to file this resolution electronically with the Director of Local Government Services.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT AWARDING A CONTRACT TO
COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO
PROPOSAL DATED JULY 10, 2025, FOR REPLACEMENT OF ELECTRICAL GRID ON THE
MAIN POST (FMERA) PURSUANT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT AND THE FORT MONMOUTH
ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AUTHORITY (FMERA)**

**Resolution #2025-207
7/17/2025**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council adopted Resolutions #2025-205 authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority (FMERA) where the Borough of Oceanport will provide engineering and related services for construction, construction oversight, bidding services and contract administration for replacement of electrical grid on FMERA's Main Post property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant with Resolution #2025-205, an MOU specific to the services required for replacement of electrical grid on the main post was approved; and

WHEREAS, the services to be provided are deemed to be "professional services" pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40:A 11-1, et seq.) and;

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law authorizes the awarding of a Contract for "professional services" without public advertising for bids, provided that the Resolution authorizing the Contract and the Contract itself, are available for public inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk and that notice of the awarding of the Contract is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design has submitted a proposal dated July 10, 2025 for provision of the requested services; and

WHEREAS, having considered the matter in concert with FMERA, the Borough now wishes to authorize the Borough Engineer, Colliers Engineering & Design to perform the engineering services for the proposal dated July 10, 2025 for an amount not to exceed \$510,958.00 and;

WHEREAS, funds are available for said services as indicated by the below Certification of Funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Oceanport as follows:

1. That the Borough of Oceanport has awarded a Professional Service Contract to Colliers Engineering & Design as Borough Engineer for 2025 and the work to be performed will be consistent with their existing contract and the Colliers proposal dated July 10, 2025 for replacement of electrical grid on the Main Post (FMERA).
2. That authorization is granted for an amount not to exceed \$510,958.00 pursuant with the MOU with FMERA.
3. That the Borough Clerk shall publish a notice of the award in the Two River Times and the resolution and contract shall remain on file in the Borough Clerk's office.
4. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be provided to FMERA's Executive Director, the Borough Administrator, the Borough Engineer and the Chief Financial Officer.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

As required by N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et. seq., and any other applicable requirement, I, Catherine D. LaPorta, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Oceanport certify that funds are available subject to the State's acceptance of Resolution #2025-206 to amend the budget for an item of revenue not anticipated, not to exceed \$510,598.00 for the above referenced professional services contract.

Catherine D. LaPorta

Catherine D. LaPorta, CFO

Motion:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
ROLL CALL				
Deerin	()	()	()	()
Gallo	()	()	()	()
Keeshen	()	()	()	()
Manna	()	()	()	()
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Second:

I certify this to be a true copy of Resolution #2025-207 approved by the Oceanport Borough Council at the Regular Meeting held July 17, 2025.

STEPHANIE KRAMER
DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT AUTHORIZING THE
RATIFICATION AWARD OF AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT FOR SINK HOLE
REPAIR AND PIPE REPLACEMENT ON SENECA PLACE**

**Resolution
7/17/2025**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oceanport was notified of a sink hole on Seneca Place near Winhar on July 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has determined it was an emergency affecting the public health, safety and welfare and needed to be repaired; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to contract with outside vendor to repair said sink hole and replace the old, corrugated metal pipe in a timely and safe manner to provide for the safety of its residents;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oceanport Purchasing Agent has declared the need to enter into an emergency contract to repair the sink hole and replace the pipe; and

WHEREAS, Fiore Paving Company, Inc., 4 Fiore Court, Oceanport, NJ 07757 has responded to the emergency and provided the repair service as needed for this sink hole repair and pipe replacement for a total contract price of \$12,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has adequate funds appropriated for the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oceanport authorizes Catherine D. LaPorta, Purchasing Agent, to enter into an emergency contract with Fiore Paving Company, Inc. as described herein.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE
LOCAL BID THRESHOLD PURSUANT WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(A)**

**Resolution
7/17/2025**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 permits the Governor of the State of New Jersey, in consultation with the Department of Treasury to adjust the bid threshold every five years in direct proportion to the rise and fall of the index; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has increased the minimum bid threshold from \$44,000 for entities subject to the Local Public Contracts Law whose purchasing agents possess a Qualified Purchasing Agent certificate awarded by the Division of Local Government Services effective July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Purchasing Agent Catherine D. LaPorta possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the State of New Jersey director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Oceanport, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby increases its bid threshold to \$53,000 pursuant with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(a).

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT AUTHORIZING CHANGE
ORDER #2 - FINAL TO THE CONTRACT FOR 2023 ROAD PROGRAM
IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN MECO INC AND THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT**

**Resolution
7/17/2025**

WHEREAS, pursuant with adoption of Resolution #2023-0260 the Borough of Oceanport awarded a contract to MECO Inc. for the 2023 Road Program for the original sum of \$1,612,014.65; and

WHEREAS, the final project amount came in and there is a need to amend the contract by resolution to increase the decreased amount as per Change Order #1 which was approved with the adoption of resolution #2025-74 as stated in a letter from the Engineer dated January 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Change Order #1 reduced the amended contract of \$1,612,014.65 to reflect adjustments and credits for an overall reduction of \$18,738.77 for a final total contract amount of \$1,593,275.88; and

WHEREAS, based on a letter from the Engineer dated June 20, 2025, there was a need for Change Order #2 Final which reflects an overall net increase of \$6,848.10 for a revised contract total of \$1,600,123.98; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the Borough Council has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to approve Change Order #2,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Oceanport as follows:

1. Change Order #2 to increase the contract between the Borough of Oceanport and MECO Inc. by \$6,848.10 is hereby approved.

2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the change order on behalf of the Borough.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT APPROVING THOMAS VISCUSO FOR
OCEANPORT FIRST AID MEMBERSHIP**

Resolution

07/17/2025

WHEREAS, Thomas Viscuso, Oceanport, NJ, has submitted a Membership Application to join the Oceanport Volunteer First Aid & Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, the application has been approved and accepted by the Squad membership, approved by the First Aid Captain and received Police Chief designation of suitable for service,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Oceanport that the First Aid Department Membership Application of Thomas Viscuso is hereby approved.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT APPROVING CASSANDRA CABRERA
FOR OCEANPORT FIRST AID MEMBERSHIP**

Resolution

07/17/2025

WHEREAS, Cassandra Cabrera, Oceanport, NJ, has submitted a Membership Application to join the Oceanport Volunteer First Aid & Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, the application has been approved and accepted by the Squad membership, approved by the First Aid Captain and received Police Chief designation of suitable for service,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Oceanport that the First Aid Department Membership Application of Cassandra Cabrera is hereby approved.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT
AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT THROUGH THE OCEANPORT POLICE
DEPARTMENT (LEA) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT
SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE OCEANPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT TO
REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT**

Resolution

7/17/2025

WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorizes the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property by making that personal property available to municipal, county, and state law enforcement agencies (LEA's); and

WHEREAS, DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting LEA; and

WHEREAS, Participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and county LEAs to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford to enhance community preparedness, response, and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although property is provided through the 1033 program at no cost to the municipality and county LEA's these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling, and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-30.2 requires that the governing body of the municipality, or county, approve by a majority of the membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through, the 1033 Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oceanport that the Oceanport Police Department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for no more than a one-year period, with authorization to participate terminating on December 31 of the current calendar year from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oceanport Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designed "DEMIL A", which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, storage devices and containers, tools, medical and first aid equipment and supplies, personal protection equipment and supplies, construction materials, lighting supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars, and any other supplies or equipment of a non-military nature identified by LEA, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes, based on the needs of the Oceanport Police Department, without restrictions; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oceanport Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire the following "DEMIL B through Q" property, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oceanport Police Department shall develop and implement a full training plan and policy for the maintenance and use of the acquired property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oceanport Police Department shall provide a quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 Program which shall be available to the public upon request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be valid to authorize requests to acquire "DEMIL A" property and "DEMIL B through Q" property that may be made available through the 1033 Program during the period of time which this resolution authorizes; with Program participation and all property request authorization terminating on December 31st of the current calendar year from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT APPROVING MARCO MOLINO FOR
OCEANPORT FIRST AID MEMBERSHIP**

Resolution

07/17/2025

WHEREAS, Marco Molino, Oceanport, NJ, has submitted a Membership Application to join the Oceanport Volunteer First Aid & Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, the application has been approved and accepted by the Squad membership, approved by the First Aid Captain and received Police Chief designation of suitable for service,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Oceanport that the First Aid Department Membership Application of Marco Molino is hereby approved.

BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT

Gary J. Grimes
Chief of Police
Michael S. Chenoweth
Captain



POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Tuesday, June 24, 2025

To: Jonathan Ryan, Oceanport First Aid
Donna Phelps, Oceanport Borough Administrator

Reference: Marco Molino, First Aid Applicant

Please be advised that the record check of the above applicant for membership in a volunteer organization is complete. Our investigation has led to the following finding:

X

The applicant is suitable for membership.

The applicant is **NOT** suitable for membership.

If there are any further questions regarding this applicant, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "G. Grimes", written over a horizontal line.

Gary J. Grimes
Chief of Police

Cc: file copy

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT
AUTHORIZING PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER
HABCORE AND LUNCH BREAK PROJECTS ON FORT MONMOUTH MEET THE
CRITERIA UNDER THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW TO BE
DECLARED AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT**

**Resolution #2025-217
7/17/2025**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oceanport is desirous of promoting and reinvigorating the overall development of the HABcore and Lunch Break affordable housing projects in the Oceanport section on Fort Monmouth (the Proposed Redevelopment Area) as defined by the Fort Monmouth Reuse and Redevelopment Plan approved by the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority ("FMERA"); and

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et. seq. ("LRHL") provides a mechanism to assist local governments in efforts to promote programs of redevelopment within their communities; and

WHEREAS, the LRHL at N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6 requires the Borough Council to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the Proposed Redevelopment Area constitutes an Area in Need of Redevelopment according to the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5; and

WHEREAS, the LRHL at N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6 further requires the Borough to identify whether the Planning Board preliminary investigation for the Proposed Redevelopment Area should be a "non-condemnation" or "condemnation" Area in Need of Redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority ("FMERA") has offered to provide the Borough with professional planning services for the purpose of conducting a preliminary investigation to assist the Borough Planning Board in determining whether the Proposed Redevelopment Area constitutes an Area in Need of Redevelopment according to the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council believes it is in the best interest of its residents and taxpayers to authorize the Planning Board to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether the Proposed Redevelopment Area constitutes an Area in Need of Redevelopment for non-condemnation purposes according to the criteria set forth under N.J.S.A. 12A:40A-5 in order to promote and reinvigorate the HABcore and Lunch Break affordable housing projects in the Oceanport Section on Fort Monmouth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Oceanport, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes the Planning Board to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether the HABcore and Lunch Break affordable housing projects in the Oceanport section on Fort Monmouth meet the criteria to be declared a Non-Condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment in accordance with the criteria set forth at N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Oceanport that it hereby authorizes FMERA's Professional Planner to conduct the preliminary investigation and present his/her findings to the Borough Planning Board as to whether the HABcore and Lunch Break affordable housing projects in the Oceanport section on Fort Monmouth constitute an Area in Need of Redevelopment for non-condemnation purposes according to the criteria set forth under N.J.S.A. 12A:40A-5.

Motion:

Second:

ROLL CALL	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deerin	()	()	()	()
Gallo	()	()	()	()
Keeshen	()	()	()	()
Manna	()	()	()	()
O'Brien	()	()	()	()
Cooper	()	()	()	()
Tvrdik	()	()	()	()

I certify this to be a true copy of Resolution #2025-217 approved by the Oceanport Borough Council at the Regular Meeting held July 17, 2025.

STEPHANIE KRAMER
DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK



BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT

MAYOR & COUNCIL

MINUTES • JANUARY 2, 2025

Reorganization Meeting

Clement V. Sommers Municipal Building

7:00 PM

910 Oceanport Way, Oceanport, NJ 07757

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** Mayor Tvrdik called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.
2. **Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act:** This meeting complies with the Open Public Meetings Act by adequate and electronic notification on December 18, 2024 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.
3. **Flag Salute:** Police Chief Gary Grimes led attendees and the Governing Body in the flag salute.
4. **Invocation:** Pastor Lydel Aikens gave the invocation.
5. **Clerk's Certificate of Election and Administration Oaths of Office to:** Ms. Smith read the Certificate of Election from the Board of County Canvassers of Monmouth County, New Jersey certifying the following positions filled and duly elected for full terms.

Mayor Tvrdik administered the Oath of Office to William Deerin, Councilman, 3-year term expiring 12/31/27

Mayor Tvrdik administered the Oath of Office to Michael O'Brien, Councilman, 3-year term expiring 12/31/27

Monmouth County Commissioner Arnone administered the Oath of Office to Patricia Cooper, Councilwoman, unexpired term ending 12/31/25

6. **Roll Call of the 2025 Governing Body:**

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Thomas Tvrdik	Mayor	Present
William Deerin	Councilman	Present
Richard Gallo	Councilman	Present
Bryan Keeshen	Councilman	Present
Michael O'Brien	Councilman	Present
Keith Salnick	Councilman	Present
Patty Cooper	Councilwoman	Present
Jeanne Smith	Borough Clerk	Present
Andrew Bayer	Borough Attorney	Present
Donna M. Phelps	Administrator	Present
Stephanie Kramer	Deputy Borough Clerk	Present
Catherine D. LaPorta	Chief Financial Officer	Present

7. **Mayor's Greeting:** Mayor Tvrdik opened by welcoming all in attendance and wishing everyone a Happy New Year. He extended his gratitude to the representatives and the Commissioner Director of Monmouth County for their presence. He also expressed appreciation to the Oceanport team for their continued dedication, as well as to the Council for their commitment to public service. Mayor Tvrdik thanked the Borough staff for their hard work, along with the first responders, volunteers, and the Oceanport Police Department for their ongoing service and support to the community.

The Mayor reviewed the accomplishments of 2024, highlighting that over three miles of roads were paved, with new drainage systems and sidewalks installed in specific areas. He noted that the Borough entered into a shared services agreement with Monmouth County to investigate and address storm drain issues. He reported the expansion of the Department of Public Works (DPW) team and emphasized the importance of keeping certifications current to maintain high standards of service.

Looking ahead, the Mayor shared plans for the coming year, including the acquisition of new equipment, enhanced municipal services, and continued road replacements. He noted a rise in the average home prices in Oceanport while successfully maintaining a flat municipal tax rate.

The Mayor stated that the year 2025 may present financial challenges, as the Finance Department will be required to go out to bid for a new garbage truck contract. In preparation, a committee has been established to evaluate options, including potential re-zoning efforts throughout the Borough. He further reported that the Borough has entered into new shared service agreements with the municipalities of Monmouth Beach and West Long Branch to offset costs. In addition, the Borough has signed an agreement with Monmouth Beach specifically for the provision of a Chief Financial Officer and Tax Collector. Mayor Tvrdek emphasized the importance of maintaining strong relationships and collaborating with neighboring municipalities and leadership.

He highlighted the efforts of the Recreation Committee, noting that the Committee had significantly increased its activity over the past year. Events included various festivals, parades, and the successful Holiday Extravaganza. The Mayor discussed improvements to local parks. He reported that the Borough has received a grant to construct an all-inclusive playground and renovate outdated restroom facilities at Blackberry Park. He noted that Monmouth University and Christian Brothers Academy is leasing a portion of the park. Additionally, Trinity Park is scheduled for aesthetic and structural improvements in the coming year, and Old Wharf Park is currently under construction with ongoing upgrades. The Borough will also be meeting with residents to discuss the replacement of dying trees in public spaces. Mayor Tvrdek announced that the Borough has acquired 40 acres of open space, further contributing to the community's environmental and recreational assets.

The Mayor acknowledged the recent retirement of Michael Kelly, expressing appreciation for his service. He then provided an update on public safety initiatives, including a new mutual aid agreement with the Board of Education and the acquisition of a replacement ambulance for the First Aid Squad. He noted that the Fire Department recently took delivery of a new E-1 pumper vehicle. The Mayor concluded his report by introducing County Commissioner Tom Arnone.

County Commissioner Tom Arnone addressed the Mayor and Council, commending the Borough of Oceanport for its strong and effective leadership, which he stated has contributed significantly to the community's continued growth and success. He noted that working with the county is the proper way to do it. And the ultimate goal is to work with the municipalities in getting things done. Commissioner Arnone emphasized that the county is taking some of the fiscal responsibility off the town, but no decision is made without the members of the FEMRA board agree.

Mayor Tvrdek thanked Commissioner Arnone and noted that Netflix has received its first round of approvals. He stated that they anticipate breaking ground in November and will close on the property after receiving final approvals, which are expected sometime in December. He also mentioned that plans for the remaining sound stages have not yet been presented. Mayor Tvrdek further stated that prior to development activity in the 400 District on Riverside Avenue, Horseneck Point Road, and Park Street, he will arrange a meeting between Netflix representatives and the residents impacted by this area of development.

Mayor Tvrdek provided an update regarding Monmouth Park, highlighting the recent upgrades and noting that the board is working closely with the facility. He mentioned that there are ongoing discussions about the potential development of a diamond field within Monmouth Park, with the goal of establishing it as a premier Youth Sports Mega destination on the East Coast. Mayor Tvrdek then extended his appreciation to his team for their continued efforts. He concluded by announcing that the recipient of the 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award would be Ralph Maris.

8. Oaths of Office Ceremony - Police Department: Ms. Smith administered the Oaths of Office to the following members of the Police Department. Family members and attendees welcomed and offered congratulations.

1. Patrolman Malik Q. Jenkins
2. Sergeant Daniel Petrucci
3. Chief Gary Grimes

9. Election of Borough Council President:

1. RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT ELECTING THE 2025 BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bryan Keeshen, Councilman
SECONDER:	Michael O'Brien, Councilman
AYES:	Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Salnick, Cooper

10. Borough Council Appointment of Class III Member to the Planning Board:

1. RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT APPOINTMENT OF CLASS III MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2025 to DECEMBER 31, 2025

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Michael O'Brien, Councilman
SECONDER: Keith Salnick, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Salnick, Cooper

11. **Borough Council Adoption of 2025 Bylaws:**

1. RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT ADOPTING THE
BOROUGH BYLAWS FOR CY2025

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Bryan Keeshen, Councilman
SECONDER: William Deerin, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Salnick, Cooper

12. **Mayor's Appointments for Council Standing Committees:**

1. RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT APPOINTMENT
OF 2025 BOROUGH COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: William Deerin, Councilman
SECONDER: Bryan Keeshen, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Salnick, Cooper

13. **Mayor's Appointments to the PLANNING BOARD:** BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Tvrdik made the following appointments to the Planning Board:

Christopher Widdis	Class I	1yr Term
Leslie Barham Widdis	Class IV	4yr Term
Darren Davis	Class IV	4yr Term
John Kahle	Class IV	4yr Term
David Gruskos	Alternate I	2yr Term

The PLANNING BOARD is now composed of the following members:

Christopher Widdis	Class I	1yr Term expiring 12/31/25
Joseph Foster	Class II	3yr Term expiring 12/31/25
Kevin Calver, Jr.	Class IV	4yr Term expiring 12/31/27
Leslie Barham Widdis	Class IV	4yr Term expiring 12/31/28
Darren Davis	Class IV	4yr Term expiring 12/31/28
John Kahle	Class IV	4yr Term expiring 12/31/28
James Whitson	Class IV	4yr Term expiring 12/31/25
Michael Dailey	Class IV	4yr Term expiring 12/31/25
David Gruskos	Alternate I	2yr Term expiring 12/31/26
Louis J. Padula	Alternate 2	2yr Term expiring 12/31/25

14. **Mayor's Appointments to the Environmental Commission:** BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Tvrdik made the following appointments to the Environmental Commission:

Robert Broege	3yr Term expiring 12/31/27
Peter Litwin	Unexpired 3yr Term expiring 12/31/27

The ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION is now composed of the following members:

Robert Broege	3yr Term expiring 12/31/27
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Peter Litwin		3yr Term expiring 12/31/27
Patricia Cooper		3yr Term expiring 12/31/26
Richard Gruskos		3yr Term expiring 12/31/26
Joseph Foster		3yr Term expiring 12/31/25
Jack L. Harris		3yr Term expiring 12/31/25
Meghan Walker	Alternate #1	2yr Term expiring 12/31/25
Vacant	Alternate #2	2yr Term expiring 12/31/26

15. **Mayor's Appointments to OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Tvrdik made the following appointment to the Office of Emergency Management:

Mauro Baldanza	Director	3yr Term ending 12/31/28
Chief Gary Grimes	3 rd Asst. Director	3yr Term ending 12/31/27

The following are currently serving in the Office of Emergency Management

Mauro Baldanza	Director	3yr Term expiring 12/31/28
Chris Baggot	1st Asst. Director	3yr Term expiring 12/31/25
Wes Sherman	2 nd Asst. Director	3yr Term expiring 12/31/26
Chief Gary Grimes	3 rd Asst. Director	3yr Term expiring 12/31/27

16. **First Aid Squad 2025 Officers:** The Mayor and Council recognized the following First Aid Officers for 2025. Ms. Smith administered the Oaths of Office to the following:
1. Sergeant, Margaret Lippolis
 2. 2nd Lieutenant, Doris Agaman
 3. 1st Lieutenant, Will Reger
 4. Captain, Jonathan Ryan
17. **Acknowledgment of Outgoing Captain Fred Filippone:** Mayor Tvrdik expressed great appreciation and recognized the long service of outgoing Captain Fred Filippone whose service has included five consecutive years serving as Captain with the highest call response each year.
18. **Fire Department 2025 Officers:** The Mayor and Council recognize the following Fire Department Officers for 2025. Ms. Smith administered the Oaths of Office to the following:
1. 2nd Assistant Chief Kenneth Carroll
 2. 1st Assistant Chief Francis Lippolis
 3. CHIEF James Gallo, Jr.
19. **Acknowledgment of Outgoing Chief Joseph Wolf:** Mayor Tvrdik advised Joe Wolf was unable to attend and thanked Joe for his tremendous efforts as he worked with other members to modernize the Department's records including member certifications, training and equipment maintenance.
20. **Consent Agenda:** Mayor Tvrdik summarized the Borough's annual resolutions as listed on the Consent Agenda, asked for any questions or items that needed to be taken separately. Councilman Salnick asked to take Resolution #2025-29 separately. Mayor Tvrdik asked for a motion on the remaining 32 items which was moved by Councilman O'Brien, seconded by Councilman Gallo.
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| #2025-5 | Resolution fixing date, time and place of the Governing Body meetings |
| #2025-6 | Resolution designating the official newspapers for Borough advertising |
| #2025-7 | Resolution approving the 2025 temporary budget |
| #2025-8 | Resolution setting a fee schedule for various miscellaneous administrative items |
| #2025-9 | Resolution designating depositories |
| #2025-10 | Resolution approving a Cash Management Plan and Investment Policy |
| #2025-11 | Resolution permitting prepayment of certain items |
| #2025-12 | Resolution Tax Grace Period & Interest for Delinquent Taxes |
| #2025-13 | Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel small balances |
| #2025-14 | Resolution authorizing the annual tax sale |

- #2025-15 Resolution of Police Department Appointments
- #2025-16 Resolution setting fees for extra duty assignments for 2025
- #2025-17 Resolution awarding contract for 2025 Towing Services
- #2025-18 Resolution authorizing participation in the 1033 LESA program for 2025
- #2025-19 Resolution appointing a Public Agency Compliance Officer
- #2025-20 Resolution appointing Community Development Representatives
- #2025-21 Resolution appointing Clean Communities Coordinator
- #2025-22 Resolution appointing an ADA Coordinator for CY2025
- #2025-23 Resolution appointing Designated Employer Representative for CDL requirements
- #2025-24 Resolution authorizing limited waiver of alcoholic beverage hours – Monmouth Park
- #2025-25 Resolution appointments to Boards & Committees
- #2025-26 Resolution appointing a Municipal Prosecutor
- #2025-27 Resolution appointing Andrew Bayer, Esq. as Borough Attorney
- #2025-28 Resolution appointing a Borough Auditor
- ~~#2025-29 Resolution appointing a Borough Engineer (separate)~~
- #2025-30 Resolution appointing a Bond Counsel
- #2025-31 Resolution appointing a Borough Planner
- #2025-32 Resolution appointing Special Counsel for Redevelopment
- #2025-33 Resolution reappointing Michael MacStudy to TRWRA
- #2025-34 Resolution re-appointing Tim Griffin as Fire Official
- #2025-35 Resolution re-appointing Jason Sutton as Vital Statistics Registrar
- #2025-36 Resolution confirming Mayor's appointment of Zoning Officer, Michael Thulen
- #2025-37 Resolution confirming 2025 Borough Officials

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

21. **Resolutions Taken Separately:**

- #2025-29 Resolution appointing a Borough Engineer

RESULT: ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER: Bryan Keeshen, Councilman
SECONDER: Richard Gallo, Councilman
AYES: Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Cooper
ABSTAIN: Salnick

22. **Borough Administrator Remarks:** The administrator began by wishing everyone a happy and, most importantly, healthy New Year. Congratulations were extended to Councilmen Deerin and O'Brien on their re-election, with appreciation for the opportunity to continue working alongside them. Councilwoman Cooper was congratulated on her appointment as Council President, with confidence expressed in her leadership abilities. Reflecting on 2024, the administrator noted it was an exciting, busy, and challenging year, and anticipated no slowdown in 2025. Gratitude was expressed to Mayor Tvrdik for his hands-on leadership and his support of employees, which has contributed to a strong team dynamic at Borough Hall.

Thanks were given to all Oceanport employees for their tireless work. Specific mention was made of Jeanne, Katie, Steve, Mike, and Lesley, along with their staff, for their dedication and teamwork. The administrator highlighted the excellence of the Oceanport Police Department, expressing appreciation for working with new Chief Gary Grimes. Congratulations were offered to Sergeant Dan Petrucelli and Officer Malik Jenkins. The administrator emphasized how the dedication of department heads makes the job easier and expressed gratitude for each of them.

Further congratulations were given to Captain Jonathan Ryan, 1st Lieutenant Wil Reger, 2nd Lieutenant Doris Agaman, and Sergeant Maggie Lippolis on their swearing in. A special thank-you was extended to outgoing Captain Fred Fillipone for his close collaboration over the past four years, and to outgoing Chief Joe Wolf for his efforts in improving departmental efficiency. Congratulations were also offered to new Chief Jimmy Gallo, 1st Assistant Chief Frank Lippolis, and 2nd Assistant Chief Ken Carroll. Buzz Baldanza was recognized for his reappointment as OEM Coordinator and for his dedication to the residents. Appreciation was also extended to members of the First Aid Squad, Fire Department, OEM, Planning Board, and various committees including Recreation, Historical, Environmental, Water Watch, and the newly revived Shade Tree Committee, as well as to all coaches, parents, and volunteers contributing to the community.

The administrator reported that 2024 was a good year for Oceanport. Electrical work was completed at Maria Gatta Park, and the park now has lighting. An additional grant from Monmouth County's Open Space Program was secured for the park, with bathroom and storage improvements planned for 2025. Improvements at Trinity Park began, funded by a Local Recreation Improvement Grant. Another grant from the same program supported work at Blackberry Bay Park, where the pool was filled in and three new bathrooms will be installed in 2025. Recreation improvements throughout 2024 were significant and are expected to continue. The Recreation Committee has been revitalized by the appointment of Kelle Burrough as Recreation Coordinator. The year's events, particularly the Holiday Extravaganza, were noted for their success. The Employee Assistance Program remained funded through the CJIF and was extended to fire and first aid volunteers. The Borough also requested its 2024 share of sports betting revenue, totaling just under \$200,000.

In closing, the administrator remarked on the pride and dedication of the governing body, employees, volunteers, and residents, all working to make Oceanport a great place to live. Gratitude was expressed for being part of the team, and optimism was shared for what promises to be an epic 2025.

23. Borough Council Remarks:

1. Councilman William Deerin
2. Councilman Richard Gallo
3. Councilman Bryan Keeshen
4. Councilman Michael O'Brien
5. Councilman Keith Salnick
6. Councilwoman Patricia Cooper

24. Mayor Remarks:

1. Mayor's Lifetime Achievement Award - Mayor Tvrdik offered remarks on the life of Ralph Marra who recently passed earlier that month and gave the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, RALPH C. MARRA SR. passed away on Friday, December 20, 2024 at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, RALPH C. MARRA SR. was an important and influential resident of the Borough of Oceanport for the better part of six decades, having become a member of the Oceanport Hook And Ladder Volunteer Fire Company at the tender age of 18 in 1955; and

WHEREAS, RALPH C. MARRA SR. served the Borough of Oceanport as Fire Captain in 1962 and as Fire Chief in 1970 during his tenure as a volunteer firefighter, and he was a lifelong member of the Oceanport First Aid Squad, attaining the rank of Captain in 1964; and

WHEREAS, as if all that was not enough, RALPH C. MARRA SR. also served the Borough of Oceanport as a Councilman from 1976 through 1985, during which time the Port Au Peck fire house was built, the first Chief's car was purchased and put in service, a 1977 LeFrance fire truck was purchased and put into service, and significant improvements were made to Oceanport's parks, most notably Old Wharf Park, and while he was Councilman he also served as Police Liaison, Fire Liaison, and as a Finance Chairman; and

WHEREAS, RALPH C. MARRA SR. was also one of Oceanport's first mailmen, served our country in the Army National Guard, pitched the Oceanport Fire Departments' softball team to several championships, and donated all the tile when the Oceanport First Aid Building was built by volunteers; and

WHEREAS, while in his later years RALPH C. MARRA SR. came to cherish winters in Florida rather than the less than balmy ones offered by Oceanport, he returned to Oceanport every spring to the great delight of all his friends and family in Oceanport and towns nearby, touching all their lives in a most positive way; and

WHEREAS, RALPH C. MARRA SR. met every Sunday at Fanagle The Bagel with his good friends John Bonforte, Dr. Gerry Parisi and Bob Raskin for over twenty years to solve the world's problems and chat with anybody who walked through the door, developing the type of firm bond with each other and their families that we should all aspire to; and

***WHEREAS, RALPH C. MARRA SR.** will long be remembered as the greatest and only fan of the Oceanport O1 over 40 softball team and also for helping his lifelong best friend, Jack Caputo, on countless Christmas Eves as he served free coffee — while wearing a Santa hat a Caputo's Bakery shirt and a big smile — to the long line of people waiting for their Caputo's Christmas orders (there will always be a hot cup of coffee for Ralph at Caputo's); and*

***WHEREAS,** whether they knew it or not, the lives of generations of Oceanport residents were improved because of the good works, civic contributions and volunteer efforts of **RALPH C. MARRA SR.**; and*

***WHEREAS,** Oceanport is "A Great Place to Live" because of **RALPH C. MARRA SR.**; and*

***WHEREAS,** the Borough of Oceanport would be remiss if it did not recognize **RALPH C. MARRA SR.** for his life-long commitment to the health, safety and welfare of the people of Oceanport, his good natured ambassadorship on behalf of the Borough and, most importantly, his friendship, mentorship and guidance throughout the entirety of his incredibly accomplished life; now*

THEREFORE, I, THOMAS J. TVRDIK,** Mayor of the Borough of Oceanport, on behalf of Oceanport's Governing Body and its residents, do hereby recognize and laud **RALPH C. MARRA SR.** for his unfailing, altruistic service to the Borough of Oceanport and for his myriad contributions to Oceanport as our friend, mentor and colleague, and, to further celebrate his accomplishments and extend to him our deepest appreciation for everything he has done to ensure that Oceanport remains "A Great Place to Live," I declare: **January 2, 2025 as "RALPH C. MARRA SR. DAY"** in the Borough of Oceanport, and I hereby further confer the **Mayor's 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award** to **RALPH C. MARRA SR.

25. **Public Comments:** Mayor Tvrdik opened the meeting for public comments. As no one from the public appeared, Mayor Tvrdik closed that portion of the meeting.
26. **Adjournment:** As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM on a motion by Councilman O'Brien, seconded by Councilman Keeshen and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Kramer
Deputy Borough Clerk



BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT

MAYOR & COUNCIL

WORKSHOP MINUTES • APRIL 3, 2025

Workshop Meeting

Clement V. Sommers Municipal Building

7:00 PM

910 Oceanport Way, Oceanport, NJ 07757

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Tvrdik 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 12, 2025 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, Statement to the Public:** Mayor Tvrdik led attendees and members of the Council in the flag salute.
- IV. **Roll Call:**

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Thomas Tvrdik	Mayor	Present
William Deerin	Councilman	Present
Richard Gallo	Councilman	Present
Bryan Keeshen	Councilman	Present at 7:03pm
Michael O'Brien	Councilman	Absent
Keith Salnick	Councilman	Absent
Patty Cooper	Councilwoman	Present
Jeanne Smith	Borough Clerk	Present
Andrew Bayer	Borough Attorney	Present
Donna M. Phelps	Administrator	Present
Catherine D. LaPorta	Chief Financial Officer	Present
Stephanie Kramer	Deputy Borough Clerk	Present

- V. **PUBLIC COMMENT - Action Items Only:** Mayor Tvrdik opened the meeting for public comment on actions items only. As no one from the public presented, that portion of the meeting was closed

VI. **Consent Agenda:**

1. Resolution-#2025-122 – Payment of Bills Bill List 4-3-35
2. Resolution #2025-123 - Resolution Approving Jana Ann Bond First Aid Squad Membership
3. Resolution #2025-124 - Resolution Approving Karl Larose First Aid Squad Member
4. Resolution #2025-125 - Resolution Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantee MPCC
5. Resolution #2025-126 – Resolution Authorizing FMERA Refund for Demolition of Buildings 550 & 551
6. Resolution #2025-127 - Resolution Deeming Maria Gatta Park Phase III Project Complete
7. Resolution #2025-128 - Resolution Authorizing Contract to Iamello Architects for Blackberry Bay Park Bathrooms at Former Pool Area
8. Resolution #2025-129 - Resolution Rejecting Proposals for Bathrooms at Blackberry Bay Park and Bathrooms and Storage at Maria Gatta Park

VII, **Minutes:**

- 1-16-25 Mayor and Council Regular Minutes-Discussed, moved forward
- 2-06-25 Mayor and Council Regular Minutes-Discussed, moved forward
- 2-20-25 Mayor and Council Regular Minutes-Discussed, moved forward
- 3-06-25 Mayor and Council Workshop Minutes-Discussed, moved forward
- 3-20-25 Mayor and Council Regular Minutes-Discussed, moved forward

VIII. First Reading Ordinances**A. First Reading – Ordinance #1107 Amending Chapter 284 “Peace and Good Order”**

Council President Cooper asked the Deputy Clerk to read the ordinance by title only and the affidavit of publication.

Ms. Kramer stated that the ordinance was published by title only in the Two Rivers Times on February 13, 2025 in accordance with law. AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY amending Chapter 284 of the Code of the Borough of Oceanport entitled “Peace and Good Order”.

Ms. Cooper motioned to approve the ordinance on the first reading and to hold a public meeting on the proposed ordinance at the April 17, 2025 meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED OF FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Patricia Cooper, Council President
SECONDER:	Bryan Keeshen, Councilman
AYES:	Deerin, Gallo, Cooper
ABSENT:	O'Brien, Salnick

B. First Reading- Ordinance #1108 Amending Chapter 64 (Vehicles and Traffic)

Council President Cooper asked the Deputy Clerk to read the ordinance by title only. Deputy Clerk Kramer stated, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 64 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Borough of Oceanport County of Monmouth and the State of NJ.

Council President Cooper motioned to approve this Ordinance on first reading and hold a public hearing on the proposed Ordinance at the April 17, 2025 Council Meeting and to advertise same in accordance with law. Councilman Keeshen seconded the motion.

RESULT:	APPROVED OF FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Patricia Cooper, Council President
SECONDER:	Bryan Keeshen, Councilman
AYES:	Deerin, Gallo, ,Cooper
ABSENT:	O'Brien, Salnick

IX. Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance #1106 is being withdrawn

Amending Chapter 317, “Trees”-Incorporating Stormwater Requirements.

Mayor Tvrdik asked to withdraw the Ordinance as there are changes that were made and they will reintroduce it at the next meeting. He commented that after hearing Councilman Gallo's input the rest of the council agree to change the replacement trees from four to three. He also mentioned that the pricing will be more In line with Red Bank.

RESULT:	APPROVAL TO WITHDRAW [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Patricia Cooper, Council President
SECONDER:	Richard Gallo, Councilman
AYES:	Deerin, Gallo, Cooper
ABSENT:	O'Brien, Salnick

- X. **Clerk's Report:** Stephanie Kramer stated she had nothing to report.
- XI. **Administrator's Report:** Donna Phelps stated she had nothing in particular to report.
- XII. **Mayor's Report:** Mayor Tvrdik began the meeting by giving the floor to Mr. Deerin to share updates from the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Deerin reported that two members of the Recreation Committee—David Peterson and Alexa Hexel—have submitted their resignations. He then noted that the annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, weather permitting. Additionally, Spring Fest will take place on the 26th, featuring over 50 vendors. Mr. Deerin also mentioned that applications are still being accepted for Action Camp. Mayor Tvrdik thanked Mr. Deerin for the updates. The Mayor proceeded to announce that paper shredding services will be available this Saturday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, with an electronics disposal component running from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Mayor Tvrdik also informed the council that the current bulletin editor has fallen ill and a new editor is being sought. The next issue of the bulletin is expected to be released on May 15th, and it will be a full edition in color. Mayor Tvrdik announced that Oceanport's Pasta Dinner with the Troop will take place this upcoming Sunday from 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM at Port Au Pec Firehouse. He provided an update on the Community Garden, noting that Shoreview Landscaping played an instrumental role in laying all the piping and irrigation systems. He also discussed how the project was funded and acknowledged the individuals and organizations involved in getting it started. The Mayor further shared that New Jersey American Water will begin replacing old lead pipes throughout the entire Blackberry Bay peninsula. He assured attendees that the roads undergoing work will be repaved in full upon completion. He noted that they are targeting a 7:30 AM start time for this work and reminded everyone that such early start times have been approved in the past. Mayor Tvrdik concluded by thanking all volunteers, staff, and committee members for their continued efforts and contributions.

Councilwoman Cooper reminded everyone that Saturday is the first bingo.

- XIII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Roseanne Letson of 50 Deer Path Court, Tinton Falls, presented two questions to the Mayor and Council. She first inquired about the status of the sewer project at Boy Scout Park, noting that there are plans to place a historical marker at that location. Mayor Tvrdik responded that the project is expected to be completed by the end of the year, though a delay had occurred due to a drilling issue. Roseann asked the Mayor to keep her in mind regarding the marker, as it will pertain to ice sports. Her second question concerned the status of the County potentially taking over River Walk, as she would like to install signs and markers there as well. Mayor Tvrdik explained that the project needs to be completed first, after which a member of the Historical Committee could coordinate with the county. He added that he does not believe Oceanport should be responsible for the associated costs. She stated that the primary reason for her attendance was to discuss Monmouth 250, noting that speakers are already reaching out and making bookings for 2026. She referenced the "Dead Person Speaker" and the possibility of their participation in a Monmouth 250 program, and expressed concern over the time required to initiate planning. She concluded her remarks by suggesting the formation of a committee to address the event. There being no further comments, this portion of the meeting was closed.

- XIV. **Adjourn to Executive Session:**

 X N.J.S.A 10:4-12(b)(5) Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property

RESULT:	APPROVED MOTION TO ADJOURN [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bryan Keeshan, Council President
SECONDER:	Gallo, Councilman
AYES:	Deerin, Gallo, Cooper
ABSENT:	O'Brien, Salnick

- XV. **Return from Executive Session**

- XVI. **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Kramer
DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT
AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNING BODY TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Resolution #2025-194
7/17/2025**

WHEREAS, the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Oceanport are subject to the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey generally requires that all meetings of public bodies be open to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act further provides that a public body may exclude the public from a portion of a meeting at which time the public body discusses items enumerated in the Open Public Meetings Act at N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b, which items are recognized as requiring confidentiality; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate for the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Oceanport to discuss certain matters in a meeting not open to the public consistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Oceanport, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, as follows:

1.) The Mayor & Council shall hold a closed meeting from which the public shall be excluded on **July 17, 2025**..

2.) The general nature of the subjects to be discussed at said closed meeting shall be related to

<u> </u> N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(1)	<i>Matters Required by Law to be Confidential</i>
<u> </u> N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(2)	<i>Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to Receive Funds</i>
<u> </u> N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(3)	<i>Matters Involving Individual Privacy</i>
<u> X </u> N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(4)	<i>Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining and Contract Agreements</i>
<u> </u> N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(5)	<i>Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property-Open Space</i>
<u> </u> N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(6)	<i>Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property</i>
<u> X </u> N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7)	<i>Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege-Affordable</i>
<u> </u> N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8)	<i>Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship</i>
<u> </u> N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(9)	<i>Matters Relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty</i>

3.) The minutes of said closed meeting shall be made available for disclosure to the public consistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-13, when the items which are subject of the closed session discussion are resolved and a reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that formal action may be taken after the Executive Session.

Motion:

Second:

ROLL CALL	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deerin	()	()	()	()
Gallo	()	()	()	()
Keeshen	()	()	()	()
Manna	()	()	()	()
O'Brien	()	()	()	()
Cooper	()	()	()	()
Tvrdik	()	()	()	()

I certify this to be a true copy of Resolution #2025-194 approved by the Oceanport Borough Council at the Workshop Meeting held June 17, 2025.

STEPHANIE KRAMER
DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK