



BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT

MAYOR & COUNCIL

MINUTES • DECEMBER 2, 2021

Workshop

Clement V. Sommers Municipal Building

7:00 PM

910 Oceanport Way, Oceanport, NJ 07757

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Mayor Coffey called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 June 29, 2021 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 members of Council in the flag salute.
- IV. **Invocation:** None
- V. **Roll Call:**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jay Coffey	Mayor	Present	
William Deerin	Councilman	Remote	
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	Borough Administrator	Present	
Catherine D. LaPorta	Chief Financial Officer	Present	

VI. Resolutions:

#2021-231 Resolution authorizing 2021 budget appropriation transfers

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

#2021-232 Resolution authorizing payment of BILL LIST - Ms. Smith advised that the Bill List was amended to remove a vendor payment and the resolution revised accordingly which Council approved and adopted the resolution as amended.

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

#2021-233 Resolution combining general obligation bonds and sale to MCIA

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

- VII. **Administrator's Report:** Ms. Phelps reported that the application for the Borough's share of sports betting for improvements to Maria Gatta Park was approved and payment in the amount of \$150,000 was received, leaving a

balance of \$235,620 from 2019, 2020 and 2021 funds not yet used. The next application period opens in June for which she may reapply for Gatta Park to which there were no objections. Ms. Phelps next reported that Chief Kelly has recommended the rehire of Maggie Lippolis who retired earlier in the year from the school system and having waited the required 6 months, was asked to return to the position, Ms. Smith will prepare resolution for next meeting with effective rehire date of Jan. 1, 2022. Ms. Phelps also reported good news from FEMA – all eligible COVID19 expenses will continue at 100% federal cost share through April 1, 2022, she continues to keep list of all expenses. Ms. Phelps advised that her sister works for a town in NY and they would be using American Rescue Act funding for a basketball court at one of their smaller parks and suggested the Borough might consider using its funds towards Trinity Park. Ms. Phelps also advised that DPW Super Steve Briskey had brought all of the full time DPW workers down to the league conference in November which they really enjoyed – she commended Mr. Briskey for the tremendous job boosting the morale of all his employees. At Mr. Briskey's recommendation, Ms. Phelps requested input about doing a one-time special recycling for cardboard only after Christmas which was agreed was a good idea and was set up for 3 days, 2 locations – one in Blackberry Bay Park, the other behind Borough Hall. Ms. Phelps next thanked the Oceanport Boy Scouts who worked with DPW to clean up Maria Gatta Park and outside of Port Au Peck Firehouse on Sat. Nov. 20th with approximately 1 ton of trash being removed from those areas and assisted the Borough in its compliance for Clean Communities by holding town-wide cleanup. Ms. Phelps concluded with a request that the tennis court nets remain up throughout the winter – something that was done last 2 years and was accepted by Council with the exception that nets at Community Center will come down once construction on the park begins shortly.

Councilman O'Brien asked how the geese control has been going. Ms. Phelps reported that it was going good and that everything around Borough Hall and the police department was clean.

VIII. Clerk's Report: Ms. Smith reported that one bid had been received for the Commissary Parcel Special Liquor License on former Fort Monmouth. It has been distributed to the Borough Attorney for review and Police Department for background investigation with a proposed award date for the Dec. 16th meeting. Ms. Smith reviewed the 12/16 regular meeting items with no questions or comments and moved forward with no objections.

IX. Discussion Items:

1. Borough Engineer Request for Waiver of Noise Ordinance - Community Center Park Improvements Project

Ms. Smith presented the Borough Engineer's request for a waiver of the noise ordinance for the project as was done for the 2020 Road Program back in January this year. The project is anticipated to begin in January and enables the contractor to have longer work days due to concrete supplier closing times in order to complete the project in less days and minimize impacts on the residents. Councilman Tvrdik added that in addition the earlier time is used to mobilize the equipment into place and would not necessarily have active work noise until 7:30-7:45 PM and this time of year it gets dark earlier. As there were no objections, Ms. Smith will prepare a resolution for the 12/16 meeting. Councilman Keeshen suggested adding the 2021 Road Program project to the same waiver which was unanimously agreed was a good idea.

2. BID Results - 2021 Road Program

Councilman Gallo reported on the results of the 2021 Road Program and the Engineer's recommended award. There was discussion concerning when to award. A resolution was prepared and provided to the Governing Body for consideration after which it was decided to take action on it immediately so that the contractor would be able to begin ordering of the piping and other supplies that may experience a shipping delay under the current nationwide shipping problem.

#2021-234 Resolution awarding contract for 2021 Road Program - *Added on Late*

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

It was also discussed that the resolution granting waiver of noise ordinance should include a waiver for this project as well which was added for 12/16 meeting with all in favor.

- X. **Mayor's Report:** Mayor Coffey reported that the big Fort Monmouth news was the purchase closing of the Lodging Parcel which would bring development of 180 residential units. The RFOTP for the mega parcel is due in on Jan. 12th and after that what remained was the nursing quarters. Allison Hall district scheduled to close next month. The Fort Fitness Center is open and looks stunning, travel basketball played tournament last week there. Dance Hall is nearing completion and looks nice. The RFOTP for McAfee, 400 area, etc. would eliminate 235 homes from the plan and if its Netflix or another entity they won't want public looking in so there will be a nice buffer.
- XI. **Petitions from the Public:** Mayor Coffey opened the meeting for petitions from the public. As there was no one else from the public, Mayor Coffey closed that portion of the meeting.
- XII. **Adjournment:** As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM on a motion by Council President O'Brien, seconded by Councilman Tvrdik and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Smith
BOROUGH CLERK