



BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT

MAYOR & COUNCIL

MINUTES • JULY 20, 2023

Regular Meeting

Clement V. Sommers Municipal Building

7:30 PM

910 Oceanport Way, Oceanport, NJ 07757

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Coffey called the regular meeting to order at 10:54 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, Statement to the Public:** Mayor Coffey led attendees and members of the Council in the flag salute.
- IV. **Roll Call:**

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

- V. **PUBLIC COMMENT - Action Items Only:** Mayor Coffey invited members of the public for comments on action items and with no one from the public appearing, closed that portion of the meeting.

VI. **Consent Agenda:**

- #2023-163 1. Resolution authorizing payment of BILL LIST 08-17-2023
- #2023-164 2. Resolution accepting resignation of Adam Fioretti
- #2023-165 3. Resolution appointing Shane Carroll as seasonal labor for the Public Works Dept
- #2023-166 4. Resolution appointing Jay Swoope as laborer for the Public Works Dept
- #2023-167 5. Resolution appointing a Borough Attorney to fill a vacancy
- #2023-168 6. Resolution authorizing an MOU with FMERA for Engineering Services - Demolition of Bldg 555
- #2023-169 7. Resolution authorizing agreement with Monmouth Beach for Use of Leaf Compost
- #2023-170 8. Resolution awarding contract to Automated Building Controls for duct insulation work
- #2023-171 9. Resolution authoring shared service for purchase of vehicles from Borough of Rumson
- #2023-172 10. Resolution authorizing contract for electrical services to Gatta Park
- #2023-173 11. Resolution authorizing contract for fertilization services
- #2023-174 12. Resolution requesting special permission for Tournament Event and Associated uses at Gatta Park
- #2023-175 13. Resolution authorizing execution of an MOU for NJEMGrants Participation
- #2023-176 14. Resolution authorizing grant application for Lanternfly Chemical Control Treatment
- #2023-177 15. Resolution authorizing MOU with FMERA for Engineering Services - Building 555
- #2023-178 16. Resolution awarding contract for Engineering Services related to FMERA MOU for Bldg 555 demolition
- #2023-179 17. Resolution authorizing Change Order to Contract with Four Star Developers
- #2023-180 18. Resolution authorizing waiver of Street Opening Moratorium for Main Street & Hedge Drive
- #2023-181 19. Resolution renewing Shared Service with Monmouth Beach for use of vehicle by Fire Official
- #2023-182 20. Resolution authorizing Change Order #1 to 2022 Road Program - Meco Inc
- #2023-183 21. Resolution approving First Aid Membership - Bantel, Caitlin

- #2023-184 22. Resolution approving First Aid Membership - Pfleger, Reiss
- #2023-185 23. Resolution approving First Aid Membership - Cooper, Thurston
24. Receipt & Acceptance of Minutes, Parks & Recreation Committee, 05/10/23
25. Receipt & Acceptance of Minutes, Parks & Recreation Committee, 04/19/23

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

VII. Second Reading & Public Hearing Ordinances:

#1075 An Ordinance Setting Salary Ranges for Various Positions

Councilman Tvrdik called for the 2nd reading and Public Hearing of an ordinance setting salary ranges and asked the Clerk to read the affidavit of publication of the proposed ordinance by title only "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SETTING FORTH AND AMENDING THE SALARY RANGES OF CERTAIN BOROUGH OFFICERS AND BOROUGH EMPLOYEES PASSED AND APPROVED MARCH 16, 1939 AND LAST REVISED AND APPROVED ON JULY 20, 2023 " was published one time in the Two River Times on June 22, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Coffey opened the meeting for public comment for this ordinance. As no one from the public presented to be heard, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman O'Brien and seconded by Councilman Keeshen.

Councilman Tvrdik made a motion to adopt the ordinance and advertise in accordance with law, which was seconded by Councilman O'Brien.

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

#1076 Ordinance Accepting Real Property for Right of Way and Road Width of Foggia Way

Councilman Tvrdik called for the 2nd reading and Public Hearing of an ordinance setting salary ranges and asked the Clerk to read the affidavit of publication of the proposed ordinance by title only "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF REAL PROPERTY FROM 196 MONMOUTH BOULEVARD, LLC TO INCREASE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND ROAD WIDTH OF FOGGIA WAY " was published one time in the Two River Times on June 22, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Coffey opened the meeting for public comment for this ordinance. As no one from the public presented to be heard, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman O'Brien and seconded by Councilman Keeshen.

Councilman Tvrdik made a motion to adopt the ordinance and advertise in accordance with law, which was seconded by Councilman Deerin.

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

VIII. Resolutions:

#2023-186 Resolution appointment of a full time Recreation Coordinator

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

#2023-187 Resolution fixing compensation for employees and officials for 2023

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

#2023-188 Resolution amending projected costs for the 2023 MC Open Space Grant Application - *Added on Late*

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

#2023-189 Resolution authorizing purchase of 1 vehicle for Public Works through State Contract - *Added on Late*

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

IX. First Reading Ordinances:**#1077** Introduction of Ordinance authorizing vacation and fee conveyance of Leonard Ave

Councilman Tvrdik called for the introduction of "**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE VACATION AND FEE CONVEYANCE OF LEONARD AVENUE (STREET) IN THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT**" and then asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only, after which Councilman Tvrdik moved to approve the Ordinance upon first reading and to hold the PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed ordinance at the Council meeting of August 17, 2023 and to advertise same in accordance with the law, which was seconded by Councilman Gallo.

RESULT:	APPROVED OF FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 8/17/2023 7:30 PM
MOVER:	Thomas Tvrdik, Councilman	
SECONDER:	Richard Gallo, Councilman	
AYES:	Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Salnick, Tvrdik	

#1078 Introduction of Ordinance approving amended municipal boundary with Eatontown on Fort Monmouth

Councilman Tvrdik called for the introduction of "**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT AND EATONTOWN ON FORT MONMOUTH PROPERTY**" and then asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only, after which Councilman Tvrdik moved to approve the Ordinance upon first reading and to hold the PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed ordinance at the Council meeting of August 17, 2023 and to advertise same in accordance with the law, which was seconded by Councilman Gallo.

RESULT:	APPROVED OF FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 8/17/2023 7:30 PM
MOVER:	Thomas Tvrdik, Councilman	
SECONDER:	Richard Gallo, Councilman	
AYES:	Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Salnick, Tvrdik	

#1079 Introduction of Ordinance Providing for Lease of Blackberry Bay Park Facilities

Councilman Tvrdik called for the introduction of "**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY, MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY AND MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT FOR ROWING AT BLACKBERRY BAY PARK**" and then asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only, after which Councilman Tvrdik moved to approve the Ordinance upon first reading and to hold the PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed ordinance at the Council meeting of August 17, 2023 and to advertise same in accordance with the law, which was seconded by Councilman O'Brien.

RESULT:	APPROVED OF FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 8/17/2023 7:30 PM
MOVER:	Thomas Tvrdik, Councilman	
SECONDER:	Michael O'Brien, Councilman	
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X. Council Standing Committee Reports:

1. Councilman Deerin, Parks & Recreation – Reported on items including plans for 2024 action camp; requests continue to come in for use of Gatta Park; discussions on conducting a pickle ball court tournament in conjunction with Monmouth Pickle Ball Club; provided details on upcoming Movies in the Park on July 30th; committee meeting on Summer's End progress and appealed to the public for donations towards the fireworks.
2. Councilman Gallo, Public Works & Engineering – Reported that the 2022 road program was underway
3. Councilman Keeshen, Public Safety – Reported on items including First Aid and the ambulance from Rumson; loss of volunteer Al DeSantis; progress on updating fire department records and updated training certificates; police reminder to lock cars; and OEM reminder to register for CodeRed alert system
4. Councilman O'Brien, Finance & Administration – extended condolences to Ms. LaPorta and her family on the loss of her father, Al DeSantis; requested on behalf of a resident to keep an ear on the music at the Blu Grotto and compliance with the noise ordinance.
5. Councilman Salnick, Health & Human Services – no report for health and human services; commented on the ordinances requiring residents to prepare items for waste disposal, requested consideration for other shared services with Eatontown or West Long Branch for larger branches and items not to be picked up by Public Works or consider a 1x clean up collection.
6. Councilman Tvrdik, Planning & Development – Reported on items including the presentation for the track and offered his comments and concerns regarding density and compared with the Somerset development; met with representative of DCA inspecting construction office and his comment that the Borough's office is one of the best in the state and thanked the staff for their hard work; resident request for volleyball court at the Community Center for Councilman Deerin and the Rec Committee; status of demolition of building 886 where JCP&L substation will be constructed and buildings 550, 551 and 555; commended members of the First Aid and their training certificates; condolences for the DeSantis family.

XI. Mayor Coffey's Report: Reported during Workshop

XII. Public Comments: Mayor Coffey opened the meeting to comments from the public. As no one from the public appeared, Mayor Coffey closed that portion of the meeting.

XIII. Adjournment: As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 PM on a motion by Councilman Tvrdik, seconded by Councilman Salnick and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Smith
BOROUGH CLERK