



BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT

MAYOR & COUNCIL

MINUTES • JULY 18, 2024

Regular Meeting

Clement V. Sommers Municipal Building

7:30 PM

910 Oceanport Way, Oceanport, NJ 07757

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Tvrdik called the meeting to order at 7:45 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, 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.
- III. **Flag Salute, Statement to the Public:** Ex-Mayor Coffey led the public and members of the Council in the flag salute.
- IV. **Roll Call:**

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Thomas Tvrdik	Mayor	Present
William Deerin	Councilman	Absent
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
Catherine D. LaPorta	Chief Financial Officer	Present

- V. **PUBLIC COMMENT - Action Items Only:** Mayor Tvrdik opened the meeting to the public on action items only. Hearing none, that portion of the meeting was closed.

- VI. **Consent Agenda:** Mayor Tvrdik asked if any items needed to be removed. Councilman Keeshen requested that #2024-183 and #2024-189 be taken separately. Mayor Tvrdik asked for a motion on the remaining 15 items:

- #2024-179 1. Resolution authorizing payment of BILL LIST 07-18-2024
- #2024-180 2. Resolution authorizing Tax Sale Redemption #19-00011
- #2024-181 3. Resolution authorizing Tax Sale Redemption #22-00003
- #2024-182 4. Resolution authorizing Tax Sale Redemption #23-00003
- #2024-184 5. Resolution awarding Contract to Colliers Engineering & Design - 2024 Road Program
- #2024-185 6. Resolution awarding contract for Roofing Services to Garden State Roofing
- #2024-186 7. Resolution authorizing participation in the Purchasing Cooperative of America
- #2024-187 8. Resolution authorizing an MOU with FMERA for Engineering Services - Dredging Feasibility Study
- #2024-188 9. Resolution to amend 2024 budget for FMERA MOU Husky Brook Pond Dredging
- #2024-190 10. Resolution appointing Fire Police member - Danial Schmid
- #2024-191 11. Resolution authorizing Second Amendment to MOU with FMERA for Demolition of Bldgs 550, 551
- #2024-192 12. Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with Middletown for records management
- 13. Receipt and Acceptance of Minutes, Historical Committee, 05-09-2024
- 14. Receipt and Acceptance of Minutes, Historical Committee, 04-11-2024
- 15. Receipt and Acceptance of Minutes, Recreation Committee, 05-08-2024

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Michael O'Brien, Councilman

SECONDER: Keith Salnick, Councilman

AYES: Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Salnick, Cooper

ABSENT: Deerin

VII. Minutes:

1. Mayor & Council - Workshop - Feb 2, 2023 7:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [3 TO 0]
MOVER:	Richard Gallo, Councilman
SECONDER:	Bryan Keeshen, Councilman
AYES:	Gallo, Keeshen, Salnick
ABSTAIN:	O'Brien, Cooper
ABSENT:	Deerin

2. Mayor & Council - Regular Meeting - Feb 16, 2023 7:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Bryan Keeshen, Councilman
SECONDER:	Richard Gallo, Councilman
AYES:	Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Salnick
ABSTAIN:	Cooper
ABSENT:	Deerin

3. Mayor & Council - Workshop - Apr 4, 2024 7:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Richard Gallo, Councilman
SECONDER:	Michael O'Brien, Councilman
AYES:	Gallo, O'Brien, Salnick, Cooper
ABSTAIN:	Keeshen
ABSENT:	Deerin

VIII. Resolutions:

#2024-183 Resolution awarding a contract for Turf Field Sports Consultant

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Michael O'Brien, Councilman
SECONDER:	Richard Gallo, Councilman
AYES:	Gallo, O'Brien, Salnick, Cooper
ABSTAIN:	Keeshen
ABSENT:	Deerin

#2024-189 Resolution authorizing Change Order #1 to 600 Area Water Main Services_Vaughan Construction

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Michael O'Brien, Councilman
SECONDER:	Richard Gallo, Councilman
AYES:	Gallo, O'Brien, Salnick, Cooper
ABSTAIN:	Keeshen
ABSENT:	Deerin

#2024-193 Resolution amending the ByLaws of the Mayor & Council, 2nd reading. Ms. Smith read the resolution by title only. Mayor Tvrdik opened the meeting for comments from the public, hearing none, closed that portion of the meeting.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Patty Cooper, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Bryan Keeshen, Councilman
AYES:	Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Cooper
NAYS:	Salnick
ABSENT:	Deerin

#2024-194 Resolution appointing a seasonal laborer for the Public Works Dept

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

IX. **First Reading Ordinances:** None

X. **Second Reading & Public Hearing Ordinances:**

#1096 An Ordinance Adopting a Tree Removal & Replacement Policy

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 8/15/2024 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Patty Cooper, Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Bryan Keeshen, Councilman	
AYES:	Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Salnick, Cooper	
ABSENT:	Deerin	

XI. **Council Standing Committee Reports:**

1. Councilman Deerin, Parks & Recreation -Mayor Tvrdik gave announcements on Summer's End, no rain date, Movies in the Park, donations being sought from businesses for fireworks, commended Kelle Burrough for a great job on getting Action Camp up and running flawlessly. He also welcomed Ryan Glubo as new Board of Education member.
2. Councilman Gallo, Public Works & Engineering – provided progress updates on the road programs with this year's program to address reconstruction of 4 roads. Mayor Tvrdik added timelines/dates when the contractor will be on certain roads. Councilman Salnick asked Councilman Gallo when the moratorium expires for Ithaca Ave, contact the front office.
3. Councilman Keeshen, Public Safety – reported in workshop, but extended thanks to all those that assisted with the President's visit, the Beacon of Life power outage and encouraged people to attend the upcoming Bingo event for First Aid.
4. Councilman O'Brien, Finance & Administration – congratulated Stephanie Kramer on her official appointment as Deputy Clerk; advised that tax bills went out earlier that day. He provided a summary explanation of the tax bills and brought attention to the fact that the tax bill rate for municipal portion was flat, largest increases come from county open space. Any questions can be directed to the Tax Collector, CFO or himself.
5. Councilman Salnick, Health & Human Services – reported on a sewage main break in the Navesink River which has been addressed and approved by DEP.
6. Councilwoman Cooper, Planning & Development – congratulated Stephanie Kramer on her appointment; thanked OEM, Police, Fire, First Aid for service during President Biden's visit; thanked the Historical Committee for the army band evening concert; thanked everyone who assisted with the Beacon of Life matter. She also mentioned that Water Watch Committee is in need of volunteers particularly someone to do the water testing; Environmental Commission will be working on getting the green team up and running. Mayor Tvrdik added that there had been a report of fecal matter in the river which was immediately forwarded to multiple agencies to respond, sampling was done of the water and low levels of algae and fecal coliforms were found at normal levels and non-hazardous to human health.

XII. **Resolution:** The following resolution added from the Workshop Executive Session, was read in full by the Borough Clerk and received the following roll call:

#2024-195 Resolution accepting resignation and retirement of Carol Smith

Council members thanked Carol Smith for her many years of service to the Borough of Oceanport. Mayor Tvrdik followed suit and noted her efforts through Super Storm Sandy, her birthday cakes for employee birthdays and will truly be missed.

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

XIII. Mayor Tvrdik's Report: Nothing new to add from Workshop.

XIV. Public Comments: Mayor Tvrdik opened the meeting to comments from the public.

Jay Coffey, 39 Oneida Ave, provided details on a fundraiser event being hosted by the OP Paddle Club this coming Saturday, from 8-10am and encouraged everyone to attend.

As there was no one else from the public, the public comments was closed on a motion by Councilman O'Brien, seconded by Councilman Keeshen.

XV. Adjournment: As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM on a motion by Councilman Keeshen, seconded by Councilman Salnick and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Smith
BOROUGH CLERK