



BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT

MAYOR & COUNCIL

MINUTES • JUNE 17, 2021

Regular Meeting

REMOTE/VIRTUAL

7:00 PM

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

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Coffey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
- II. **Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act:** This meeting complies with the Open Public Meetings Act by adequate and electronic notification on January 13, 2021 of this virtual/remote 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. Mayor Coffey then read the virtual/remote meeting advisory advising the public how to attend and participate during public portions of the meeting.
- III. **Flag Salute:** Mayor Coffey led attendees and members of the Council in the flag salute
- IV. **Invocation:** Borough Chaplain Stacy Deerin gave the invocation
- V. **Roll Call:**

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

- VI. **GUEST: FMERA Staff Monthly Update:** Mayor Coffey provided an update on Oceanport parcels including extension on approval for Triumphant Life Church to get their parking lot done; Allison Hall extension to allow for due diligence.
- VII. **Administrators Report:** Ms. Phelps reported on items including closeout of Police building, documents and warranty dates with the architect for review, list of outstanding items being developed; furniture ordered for court room; working on logo for the court room seal; paperwork for Storm Isaias reimbursements submitted and wished everyone a Happy Independence Day. Councilman Tvrdik asked that she get clarification on the start dates for the warranties. Ms. Phelps advised that many of them mention December 2020, others like the HVAC have different dates but she was unfamiliar with the documents but would work with the architect. Councilman Tvrdik commented that those dates should be in the contract for each trade.
- VIII. **Clerk's Report:** Ms. Smith advised that she was in receipt of the monthly report for the Police and DPW departments which had been distributed; provided details for the upcoming Shredding Day event; requested agenda item to be added for a last-minute block party which met with no objections; setup of the Borough's Facebook and Instagram pages underway; reported on progress implementing online credit/debit card payments for SDL and over the counter payments.
1. Request to Purchase Portion of Unimproved Terminus of Werah Place -
- Ms. Smith reviewed request by resident applying to the Planning Board for house improvements on their undersized lot and the requirement that they seek available land to minimize non-conformance – the Borough's right of way being adjacent to their lot. While past practice has been to deny the request, this request does need official response for the applicant to meet the requirements of the law. As there were no objections the Clerk to prepare resolution for July meeting.
- Ms. Smith provided updates on the primary election process, upcoming changes for the general election in November including electronic poll books; new State law mandates municipalities with more than 5,000 residents shall provide a ballot drop box with security monitoring.
- IX. **Consent Agenda:**
- #2021-120 1. Resolution authorizing payment of BILL LIST for June 17, 2021
- #2021-121 2. Resolution Approving 2021-2022 Liquor Licenses
- #2021-122 3. Resolution approving Special Event Permit for Triumphant Life Carnival

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| #2021-123 | 4. | Resolution rejecting bids for Pickleball Court Refurbishments |
| #2021-124 | 5. | Resolution rejecting bids for Landscape Maintenance Program |
| #2021-125 | 6. | Resolution authorizing permits for Facility Use - Summer 2021 |
| #2021-126 | 7. | Resolution authorizing an extension of Agreement with OPBOE for lawn maintenance and snow plowing |

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

X. Minutes:

1. Mayor & Council - Workshop - May 6, 2021, 7:00 PM

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

2. Mayor & Council - Regular Meeting - May 20, 2021, 7:00 PM

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

XI. Resolutions:

- #2021-127 Resolution awarding Contract to Colliers Engineering & Design - 2021 Road Program

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

- #2021-128 Resolution authorizing submittal of NJDOT Grant Application - Comanche Dr Phase 3

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

- #2021-129 Resolution authorizing disposal of surplus property

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

#2021-130 Resolution authorizing application for Sports Wagering Revenue Tax

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

#2021-131 Resolution appointing a seasonal laborer for the Public Works Dept

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

#2021-132 Resolution authorizing signators for TD Bank

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

#2021-133 Resolution authorizing agreement for the processing of credit card payments

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

#2021-134 Resolution approving Special Event Permit for Residents of Elizabeth Drive for Block Party - *Added and Read in Full*

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

XII. First Reading Ordinances: None**XIII. Second Reading & Public Hearing Ordinances:****#1039** Ordinance Prohibiting Any Class of Cannabis Business

Councilman Tvrdik called for the 2nd reading and Public Hearing of an ordinance amending liquor license fees and asked the Clerk to read the affidavit of publication of the proposed ordinance by title only "**AN ORDINANCE BY BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT IN COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF ANY CLASS OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES AND AMENDING CHAPTER 390 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT**" was published one time in the Two River Times on June 3, 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Coffey opened the meeting for public comment for this ordinance and gave the means by which to participate. As no one from the public presented to be heard, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Council President O'Brien and seconded by Councilwoman Walker.

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

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

XIV. Committee Reports:

1. Councilman Deerin, Parks and Recreation – Thanked DPW and Mr. Briskey for the excellent job on the cutting of the Borough's fields.
2. Councilman Gallo, Public Works and Engineering – Reported on meeting with Public Works Committee and new Superintendent's progress; road improvement projects underway over next few weeks.
3. Councilman Keeshen, Public Safety – Councilman Tvrdik provided update on Councilman Keeshen's behalf who was unable to attend. Congratulated Sal LaRosa, Will Reiger and Kyle Crochet on completion of their fireman's training; two new specials hired for the Police Department who have completed their road training – welcomed Officers Henry and Skovran; delivery of two new vehicles being outfitted for the Police department; discussed ongoing issue with speeding and alerted residents that being strictly enforced; reminded residents to keep doors locked and vehicles secured; keep an eye out for OEM reporting during upcoming hurricane season; thanked DPW Foreman Max Lopez who went above and beyond for a resident and read letter from Ms. Chaump.
4. Councilman O'Brien, Finance and Administration – Thanked DPW team for their tremendous efforts of late; congratulated kindergartners and fifth graders on their move ups and all the students for what was a very challenging year and looks forward to a full school year next year.
5. Councilman Tvrdik, Planning and Development Liaison – No report
6. Councilwoman Walker, Health and Human Services Liaison – Echoed sentiments of everyone on DPW and commented that the Board of Education was thrilled with the service being given for lawn maintenance from the DPW with huge thanks to the department; summarized the wrap of the school year and upcoming graduation ceremony details; building referendum projects underway; congratulations to the first ever Shore Regional girls flag football; requested on behalf of the Water Watch Committee to have posted to the website the report on the fish kill. She also congratulated Councilmen Deering and O'Brien on winning the primary and wished all the fellows a Happy Father's Day. Councilwoman Walker advised she would email the fish kill report to the Clerk for posting.

- XV. Mayor Coffey's Report:** Mayor Coffey's reported on items including confirmation from Senator Gopal that the Borough would receive approximately \$23,000 towards the costs for the fish kill clean up; advised that meetings would likely return to in-person meetings in July; dedication of the building date has been changed to July 31st to accommodate the Sommers family – further details to come with a committee being put together; Maple Place graduation will take place at Monmouth Park racetrack; meeting regarding the BBB pool have shown that restoration is not going to happen – particularly for this year; committee is still pursuing other options such as a splash park but will ultimately depend on costs and budget; highlighted his bulletin message and the emphasis on enforcement of speeding in town and will result in a ticket whether you're a resident or no; met with school representatives concerning school and borough working together for completion of their projects for school opening on September 8th.

Mayor Coffey remarked on the 100th Birthday of Sue Cheryl – a member of the Oceanport Garden Club, highlighted some of her life's achievements including service in the World War II women's army corps and remains active in the community.

#2021-135 Resolution appointing John Carroll, Jr. as part time labor for the Public Works Dept – Added and Read in Full

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

#2021-136 Resolution appointing Wes Sherman as part time labor for Public Works - Added and Read in Full

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

XVI. Petitions from the public: Mayor Coffey opened the meeting to the public and provided the participation information.

Laura Godlesky, Superintendent of Oceanport Schools, thanked Mayor Coffey for setting up the meeting which was very productive and happy to report it went well and believes they are in a great place to open school on time in September and happy with the outcome after her comments last meeting.

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

XVII. Adjournment: As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM on a motion by Council President O'Brien, seconded by Councilwoman Walker and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Smith
BOROUGH CLERK