



**CAUCUS
MARCH 12, 2025**

**CALL TO
ORDER**

Mayor Badey called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

**SALUTE THE
FLAG**

**SUNSHINE
STATEMENT**

Municipal Clerk read the Sunshine Statement

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was given by way of emailing to the Courier Post and The Retrospect and posted in Borough Hall on February 19, 2025.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor George Badey
Councilman Dave Alexander
Councilman George Ehrmann
Councilwoman Barbara Kane
Councilman Nick Loberto
Councilman Larry Sefchick
Solicitor John Kearney
Engineer Greg Evans
Superintendent of DPW Dave Schiavo
Police Chief Jim Walsh
Gary Passanante, Economic Development Consultant
Valerie Ciminera, CFO
Municipal Clerk Michele Miller, RMC, CMR

ABSENT

Councilman Ed Kain-absent

CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS

Administrator, Borough Clerk, Engineer, Solicitor, Tax Collector, Construction Official, Court Administrator, Chief of Police, CFO, Fire Chief, Ambulance Corps, Planning/Zoning Board, Special Events, Emergency Management, Public Works, Sewer Department, Fire Marshal, Code Enforcement, Finance

Ciminera gave the Finance report; will be introducing the budget next week

Schiavo gave the sewer and public works report; gave an update on Kennedy Blvd restroom, spring clean up; sweeper is out; the new hire started and he has small engine repair experience, going to be purchasing two new trash trucks which will be rotating them throughout the week

Chief Walsh presented the police report; at Chiefs meeting today, updated us with some changes regarding barricaded suspects; trying to clean up policy with crossing guards, P-OSHA are doing random spot checks

Evans gave the engineering report

Kearney Verizon-long time ago a law was adopted that telephone companies would pay a local business tax, right now Verizon has 30% of lines in town, they would pay around \$2,000 to our town, been movement in legislation to change things, spoke with assessor, received settlement offer, would like your ok to settle on the offer, but won't do that until I hear back from the assessor

Passanante there is a lawsuit goes back a long time, the argument was going below that 51% was hard for them to show

Kearney will ask them how they got to this number; National Realty-resolution to amend redevelopment agreement-they want to get rid of the urban renewal and we came up with this option

Passanante we sat down with the tax assessor first before we speak with the County next; National is fine with it; Reserve-waiting on one more signature

Kearney moving in positive direction

Passanante gave the economic development report

ORDINANCES

INTRODUCTION

2025:06 Ordinance of the Borough of Somerdale Amending Chapter 131 of the Code of the Borough of Somerdale Entitled "Fees"

2025:07 Ordinance of the Borough of Somerdale Amending Bond Ordinance 2024:05

2025:08 Ordinance of the Borough of Somerdale to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45:14)

2025:09 Ordinance of the Borough of Somerdale Amending Chapter 135 of the Code Book of the Borough of Somerdale Concerning Fire Prevention

2025:10 Ordinance of the Borough of Somerdale Amending the Financial Agreement with National Retail Urban Renewal LLC and Granting a Five-Year Tax Abatement

PUBLIC HEARING

2025:05 Ordinance of the Borough of Somerdale Amending Chapter 117 Animals of the Code of the Borough of Somerdale

RESOLUTIONS

- 2025:57 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Payment of Bills
- 2025:58 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Appointing Henry Lay as Temporary Police Officer
- 2025:59 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Municipal Clerk to Prepare and Receive Bids for Leasing of Cell Tower
- 2025:60 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Amending the Shared Service Agreement By and Between the Borough of Somerdale and the Borough of Runnemede for Municipal Court Services
- 2025:61 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing a Person-to-Person, Place-to-Place Liquor License Transfer
- 2025:62 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing to Extend the Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Hi-Nella for Law Enforcement Services
- 2025:63 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Prohibiting Left Hand Turns from 200 N. White Horse Pike
- 2025:64 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12
- 2025:65 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authoring the Municipal Clerk and Chief Financial Officer to Advertise to Receive Proposals for Banking Services
- Ciminera since Republic Bank was bought out by Fulton Bank it has been a mess and I would like to switch banks
- 2025:66 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Amending Redevelopment Agreement with National Retail Urban Renewal LLC and Granting a Five-Year Tax Abatement

Mayor Badey explained in detail the resolutions and ordinances

DISCUSSION

- Miller April 10th Caucus/Council meeting-I will be at the MCANJ conference in Atlantic City and since we have a work session scheduled on April 22, I would like to cancel our scheduled caucus and council meeting
- Consensus all agree to cancel the caucus and council meeting
- Miller Community Center Rental-Amazing Transformation -this is a business that use to be in town and would like to rent the community center for Tuesday, April 22 thru April 25th for training; since we don't have any rentals during the week, and this is a multi-day rental, I would like to offer it to them at a price of \$200 per day; for full disclosure, this is my brother-in-law's business and they did not ask for the resident rate

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Consensus all agree to rent it at \$200 a day as a "week day" rate

GOOD OF
THE ORDER

GOOD &
WELFARE Per Resolution 2025:15, those addressing the Governing Body shall be limited to five
minutes during Good of the Order

ADJOURN

Badey need a motion to adjourn

Motion – Alexander, Second – Kain. All reply Aye to Adjourn at 6:59 pm.

Respectfully,

Michele D. Miller, CMC, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk