

Borough of
SOMERDALE
The Crossroads of South Jersey
COUNCIL
MARCH 12, 2025

CALL TO
ORDER Mayor Badey called the meeting to order at 7:05 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

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

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

Motion – Kain, Second – Sefchick. All reply Aye to Approve.

ORDINANCES

INTRODUCTION

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Badey these will be heard on April 22nd at 6 pm

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

Motion – Alexander, Second – Sefchick to Introduce. Roll Call Vote: Alexander – yes, Ehrmann - yes, Kane – yes, Loberto – yes, Sefchick - yes. Motion Carries to Introduce.

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

Motion – Sefchick, Second – Loberto to Introduce. Roll Call Vote: Alexander – yes, Ehrmann - yes, Kane – yes, Loberto – yes, Sefchick - yes. Motion Carries to Introduce.

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)

Motion – Alexander, Second – Loberto to Introduce. Roll Call Vote: Alexander – yes, Ehrmann - yes, Kane – yes, Loberto – yes, Sefchick - yes. Motion Carries to Introduce.

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

Motion – Kane, Second – Alexander to Introduce. Roll Call Vote: Alexander – yes, Ehrmann - yes, Kane – yes, Loberto – yes, Sefchick - yes. Motion Carries to Introduce.

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

Motion – Loberto, Second – Alexander to Introduce. Roll Call Vote: Alexander – yes, Ehrmann - yes, Kane – yes, Loberto – yes, Sefchick - yes. Motion Carries to Introduce.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC 7:09 pm

No comments or questions from the public

Motion – Alexander, Second – Sefchick. All reply Aye to Close to the Public.

CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC 7:09 pm

Motion – Sefchick, Second – Kane to Introduce. Roll Call Vote: Alexander – yes, Ehrmann - yes, Kane – yes, Loberto – yes, Sefchick - yes. Motion Carries to Introduce.

RESOLUTIONS

OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC 7:09 pm

Brooks Catherine, 204 Fairview Avenue; where is 200 N. White Horse Pike?

Badey Happy Leaf cannabis, at the corner of Crestwood Avenue and White Horse Pike

No further comments or questions from the public

Motion – Alexander, Second – Sefchick. All reply Aye to Close to the Public.

CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC 7:09 pm

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

2025:66 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Amending Redevelopment Agreement with National Retail Urban Renewal LLC and Granting a Five Year Tax Abatement

Motion – Alexander, Second – Sefchick to Approve Resolutions 2025:57 thru 2025:63, 2025:65 thru 2025:66. Roll Call Vote: Alexander – yes, Kane – yes, Loberto – yes, Sefchick - yes. Ehrmann – abstain from Resolution 2025: 62, yes to others. Motion Carries to Approve.

GOOD OF
THE ORDER

Kane	make mention Mayor and I were invited to attend the Camden County Heroes Scholarship Fund, 11 of our firefighters were honored for rescue at Umi's, congratulations to them
Alexander	nothing
Loberto	nothing
Sefchick	thank our first responders for all the calls they have and all the calls that they do, kudos for what they do, also like to say that Red Fox Run I have an Eagle Scout that who did their project down there, take a walk down there
Ehrmann	nothing
Badey	echo Councilwoman Kane and Council President's thought about first responders, fire department-was an honored to watch them be honored, people that work here- Valerie did a tremendous job with the budget, Michele, Public Works with the work they do-fabulous job, they make us look good-thank you

GOOD &
WELFARE

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

OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC

7:15 pm

No comments or questions from the public

Motion – Sefchick, Second – Alexander. All reply Aye to Close to the Public.

CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC

7:15 pm

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

Motion – Alexander, Second – Sefchick. All reply Aye to Close to the Public.

CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC

7:15 pm

RE-OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC

7:42 pm

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ADJOURN

Badey need a motion to adjourn

Motion – Alexander, Second – Sefchick. All reply Aye to Adjourn at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully,

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