



Borough of
SOMERDALE
The Crossroads of South Jersey

CAUCUS
MARCH 13, 2024

CALL TO
ORDER

Mayor Badey called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

SALUTE THE
FLAG

SUNSHINE
STATEMENT

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was given by way of transmittal to the Courier Post and The Retrospect and posted in Borough Hall on January 8, 2024.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor George Badey
Councilman Dave Alexander
Councilwoman Barbara Kane
Councilman Nick Loberto
Councilman James Perry
Council President Larry Sefchick
Solicitor John Kearney, Esq.
Greg Ruggieri, Superintendent of Public Works
Dave Schiavo, Assistant Super. Of Public Works
Police Chief Jim Walsh
Valerie Ciminera, CMFO
Municipal Clerk Michele Miller, RMC, CMR

ABSENT

Councilman George Ehrmann-absent
Borough Engineer Greg Evans-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

Schiavo gave the Public Works reports

Chief Walsh gave the police report

Ciminera gave the finance report

Kearney Greg Rich-Jewelry House-was charged in superior court last year, detective and police brought up business license can be revoked

Perry he has been in court for the State

Walsh have a storage unit with his items in it

Consensus all agree to have a hearing

Kearney Cell Tower-ok if we put out bid package

Consensus all agree to go out to bid

Kearney explained the bid process and history of the cell tower; an update on the cultivating license, and an update regarding Mr. Malet and Peters property

BUSINESS
LICENSE See attached list

MINUTES Work Session-2/26/2024

FIRE DEPARTMENT
MEMBERSHIP Brian Gibson, 54 Temple Avenue, Stratford

RESOLUTIONS

2024:44 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Payment of Bills

2024:45 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Appointing Council Committees for 2024

Badey just added Nick (Loberto) to some committees

2024:46 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Introducing the 2024 Budget as Approved

Ciminera Tax rate increase \$.178, average increase is \$260

2024:47 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale to Enter into a Shared Service Agreement with Sterling High School for the Provision of Police Services

2024:48 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing to Enter into a Shared Service Agreement with Somerdale Board of Education to Oversee Somerdale Park School Custodial/Buildings and Grounds Operations

2024:49 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale to Enter into a Shared Service Agreement with Somerdale Board of Education doe the Provision of Police Services

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2024:50 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Establishing Salaries and Other Rates of Compensation for Certain Officials and Employees of the Borough of Somerdale for 2024

2024:51 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Endorsing an Agreement for the Police Contract for January 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2026

Sefchick two meetings before we settled the contract; a lot of towns are giving more money to lure officers to them, gave detective a stipend

2024:52 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, in the Amount of \$17,545.00 Under the 2024 Safe and Secure Communities Grant Program, Subaward Grant #24-0431 and Authorizing the Mayor and Chief of Police to Execute and the Borough Clerk to Attest to Subgrant Award, Any and All Documents in Connection with this Grant

DISCUSSION

Miller D2 Cybersecurity-reminder, please complete this as soon as possible, this is something that is required of us to complete, if you have any problems, let me know

2024:53 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, NJSA 10:4-12

Motion - Perry, Second - Alexander. All reply Aye to Close to the Public

CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC 6:45 pm

OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC 7:16 pm

GOOD OF THE
ORDER

Council had nothing to report at this time

GOOD &
WELFARE

OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC 7:05 pm

No comments or questions from the Public

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

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ADJOURN

Badey motion to Adjourn

Motion – Perry, Second – Alexander. All reply Aye to Adjourn at 7:05 pm

Respectfully,

Michele D. Miller, RMC
Municipal Clerk