



Borough of
SOMERDALE
The Crossroads of South Jersey

CAUCUS
MAY 8, 2024

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 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
Councilman George Ehrmann
Councilwoman Barbara Kane
Councilman Nick Loberto
Councilman James Perry
Council President Larry Sefchick
Solicitor John Kearney, Esq.
Borough Engineer Greg Evans
Greg Ruggieri, Superintendent of Public Works
Police Chief Jim Walsh
Valerie Ciminera, CMFO
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

Evans gave the Engineer Report

Ruggieri gave the Public Works report

Chief Walsh gave the Police Report

Kearney gave an update on various projects in town

Ciminera gave the finance report which included description of the resolutions, ordinances and bill list on tonight's agenda

BUSINESS

LICENSE Peace Learning Center, 142 W. Somerdale Road

HOME BUSINESS

LICENSE Mad Wolf USA, LLC. 623 E. Preston Ave.

MINUTES 3/13/2024 Caucus, Council, Executive Session; 4/10/2024

OATH OF
OFFICE

Human Relations Commission Members: Emma Lane, Michelle Shockley

Motion - Perry, Second - Alexander. All reply Aye to Approve as members of the Human Relations Commission

Badey these two new members will be sworn in at 7 o'clock Council meeting

ORDINANCE

INTRODUCTION

2024:05 Ordinance of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Completion of Various Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment in and for the Borough of Somerdale, Appropriating the Sum of \$1,000,000; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes

2024:06 Ordinance of the Borough of Somerdale Regulating the Placement and Use of Charitable Bins

Badey this is only for clothing charitable bins

PUBLIC HEARING

2024:02 Ordinance of the Borough of Somerdale Amending Ordinance 2018:09 Adopting a Redevelopment Plan for the Reserve at Grace Redevelopment Project

Kearney tabling this

Motion - Alexander, Second - Kane. All reply Aye to table Ordinance 2024:02

2024:03 Ordinance of the Borough of Somerdale Creating Borough Code Part II: General Legislation, Tree Removal and Replacement, in Chapter 244

Badey this is based on a recommendation from the Green Committee

2024:04 Ordinance of the Borough of Somerdale Creating Borough Code Part II: General Legislation, Privately-Owned Salt Storage, in Chapter 196

RESOLUTIONS

2024:66 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Payment of Bills

- 2024:67 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing for Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation for 2024 Municipal Budget (DOT Grace Street)
- 2024:68 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing for Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation for 2024 Municipal Budget (DOT Oak Drive)
- 2024:69 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing for Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation for 2024 Municipal Budget (Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant)
- 2024:70 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing for Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation for 2024 Municipal Budget (Distracted Driving Crackdown)
- Walsh part of the White Horse Pike initiative
- 2024:71 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing for Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation for 2024 Municipal Budget (Recycling Tonnage Grant)
- 2024:72 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Tax Cancellation of Future Taxes Due to 100% Totally Disabled Veteran
- 2024:73 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Sustainable Jersey Grant by PSE&G
- Kane this is a \$2,000 grant
- 2024:74 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Calling for the Modernization of the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) and the Swift Passage of S-2930/A-4045
- Miller this is in support of modernizing OPRA-some requests are from companies that use the information to make money from it, and we can not charge them; throughout the State it has consumed an enormous amount of time and taxpayer money in its current form
- 2024:75 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing for Special Item of Revenue and Appropriations for 2024 Municipal Budget (Sustainable NJ)
- 2024:76 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Hiring of Erica LaSpada as Court Clerk Tier 1, As Needed
- 2024:77 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Hiring of Elena Kline as Court Clerk Tier 1, As Needed
- 2024:78 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Refunding Channel Estremera for Conceptual Design Escrow
- 2024:79 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing Reconstruction of Chestnut Avenue, from Windsor Avenue, Change Order #4-Final
- 2024:80 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing to Enter into a Shared Service Agreement with the County of Camden (Department of Public Works) for Street Sweeping of County Roads
- 2024:81 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Hiring of Chelsea-Lynn Halter as Part-Time, As Needed, Custodian

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Motion – Sefchick, Second – Alexander to Approve Resolutions 2024:66 thru 2024:81.
Roll Call Vote: Alexander – yes, Ehrmann – yes, Kane – yes, Loberto - yes, Perry – yes,
Sefchick - yes. Motion Carries to Approve.

DISCUSSION

Badey 100th Anniversary Committee-anniversary is 2029, 2 council member, 3 community members-want to get your thoughts

Perry 75th-we put \$15,000 a year in the budget for a couple of years to hire string bands

Badey next year's budget isn't looking a lot better

Sefchick maybe we do that two years out

Badey looking to put a committee together right now

Consensus 2 council members, 5 community members

GOOD OF THE
ORDER

Council had nothing to report at this time

GOOD &
WELFARE

Per Resolution 2024:15, those addressing the Governing Body shall be limited to five minutes during Good of the Order

OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC

6:53 pm

No comments or questions from the Public

CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC

6:53 pm

ADJOURN

Badey motion to Adjourn

Motion – Perry, Second – Ehrmann. All reply Aye to Adjourn at 6:53 pm

Respectfully,

Michele D. Miller, RMC
Municipal Clerk