



Borough of
SOMERDALE
The Crossroads of South Jersey

CAUCUS
AUGUST 14, 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
Dave Schiavo, Assistant 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

Chief Walsh gave the police report

Schiavo gave the Public Works and roads reports

Ciminera gave the finance report as well as reviewed the bill list

Evans gave the engineer report

BUSINESS

LICENSE Coit South Jersey, 609 Grace Street; Epiphany Barbershop, 509 N. Warwick Road

MINUTES Caucus-July 10, 2024

ORDINANCE

INTRODUCTION

2024:08 Ordinance of the Borough of Somerdale Amending Ordinance 2018:08 Adopting a Redevelopment Plan for the Reserve at Grace Project

Kearney will speak about this in the Executive Session

2024:09 Ordinance of the Borough of Somerdale Amending Chapter 93 of the Borough of Somerdale

Badey Cannabis-adding additional manufacturer license

PUBLIC HEARING

2024:07 Ordinance of the Borough of Somerdale Adopting Revised Stormwater Management Control Regulations for the Borough of Somerdale in Accordance with the Tier A Municipal Stormwater Permit Requirements

RESOLUTIONS

2024:101 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Payment of Bills

2024:102 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Supporting the Somerdale Fire Department Application and Use of Funds Under the American Rescue Firefighter Grant Application

Miller amending at the State's request

2024:103 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Refund of Escrow to Roux Inc., 402 Heron Avenue, Logan Township, NJ 08085

Miller for a street opening permit

2024:104 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing for Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation for 2024 Municipal Budget

2024:105 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Publication of a Notice of Intent to Award Contract Under a New Jersey Cooperative Pricing Agreement for Outdoor Playground Equipment

- 2024:106 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Publication of a Notice of Intent to Award Contract Under a National Cooperative Pricing Agreement for One (1) Dump Truck
- 2024:107 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale for the Recommendation of Award of State Aid Project (Improvements to Grace Street)
- 2024:108 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Laurel Springs for the Provision of Chief Financial Officer
- 2024:109 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale to Enter into a Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Runnemede
- Badey Runnemede's court administrator is retiring the end of August, came to an agreement, we are going to move our court and staff over to Runnemede; judge is going to start court at 2 pm for remainder of the year and next year they can have day court; this could not have been done without Val and thank her
- 2024:110 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Approving Expenses and Costs for Abatement of Nuisance and Authorizing Tax Collector to Place a Lien on the Premises
- Badey lawn maintenance
- 2024:111 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Award of Fair and Open Contracts for Economic Development Consultant Services for the Remainder of 2024
- Badey for economic development consultant
- 2024:112 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
- Badey we will get to this in a couple of minutes

DISCUSSION

- Miller NJ League of Municipalities, November 19th – 21st, 2024
Kane-yes, Ciminera-yes, Kearney-yes, Sefchick-yes, Alexander-yes, Loberto-yes
- Miller I will bring this up again in September-I am giving everyone a "heads up" for the dates so that you can mark your calendars; I will do another head count next month to confirm; Tree Lighting date change to Tuesday, December 3rd-now that court is being relocated, I would like to go back to holding this event on Tuesday nights so I am changing the date to December 3rd and will notify everyone involved

GOOD OF THE
ORDER

Council had nothing to report at this time

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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

6:34 pm

No comments or questions from the Public

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

CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC

6:34 pm

2024:112

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

CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC

6:25 pm

RE-OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC

6:45 pm

ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION

2024:113

Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Increase in Salary Compensation of the Sub-Code Electrical Inspector

Motion – Kane, Second – Loberto to Approve Resolutions 2024:101 thru 2024:113. Roll Call Vote: Alexander – yes, Kane – yes, Loberto - yes, Perry – yes, Sefchick - yes. Motion Carries to Approve

Miller

one last thing, Greg Ruggieri has asked that I read the letter he submitted as he has decided to retire effective January 1, 2025. He has been with us for over 36 years.

Alexander

Greg will be a big loss as he is a wealth of knowledge

ADJOURN

Badey

motion to Adjourn

Motion – Kane, Second – Sefchick. All reply Aye to Adjourn at 6:48 pm

Respectfully,

Michele D. Miller, RMC
Municipal Clerk