



**Borough of**  
**SOMERDALE**  
*The Crossroads of South Jersey*  
**COUNCIL**  
**FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

CALL TO  
ORDER Mayor Badey called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

OATH OF OFFICE  
OF COUNCIL Nicholas Loberto

ROLL CALL

Mayor George Badey  
Councilman Dave Alexander  
Councilwoman Barbara Kane  
Councilman Nick Loberto  
Councilman James Perry  
Council President Larry Sefchick  
Solicitor John Kearney, Esq.  
Police Chief Jim Walsh  
Valerie Ciminera, CMFO  
Municipal Clerk Michele Miller, RMC, CMR

ABSENT

Councilman George Ehrmann-absent

PRESENTATION

Unit Citation-Somerdale Fire Department

Chief Barkoff made a presentation in regards to a call to Umi's Japanese Restaurant on February 3, 2024 to members of the Somerdale Fire Department

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 - Kane, Second - Sefchick. All reply Aye to Approve. Loberto-abstained

BUSINESS  
LICENSE

See attached list

Motion - Alexander, Second - Perry. All reply Aye to Approve.

ORDINANCES

INTRODUCTION

2024:01 Ordinance of the Borough of Somerdale to Exceed the Municipal Budget  
Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (NJ.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Badey annual, hearing on March 13 at 7 pm

Motion – Alexander, Second – Sefchick to Introduce. Roll Call Vote: Alexander –  
yes, Kane - yes, Loberbo – yes, Sefchick Perry – yes, Sefchick - yes. Motion Carries  
to Approve.

RESOLUTIONS

OPEN TO  
THE PUBLIC

7:13 pm

No comments or questions from the Public

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

CLOSED TO  
THE PUBLIC

7:13 pm

2024:27 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Payment of Bills

2024:28 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Deferring School Taxes

2024:29 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing Application for Program Year  
2024 Community Development Block Grant Funding

2024:30 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Awarding Contract for Lease of Postage  
Meter

2024:31 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing Self-Examination of 2024 Budget

2024:32 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Recognizing NJ Local Government Week,  
April 7-13, 2024 and Encouraging All Citizens to Support the Celebration and  
Corresponding Activities

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- 2024:33 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing Emergency Repairs to the Storm Sewer Pipe and Corrugated Metal Culver/Bridge Beneath Poplar Terrace
- 2024:34 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing Hiring of John Kaiser, Jr. as Part-time, as Needed, Custodian
- 2024:35 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Approving a Person-to-Person Transfer
- 2024:36 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Use of the Three-Year Average Alternative Calculation for the Reserve of Uncollected Taxes
- 2024:37 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Award of Fair and Open Contract for Media and Video Services for 2024
- 2024:38 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Accepting the Department of Justice Cops Hiring Program Grant #15JCOPS-23-GG-04797-OHPX39
- 2024:39 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing Tax Exemption for Disabled Veteran Charles & Paulette Butler, 801 Sunset Drive
- 2024:40 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing Tax Exemption for Disabled Veteran Jerome Maser, 7 Cornell Avenue

Motion – Alexander, Second – Perry to Approve Resolutions 2024:27 thru 2024:40. Roll Call Vote: Alexander – yes, Kane – yes, Loberto - yes, Perry – yes, Sefchick - yes. Motion Carries to Approve.

GOOD OF THE  
ORDER

- Sefchick congratulate my friend, Nick; having Nick with us tonight and in our future, look forward to working with him, Happy Valentine’s Day
- Loberto appreciate that, thank everyone and look forward to working alongside everyone, a lot to learn but looking forward to the challenge
- Alexander congratulations Councilman Loberto
- Perry same, looking forward to working with you
- Kane welcome Nick, definitely the right fit for this
- Badey congratulations and look forward to working with you; Fire Department does an amazing job-100% volunteer, nothing but gratitude toward the fire department

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

7:18 pm

Tomaszewski Frank, 644 E Preston Avenue; lived here since 2011, husband, father to 10-year-old son and registered nurse, been tortured by neighbor Matthew Giambri, took 6 months to get through our court system, we continue to be tortured by him, he installed second driveway with out proper approvals from Planning Board, been complaining about renters occupying 642 E. Preston

Kearney can speak for all members of council, it is terrible what you've been through relief you seek is not within the per vee of mayor and council, what would be most effective for you is to hire a lawyer, suffering is what is a classic case of trespassing and you need a lawyer to do that, court might be able to help you, police might be able to help you, appreciate the frustration of slow movement of government, you are not alone with that complaint, one of courts responsibility is to be even handed and fair, more important in terms of the system, people are afforded due process, urge you to be patient and talk to a lawyer

Tomaszewski why can't the zoning be enforced

Kearney zoning has made the determination that it is not a driveway, if the impervious coverage exceeds what is allowed; think Mr. Abbott responded in a timely fashion, he is also limited by the written ordinance, I would defer to Mr. Abbott but I don't think anything constitutes a violation

Tomaszewski if I want to turn my front yard into a driveway I can?

Kearney if it doesn't exceed the percentage for impervious material

Reyes Chris, 640 E Preston Avenue, been terrorized by Matthew Giambri, had to protect ourselves with cameras, he has called us derogatory names, tried to poison our dog, this week he threatened our lives, yesterday pressed charges, today Matthew sexually harassed my husband, he has taunted us on our cameras today, we are constantly harassed and constantly threatened, change needs to happen immediately, begging to get this man under control, we tried to get help

Campbell Lucy, 11 Linor Court, Hammonton; do not live in this area, tonight I'm here as mom and grandmom, this is escalating, appreciate you taking my call today, criminal come in and pay a fine and go out the door, judge is not always supportive but he has a job to do, justice is not happening here, this man is threatening, my grandson can not even go outside, something has to be done

Kearney get the lawyer now

Campbell Frank did speak to a lawyer, lawyer said that they don't need a lawyer because they won't let me talk

Kearney we have an adversarial system of justice

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

CLOSED TO  
THE PUBLIC 7:35 pm

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ADJOURN

Badey            motion to Adjourn

Motion – Sefchick, Second – Loberto. All reply Aye to Adjourn at 7:35 pm

Respectfully,

Michele D. Miller, RMC  
Municipal Clerk