



Borough of
SOMERDALE
The Crossroads of South Jersey
COUNCIL
MAY 8, 2024

CALL TO
ORDER Mayor Badey called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Nicholas 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

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 - Sefchick, Second - Perry. All reply Aye to Approve.

BUSINESS
LICENSE

Peace Learning Center, 142 W. Somerdale Road

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

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HOME BUSINESS

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

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

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

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

OATH OF
OFFICE

Human Relations Commission Members: Emma Lane, Michelle Shockley

Council President Sefchick swore in the new members of the HRC

Badey thank you both

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

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

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

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

Badey both of these ordinances will be heard on June 12th at 7 pm

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

Badey this was tabled at our 6 pm caucus meeting

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

OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC

7:07 pm

Brooks Catherine, 304 Fairview Avenue; if you have a contractor come in, you still responsible

Badey this is if you take a tree out you put a new tree in

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

CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC

7:09 pm

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

2024:04

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

OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC

7:10 pm

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

CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC

7:10 pm

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

RESOLUTIONS

OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC

7:10 pm

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

CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC

7:10 pm

Badey we approved these resolutions during our caucus but wanted to give the public the opportunity to ask questions

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)

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- 2024:70 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing for Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation for 2024 Municipal Budget (Distracted Driving Crackdown)
- 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
- 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
- 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 Fees
- 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

GOOD OF THE
ORDER

- Ehrmann nothing
- Sefchick looking forward to Somerstock, bring a chair; last week had the 3rd and 4th graders here at the time capsule; looking forward to Memorial Day
- Loberto echo what Council President Sefchick said; Somerstock on the 18th, Memorial Day services
- Alexander echo what was already said
- Perry congratulations to Michelle and Emma, welcome aboard

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Kane Green Team had the privilege to do our garden with the 1st graders, planted a tree for Earth Day

Badey wishing all the Mom's a Happy Mother's Day, Memorial Day parade and ceremony; Somerstock is May 18th; we have incredible staff here at the borough hall, a lot of them wear multiple hats and would like to thank them for making us look fabulous, thank you; e-news letter will be going out in the coming weeks; thank all of the nurses, its National Nurses Day and its Teachers Appreciation Week-thank them as well, next week is police week-thank our police

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

No comments or questions from the Public

CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC 7:18 pm

ADJOURN
Badey motion to Adjourn

Motion – Ehrmann, Second – Loberto. All reply Aye to Adjourn at 7:39 pm

Respectfully,

Michele D. Miller, RMC
Municipal Clerk