

Borough of
SOMERDALE
The Crossroads of South Jersey

CAUCUS
OCTOBER 8, 2025

**CALL TO
ORDER**

Mayor Badey called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

**SALUTE THE
FLAG**

**SUNSHINE
STATEMENT**

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was given by way of emailing to the Courier Post and The Retrospect and posted in January 8, 2025.

**OATH OF
OFFICE**

Henry Lay, Police Officer

ROLL CALL

Mayor George Badey
Councilman Dave Alexander
Councilman George Ehrmann
Councilwoman Barbara Kane
Councilman Thomas Leakan-absent
Councilman Nick Loberto
Councilman Larry Sefchick

Also Present

Solicitor John Kearney
Superintendent of DPW Dave Schiavo
Police Chief Jim Walsh
Fire Chief Brian Barkoff
Valerie Ciminera, CMFO
Gary Passanante, Economic Development Consultant-absent
Michele Miller, Municipal Clerk & Borough Administrator

CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS

Administrator, Borough Clerk, Engineer, Solicitor, Tax Collector, Construction Official, Court Administrator, Chief of Police, CFO, Fire Chief, Planning/Zoning Board, Special Events, Emergency Management, Public Works, Sewer Department, Fire Marshal, Code Enforcement, Finance

Barkoff

been working to get administrative help, would like to have council to come out and visit the fire department and see how we operate; last time we met we were looking

at part time admin help, or giving me a salary-spoke with other Chiefs, feel the best option is to hire someone as I work full time, have three kids, trying to keep up with the bills, get help from my wife, Brian Alexander, Deputy Chief Steve Daniels, can't stay long tonight because we have training tonight; presented it to the Mayor before-things we are looking for: have to report every time truck leaves the fire house-NFIR, the entire country is transitioning to new software to input info in real time-if we don't keep up with this it could affect grants, purchase orders and pricing from vendors, we have to do equipment inspections and repairs, ISO inspections-a lot of work for that, when it comes up that we are looking for help, I want the entire body to hear why we are looking for help, we need an administrative assistant, that's what we're asking for

Kane worth something to entertain having newer members come to the fire house

Barkoff we should really do something to give them stipend, they are going to other towns for stipends and paid shifts, many towns are paying \$10 per call; this past weekend we were at an event and that town's fire department was trying to lure our guys over stating they would pay them

Miller Stratford is paying that stipend through a grant; I'm playing devil's advocate here-if you pay \$10 an hour, and its not even minimum wage, and they spend 4 hours at a call, will they say that's \$2.50 an hour, then that's not minimum wage-are other towns facing that type of feedback; how does paying a stipend effect the verbiage or message that the fire department uses that you are 100% volunteer

Barkoff you have to make a certain percentage of the cost for it to be considered salary or employee and no longer volunteer

Badey definitely have to start the conversation

Schiavo gave the Public Works report-updated Council on the trash trucks that are on order, trucks that are out of service, stormwater training, had DEP inspection of DPW yard, will be repairing the snack stand roof which will save us over \$5,000, NJAWCO will be replacing mains on this side of town starting October 15th

Miller water company will be sending out notices to the residents?

Schiavo yes

Miller and the school will be notifying families?

Schiavo yes

Schiavo continued with the Public Works report

Chief Walsh gave the police department report

Evans gave the engineer report

Kearney gave an update on Reserve at Grace settlement last month

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BUSINESS
LICENSE

ORDINANCE

RESOLUTIONS

- 2025:140 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Payment of Bills
- 2025:141 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing Tax Cancellation of Future Taxes Due to 100% Totally Disabled Veteran, Block 84.01 Lot 2
- 2025:142 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing Hiring Celeste Guadalupe Hernandez as Part-Time Custodian, As Needed
- 2025:143 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Rescinding Resolution 2025:110, Approved on July 16, 2025
- 2025:144 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Approving Person-to-Person Liquor License Transfer to Tierra Colombia 2 LLC.
- 2025:145 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property
- 2025:146 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing to Enter into a Shared Service Agreement by and Between the County of Camden (Department of Health and Human Services) and Various Municipalities for the Project SAVE Program
- 2025:147 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Amending Shared Service Agreement with Borough of Hi-Nella for Law Enforcement Services
- 2025:148 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing Reduction in Performance Bond for the Reserve at Grace, Phase 1 from \$573,966.61 to \$54,184.00
- 2025:149 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
- 2025:150 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Refund of Tax Overpayment to Evan Graham, 116 Magnolia Avenue, Somerdale

DISCUSSION

Miller Soid Waste Contract-contract ends December 31st, Greg Fusco suggested that we join the county co-op for 2026, and go to bid with them; some of you may recall, the fees were higher than what we received when we went out to bid a few years back

GOOD OF
THE ORDER Council had nothing to report at this time

GOOD &
WELFARE Per Resolution 2025:15, those addressing the Governing Body shall be limited to five

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OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC 6:43 pm

No comments or questions from the Public

CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC 6:44 pm

2025:149 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 – Loberto, Second – Alexander. All reply Aye to Close to the Public at 6:45 pm.

RE-OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC 6:56 pm

ADJOURN

Badey need a motion to adjourn

Motion – Alexander, Second – Sefchick. All reply Aye to Adjourn at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully,

Michele D. Miller, CMC, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk