

Borough of
SOMERDALE
The Crossroads of South Jersey
2026 REORGANIZATION
JANUARY 7, 2026

**SALUTE THE
FLAG**

Badey Moment of silence for the passing of our past Chief Charlie Pope

INVOCATION Pastor Elliot Agron of Lion of Judah Church

**OATHS OF
OFFICE** Councilman Dave Alexander, Councilwoman Barbara Kane, Councilman Tom Leakan

Mayor Emeritus Gary Passanante swore in Councilman Dave Alexander while former Councilman Ed Kain held the bible

Passanante if math is right, 21 years ago I swore both of these gentlemen in as councilmembers, always humbling experience to do this, recognize our police and staff, a lot of things go on behind the scenes, very honored to do this

Alexander was sworn in

Mayor Badey swore in Councilwoman Kane while her husband held the bible

Mayor Badey swore in Councilman Leakan while his sons held the bible

**CALL TO
ORDER** Mayor Badey called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm

**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 emailing to the Courier Post and The Retrospect and posted in Borough Hall on December 22, 2025.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT
Mayor George Badey
Councilman Dave Alexander
Councilman George Ehrmann
Councilman Tom Leakan
Councilwoman Barbara Kane
Councilman Tom Leakan
Councilman Nick Loberto

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Councilman Larry Sefchick
Solicitor John Kearney
Valerie Ciminera, CFO
Michele Miller, CMC, RMC, CMR, Municipal Clerk, Administrator

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Nomination and Oath of Office

Motion – Alexander nominated Councilman Sefchick, Second – Ehrmann. All reply Aye to Approve.

Mayor Badey swore in Sefchick as Council President

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Howard Dawson Promotion to Sergeant

Mayor Badey swore in Detective Dawson as Sergeant

FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEMBERSHIP James Kelly, Jr. 103 East Crestwood Avenue, Somerdale

Motion – Kane, Second – Alexander. All reply Aye to Approve.

ORDINANCE

PUBLIC HEARING

2025:17 Ordinance of the Borough of Somerdale Amending Chapter 162-130 Off-Street Parking, Driveways and Unloading

OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC 6:13 pm

No comments or questions from the Public

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

CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC 7:08 pm

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

INTRODUCTION

2026:01 Ordinance of the Borough of Somerdale Concerning the Discharge of Weapons Chapter 186-9

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

2026:02 Ordinance of the Borough of Somerdale Concerning Wildlife Feeding

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

2026:03 Ordinance of the Borough of Somerdale Amending 162-78.1 Lighting of the Somerdale Code

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

RESOLUTIONS

2026:01 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale adopting a temporary budget for 2026 in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:A4-19

2026:02 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale appointing Officials & Employees for 2026

2026:03 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale appointing Council Committees for 2026

2026:04 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Adopting a Cash Management Plan

2026:05 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Award of Fair and Open Contracts for Professional Services for 2026

2026:06 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale setting a 6% penalty for tax delinquencies over \$10,000.00

2026:07 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale authorizing the tax assessor to file appeals, omitted and added assessments appeals, and rollback complaints with the Camden County Board of Taxation

2026:08 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale authorizing the Municipal Clerk and the Municipal Engineer to accept bids

2026:09 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale authorizing the Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer or Municipal Clerk to invest idle funds

2026:10 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale authorizing the Tax Collector to conduct an online tax sale

2026:11 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale approving the cancellation or crediting of small balances under ten dollars (\$10.00) by the Tax Collector

2026:12 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale establishing the rate of interest to be

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- charged for nonpayment of property taxes, sewer rental or assessments pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-67
- 2026:13 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale appointing Fulton Bank as the official depository for the Borough of Somerdale funds
- 2026:14 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale appointing the Courier Post, The Retrospect, Philadelphia Inquirer and Star Ledger as official newspapers
- 2026:15 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale setting time limit for individuals addressing the Governing Body
- 2026:16 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Appointing Charles Wigginton as Municipal Public Defender for 2026
- 2026:17 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Establishing Meeting Dates for 2026
- 2026:18 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Appointing Andrew Viola as Municipal Prosecutor for 2026
- 2026:19 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Payment of Bills
- 2026:20 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Establishing Salaries and Other Rates of Compensation for Certain Officials and Employees of the Borough of Somerdale for 2026
- 2026:21 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Approving Authorized Tower for 2026
- 2026:22 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Hiring of Deborah Simone as Zoning Officer
- 2026:23 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Appointing Peter Carbone as Construction, Building, Mechanical and Fire Sub-Code Official
- 2026:24 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Appointing Samantha Ferry as Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Borough of Somerdale
- 2026:25 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Appointing Michele Miller as the Deputy Registrar of the Borough of Somerdale
- 2026:26 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Transferring Line Item Appropriations in the Year 2025 Budget
- 2026:27 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Appointing Samantha Ferry as the Deputy Treasurer
- 2026:28 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Appointing Samantha Ferry as the Rental Agent
- 2026:29 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Appointing Brian Barkoff as the Fire Chief for the Borough of Somerdale

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- 2026:30 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Appointing Ernest Gerber Licensed Class 2 Sewer Operator
- 2026:31 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Appointing Howard Dawson as Police Sergeant of the Borough of Somerdale
- 2026:32 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing to Enter into a Contract for a Municipal Advisor and Continuing Disclosure Agent
- 2026:33 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing Tax Assessor to File, Stipulate, Settle Both Regular and Added/Omitted Tax Appeals, and Roll Back Tax Complaints for the Borough of Somerdale
- 2026:34 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale to Authorizing the Execution and Submission of the Application for Local Recreation Improvement Grant, FY2026 for the Babe Ruth Baseball Field Improvements at the James Perry Recreation Complex
- 2026:35 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Tax Cancellation of Future Taxes Due to 100% Totally Disabled Veteran, Block 91, Lot 1.02
- 2026:36 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Tax Cancellation of Future Taxes Due to 100% Totally Disabled Veteran, Block 126 Lot 7
- 2026:37 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Tax Cancellation of Future Taxes Due to 100% Totally Disabled Veteran, Block 137.08 Lot 29.01
- 2026:38 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Refunding a Tax Overpayment to David & Mildred Volkens, 39 N. Hilltop Avenue, Somerdale, NJ
- 2026:39 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Refunding a Construction Permit Overpayment

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

GOOD OF
THE ORDER

- Kane thanks for coming out and happy new year, congratulations councilmen on your election and thank my family for supporting me
- Leakan congratulations to the people on either side of me , congratulate sergeant and thank all of you for your service; shout to membership to James Kelly Jr—he and all the fire members perform a tremendous service, thank you
- Alexander congratulate the two individuals on my left, look forward to improve Somerdale, congratulate Woody
- Leakan repeat everything that has been said and is well deserved, look forward to continue working with; council and Council President and happy new year

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Sefchick congratulations Woody, best of wishes to you; thank council for electing me as council president and look forward to serving our residents; would also like to thank all the volunteers, from fire department, ambulance, churches, baseball-that's what it takes to make a town run, commend you, we appreciate it, thank you

Ehrmann happy new year and have a safe new year and thanks to our police department that we can go outside, I've been lots of other towns and we really have it going on here, glad to be here

Badey echo, happy new year and healthy new year, congratulations to councilwoman and councilman, hard to believe I'm starting my third year; just like Mayor Passanante said, its all the people behind the scenes doing the job that they do, town wouldn't look so good; Greg Fusco, Greg Evans, Pastor Agron, thank you

GOOD &
WELFARE Per Resolution 2026:15, those addressing the Governing Body shall be limited to five minutes during Good of the Order

OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC 6:23 pm

Jeanne
Esperosa from Congressman Norcross's office; Congressman would like to wish you all a happy new year and congratulations on your reorg, Congressman's office is always here for you and the residents

CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC Motion – Sefchick, Second – Loberto. All reply Aye to Close to the Public.
6:24 pm

BENEDICTION Paster Elliot Agron of Lion of Judah Church-congratulate all those sworn in and thank Mayor for all that you do, congratulations to Dawson, and thank our officers

Badey there are refreshments in the back for everyone

ADJOURN
Badey need a motion to adjourn

Motion – Ehamnn, Second – Sefchick. All reply Aye to Adjourn at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully,

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