**CAUCUS**
**AUGUST 12, 2026**

SALUTE THE FLAG — Mayor Badey called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

CALL TO ORDER

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 January 8, 2026.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT
Mayor George Badey
Councilman Dave Alexander
Councilman George Ehrmann
Councilwoman Barbara Kane
Councilman Thomas Leakan
Councilman Nick Loberto
Council President Larry Sefchick
John Kearney, Esq., Borough Solicitor
Gary Passanante, Director of Economic Development
Police Chief Jim Walsh
Lt. Brian Usher
Fire Chief Brian Barkoff
Greg Evans, Modutec Engineers
Dave Schiavo, Superintendent of Public Works-absent
Valerie Ciminera, CMFO
Michele Miller, RMC, CMR, Borough Administrator & Borough Clerk

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

Chief Barkoff gave the fire department report

Barkoff — it was brought up at the May meeting, we don't give member uniform allowance, everything I'm wearing is out of my own pocket, at budget time I asked for a list of items and $10,000 to go to uniforms/fire department apparel, we are fighting a tough battle here and two more members went to Glendora, we are losing them by the month

Miller — this was discussed at a budget meeting on February 27th and that is what council decided

Barkoff — I want to fight for my people

Badey — we can reconsider this for next year

Sefchick — we can meet about the budget for next year and look into it then

Miller explained the process of the budget with the department heads and that Ciminera notifies all of the department heads to discuss their budget with their council liasons and council is copied on those emails

Usher gave police department report, including National Night Out summary and SYBBL all star game

Evans gave the engineer report

Kearney — gave an update on Malet-60 day hold but Malet has filed an appeal

Passanante — Open Space commission met just a few days ago and recommended to approve our application and should be hearing something in early September, looking for fencing to be done because it was approved previously; Beckstead building-working on the building for the new tenant; Cuningham Cleaners-negotiations going on with a developer and three sellers; Reserve at Grace-sent a report over regarding waterproofing at the church and Gary Gardner is putting a price together and also sent drawings of what they would like to do in the basement and shows the location of proposed historical society area, rest of construction is going fine over there; #1 School-maintenance issues that were addressed, still working on getting thru county board approval; Dollar Tree store-in negotiations, hopeful that by next month we will have a LOI and will recommend at that point to amend the ordinance for use of that area; Somerdale Dental was sold in June and is planned to be converted into apartments; have someone interested in the AT&T location

Kane — do we have an update on the restrooms at Passanante Park

Miller — Schiavo (Dave) is on vacation; I will email him now and ask for an update and forward that to all of you as I'm not sure what the status of it is

Passanante stated that a gun range is looking to come into the Dollar Tree location

Ciminera gave the financial report; explained the bond ordinance is being amended due to the emergency at 802 Chestnut Avenue

BUSINESS
LICENSE — Health Goals Chiropractic Center, Inc. (formerly White Horse Chiropractic), 722 S. White Horse Pike

MINUTES Caucus & Council 6/10/2026, Work Session 6/25/2026, Caucus & Council 7/8/2026

ORDINANCES

INTRODUCTION

2026:09 Ordinance of the Borough of Somerdale Amending Chapter 245 Vacant/Abandoned Property of the Borough of Somerdale Code

Kearney changing fees, you may recall we started this when we had 300 abandoned properties and created this registry, set up a fee schedule to encourage the mortgage companies to move these houses, now we are down to a few homes and can't justify that fee

2026:10 Ordinance of the Borough of Somerdale Amending Ordinance 2026:07 of the Borough of Somerdale

Badey Val already spoke about this

RESOLUTIONS

2026:128 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Payment of Bills

2026:129 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing to Extend a Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Hi-Nella for Law Enforcement Services

Badey monthly resolution to provide police service

Kane have things gotten better

Miller I am chasing them for payment

2026:130 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Hiring of Krista Rogers as Full-Time Violations Clerk

2026:131 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing for Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation for 2026 Municipal Budget

Badey this is for Safe and Secure

2026:132 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Re-Appointing Charles Shimberg as Municipal Judge

Badey three year appointment, handling six courts, doing fantastic job

2026:133 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authrozing to Enter the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Cooperative Pricing Agreement

Ciminera we are joining this to purchase trash trucks thru Winner Fund

2026:134 Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Renewal of Membership in the Camden County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

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| 2026:135 | 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 |
| Miller | DPW did this, about 3 houses and was basically "first" cuts of the season so it did take a bit of time and these fees include use of our equipment as well |
| 2026:136 | Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing a Refund to Lisa Choy, 25 E. Maiden Lane, Somerdale, for Duplicate Construction Permit Fee |
| 2026:137 | Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing hiring of Travae Jones as Part-time Municipal Court Clerk |
| 2026:138 | Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing 802 Chestnut Avenue Emergency Storm Sewer Pipe Replacement |
| 2026:139 | Resolution of the Borough of Somerdale Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property |
| Badey | this is vehicles that are no longer in use |
| 2026:140 | 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 |

DISCUSSION

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| Miller | October Council Meeting and Fire Prevention Night-keep schedule the same |
| | April 2027 Council meeting date-Council meeting is same week as out council meeting, not sure what the budget adoption schedule will be but this meeting may not need to be held, just want to make everyone aware that I would like to possibly change the date or cancel the meeting all together |
| Badey | Hi-Nella playground-councilwoman has asked for our assistance with removing material, fencing, loading, hauling playground equipment and dispose of it, which may include our equipment and 4-5 employees, asking for this to be donated-not asking for monetary donation, asking for time, labor and equipment to be done in-kind which they valued at $2,500 to $3,000 |
| Passanante | they are doing an application for Open Space for $25,000 |
| Alexander | no |
| Kane | no |
| Ehrmann | no |

GOOD OF
THE ORDER

Council had nothing to report at this time

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 — 6:57 pm

No comments or questions from the Public

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

CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC — 6:57 pm

ADJOURN

Badey — motion to Adjourn

Motion-Ehrmann, Second-Sefchick. All Reply Aye in Favor to Adjourn at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele D. Miller, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk