

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF
THE BOROUGH OF STONE HARBOR HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

August 15th, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Davies-Dunhour at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Judith M. Davies-Dunhour, Mayor
Megan Brown, Deputy Clerk
Steve Morris, Solicitor
Manny Parada, Borough Administrator

PRESENT

Councilmembers
Frank Dallahan
Victor Foschini
Bunny Parzych
Robin Casper
Jennifer Gensemer
Reese Moore

Mayor Davies-Dunhour announced that the meeting was now open. Adequate notice of the meeting was provided by posting a copy of the time and place on the Municipal Clerk's bulletin board and mailing a copy of same to the Press and the Cape May County Herald on January 4, 2023.

FOR THE RECORD, THIS WORK SESSION WAS HELD VIA VIDEO/TELEPHONE
CONFERENCE IN A ZOOM FORMAT AS WELL AS IN PERSON

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Reports of Standing Committees:

PUBLIC SAFETY - Councilmember Dallahan

Fire Department Report – Chief Stanford Presented the July 2023 Report

106 Fire responses; 134 EMS responses which include: 2 cooking Fire, 27 EMS assists, 8 Beach EMS assists, 1 Pedestrian Motor Vehicle Accident, 1 Motor Vehicle Accident, 1 search for a person on land, 1 elevator rescue, 8 surf rescues, 5 water craft rescues, 2 Natural Gas Leaks, 3 arching wires, 1 public assist, 4 cover assignment & 1 smoke scare, 1 sprinkler activation, 27 Fire Alarms, 6 Carbon Monoxide, 6 Lightening Strikes.

Police Department Report – Chief Tom Schutta Presented the July 2023 Report

331 motor vehicle stops, 102 motor vehicle summonses, 3 ordinance summonses, 1247 parking summonses, 13 motorists were assisted, 18 motor vehicle accidents, 16 suspicious vehicles were investigated, 16 animal complaints, 6 OPRA requests were responded to, 13 open doors or windows were found, 21 noise complaints, & 2 adults were arrested. Update on personnel: 2024 hiring process for SLEO is underway for winter police academy training. Stone Harbor Municipal Court- court proceedings are still being done virtually. Councilmember Dallahan asked Chief Schutta for his comments on Reed's expansion: Our goal is always to increase public safety and don't feel moving forward with the plan as drawn accomplishes this this goal. For planning purposes, this intersection is supposed to be revamped in 2025, doesn't seem prudent to move forward without knowing the impact of those plans. Councilmember Gensemer advised that Public Safety needs to be top priority, to which Chief Schutta agreed.

Lifeguard Captain – Captain Sandy Bosacco:

7 rescues, 5 Medical emergencies, 7 lost children were found. Special Events application for request of use of the Headquarters on Sept. 20th. Captain Sandy said they will adjust their schedules and make it work.

Office of Emergency Management – Frank Vault, OEM Director:

July 2023- Received 6 National Weather Service Notices for weather events ranging from potential for flash floods, dangerous winds, heavy rainfall and severe thunderstorms. On the evening of July 29th, as the chief explained, we did experience a lightning strike and also had

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numerous calls on that evening. A Code Red Notification went out to any resident that was signed up for Code Red notifying them of a severe thunderstorm. In addition to that just an update on the IPAWS, I have been I have contacted Mitchell Stenson at the state of New jersey, we now have a log on to the system & going through the process of filling out forms and providing them with information as to how and what we expect to use it.

Recreations and Tourism – Councilmember Victor Foschini

Recreation – Shannon MacPherson, Rec Director

Wrapped up last week with arts and crafts, sports clinics & basketball league. End of clinic party last Friday, gave out awards to those in the basketball league & those that participated. Coaches Awards for the clinics, our staff did an amazing job with the kids this summer. This year our basketball league included the most we've ever had, with 448 athletes participating in the basketball league; we concluded that last Wednesday night with the championship game there was about 250 people at the 96th St. courts watching the game. Our bocce league is continuing Wednesday so that will wrap up with the championship on Wednesday August 30th. We had our paddle tennis pro flight tournament this past weekend. Upcoming this Sunday SHPOA's 5K and that starts at 7:30AM. The cystic fibrosis paddle to cure is on August 27th, which is a new event, we have 5K and 10K options. Fitness classes will come back to the rec. HIIT class will return Sept 14, 4:15PM.

Tourism – Jenny Olson, Tourism Director

Special Event applications-

Stone Harbor Chamber- Sat Aug 26th Sidewalk Sale

Jersey Shore Board Meeting- Wed Sept 20th 4-5pm. Request use of the Lifeguard building.

Seashore Ace- Contractor Day- Oct 27th 10AM-2PM.

Stone Harbor Chamber - Savor September 22nd & 23rd

Natural Resource Committee – Councilmember Robin Casper

The Natural Resources committee has a special meeting scheduled for August 21st to discuss the conclusions and recommendations of the feasibility study recommendations from the natural resources committee will be shared at the next council meeting as a discussion item the urgency of this matter is also necessary for 2024 budgeting.

Stone Harbor Point Update: 3 pairs of piping plovers & 19 pairs of American oyster catchers have attempted nesting. The pair that had an active nest successfully hatched and the chick is doing well. Regarding the colonies: 518 black skimmers were seen this week, with 34 adults incubating nests and 120 black skimmer chicks were also observed. 205 common terns were spotted with five adults incubating nests, 11 chicks were noted among thirteen fledglings. No maples were trapped during the trapping event at stone harbor point conducted in July. A humane form of predation management was also introduced at this time. The line of flags is still standing with minimal signs of predation. The shore birds Stewart program at the point has been very successful this season in reducing the level of disturbance especially to the black skimmer colony at the tip stewards have been present every day since Memorial Day weekend, The Stone Harbor Police patrols each weekend also this combined effort has greatly helped with keeping watercraft landings and accessing the beach by way of watercraft to a minimum. Frank mites are under control at the bird sanctuary and Green is reemerging. Seed, yet to be selected, will be placed down in all designated areas where growth is still needed for next year. The bird sanctuary committee supports the addition of cattails to the sanctuary, they are native to the marsh and provide habitat and structure to many marsh animals and or specially favored by the tree frogs. The pump house structure is built and will be installed in September. Preliminary work on pipe systems will begin shortly, gardens previously surrounding the

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former pump house will be replanted. The Reeds Gala Fundraiser benefitting Stone Harbor Museum will be held next Wednesday, August 23rd from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Also, museum president, Mike Turner, has stated that the museum is quite busy with a 26% increase in visitors since this time last year. The green fair was last night after having to reschedule the event due to weather.

More discussion regarding the Feasibility Study between all Councilmembers.

Paul Kates discussed the overlay Ordinance. This removes many of the flood mitigation standards from the standard Lot grading ordinance and puts them in an overlay zone. The purpose of this is it makes it easier to identify and enforce these standards, where they're required, in addition it provides a pathway to incorporate additional flood mitigation standards as they become available. This Ordinance will also clean up some of the language in the lot grading ordinance to make things clear, such as the standard for underground storage.

Councilmember Parzych would like this referred to DeBlasio's office for review.

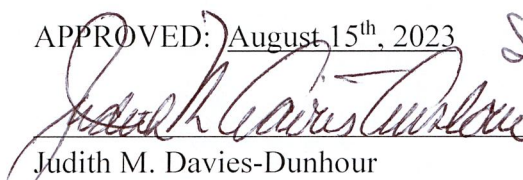
Discussion:

No Further Discussion.

Upon Motion by: Councilmember Frank Dallahan
Seconded by: Councilmember Victor Foschini

That the Work Session Meeting of Mayor and Council be adjourned at 5:35p.m.

APPROVED: August 15th, 2023 *Spt 5th 2023*

 _____, Mayor
Judith M. Davies-Dunhour

ATTEST:  _____, Borough Clerk