

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF
THE BOROUGH OF STONE HARBOR HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
July 18th, 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
Marcus Karavan, 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 June 2023 Report

36 Fire responses 54 EMS responses which include: 1 Building fire, 1 cooking Fire, 10 EMS assists, 2 Beach EMS assists, 1 search for a person in the water, 1 elevator rescue, 1 watercraft rescue, 1 lockout, 1 assist police, 1 cover assignment & 16 fire alarms.

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

178 motor vehicle stops, 55 motor vehicle summonses, 9 ordinance summonses, 893 parking summonses, 16 motorists were assisted, 8 motor vehicle accidents, 14 suspicious vehicles were investigated, 18 animal complaints, 3 OPRA requests were responded to, 11 open doors or windows were found, 22 noise complaints, & 3 adults were arrested.

Update on personnel: 2024 hiring process has begun for part-time personnel as well as a process to fill the open full-time vacancy we still have.

Stone Harbor Municipal Court- court proceedings are still being done virtually.

Councilmember Dallahan asked Chief Schutta how many parking tickets were issued. Chief Schutta repeated 893 tickets. May was 564, and June was 893.

Lifeguard Captain – Captain Sandy Bosacco:

No major rescues, 2 EMS calls, 15 lost children were found. Captain Sandy recommended that parents tell their children, before they go to the beach, to go to a Guard if the children cannot find their parents, they have a coordination system to get the children back to their families.

Captain Sandy also brought up Lightning safety, this is a problem this time of the year. Its very important for people to be aware of the dangers and how important it is that people listen to the guards when they call everyone off the beach, until the storm passes.

Office of Emergency Management – Frank Vaul, OEM Director: Month of June 2023 was relatively quiet. Saturday June 3rd & Sunday June 4th we experienced minor flooding at 83rd &

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84th Street & Third Avenue. On Saturday the 3rd we did sound the flood siren, the flooding situations were non-weather related, they were due to the full moon which is becoming a common occurrence when we have a full moon. The Emergency Operation Plan is being circulated through the Borough to get signatures.

Councilmember Dallahan discussed the Chelsea Park 'Parking Zone'. The committee decided to grant the homeowners request and the Ordinance will be read at the next council meeting August 1st.

Councilmember Dallahan also advised there will be a presence of an "ambassador" to help with the Park Mobile App. He also recommended implementing a parking permit for people 70 or older to purchase so they don't have to get the app.

Recreations and Tourism – Councilmember Victor Foschini

Recreation – Shannon MacPherson, Rec Director

Full summer swing at the Recreation center. Clinics are doing well; the Leagues are growing each year. Playoffs begin on August 2nd; Arts & Crafts are doing well. Ms. MacPherson gave an update on how events have gone this summer; she received a lot of positive feedback from Staff & Visitors. Wildwood Catholic has requested the use of our fields again for boys/girls' soccer for fall & tennis courts for girls tennis which will begin in August, the approval will be on the next meeting August 1st.

Tourism – Jenny Olson, Tourism Director

Special Event applications-

Northeast Longboard Junior Pro surf contest- Partnered with American Legion Oct 14th & 15th from 10-5 at 110th Street Beach.

Mrs. Olson provided an update on the recent special events.

Natural Resource Committee – Councilmember Robin Casper

As of yesterday, July 17th at 9:32AM, the Army Corp advised that the beach replenishment project is complete. Demobilization and final surveys are under way, 123rd street parking lot is temporarily closed and being used to store pipe as well as transferring the pipe and other equipment a walkway is being provided so beachgoers can still access the 123rd St. crossover.

Stone Harbor Point Update: 3 pairs of piping plovers, although all nests have been lost, 19 pairs of American oyster catchers have attempted nesting, currently one nest is active with a hatch date of July 23rd at the latest. We have 549 black skimmers with 215 adults on nests, 173 common terns are also observed, with 114 nests and two chicks.

There was some discussion about the project offered by SHPOA to pay for a piece of GPS equipment & have a group of volunteers take these surveys at the 9 spots recommended by the Coastal Engineer, Doug Gaffney (Mott MacDonald). Councilmember Parzych expressed that we should take SHPOA up on their offer to take these surveys and since the renourishment has just been completed, now is the time to take these surveys. Both Councilmember Parzych & Councilmember Casper feel that we should take SHPOA up on their offer before we lose it.

Councilmember Gensemer asked where the feasibility study is that Stone Harbor was promised 6 months ago. Councilmember Casper advised that Mott MacDonald is working on the feasibility study, and as of right now it's in draft form. There was some discussion about the length of time it has taken to provide the report.

Mr. DeBlasio advised that the survey by SHPOA could be used as supplemental data but not as real data.

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Councilmember Moore suggested we move forward with the purchase of the survey equipment and then work on what analysis is necessary and at what cost.

Mayor Judy Davies- Dunhour added we have Doug Gaffney come back in two weeks and continue to pursue the aspects of this project.

Councilmember Dallahan expressed concern about continuing to work with Doug Gaffney.

Mayor Judy Davies Dunhour mentioned the last discussion item which is the use of gas-powered landscaping equipment vs. electric powered landscaping equipment.

Councilmember Gensemer expressed concern about putting such onerous restrictions on the landscapers, and she believes this will be burdensome to our community.

There was some more discussion about whether to move forward with this or what committee this would be discussed under. Councilmember Moore volunteered to discuss under the Public Works Committee.

Councilmember Moore made an announcement on behalf of the Legion, that the Stone Harbor seniors meet Wednesdays at noon, anyone interested in joining the group, it's a good social activity. He also stated the beach has never looked so awesome, he extended gratitude to the DEP, Army Corp & Public Works group who have all have been an integral part in this beach renourishment project.

Councilmember Dallahan Announced that Friday August 4th between 8-9 the lifeguard building will offer tours of the building and we will also have a dedication of the building, breakfast will be served.

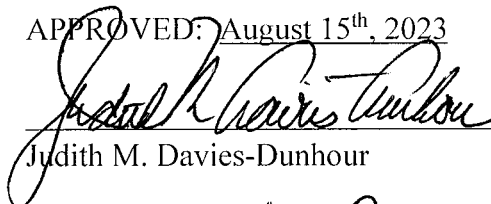
Discussion:


No Further Discussion.

Upon Motion by: Councilmember Frank Dallahan
Seconded by: Councilmember Bunny Parzych

That the Work Session Meeting of Mayor and Council be adjourned at 5:44p.m.

APPROVED: August 15th, 2023

 _____, Mayor
Judith M. Davies-Dunhour

ATTEST:  _____, Borough Clerk