

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE BOROUGH OF STONE HARBOR HELD IN THE  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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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 Borough Clerk  
Steven 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**

**PRESENTATION:** Mike Turner, Stone Harbor Museum President  
Mr. Turner details the Museum’s mission and community involvement and states the statistics on museum visitors has been increasing since 2020. Mr. Turner mentions the museum is looking to obtain additional volunteers and create a more prominent digital profile. Mr. Turner states the museum is a value to the Borough as it promotes tourism and thanks the Borough and other sponsors for their continued support.

**Public Safety Report – Councilmember Dallahan**

**Fire Department- Chief Roger Stanford**

Mr. Stanford provides a report for September 2023, the full report is enclosed.

**Office of Emergency Management – Frank Vaul**

Mr. Stanford presents the update in Mr. Vaul’s absence and states the summer season had fairly moderate weather with ten national weather notifications and local updates throughout the summer regarding coastal storms.

**Police Department – Chief Tom Schutta**

Mr. Schutta provides a report for September 2023, the full report is enclosed.

**Beach Patrol- Captain Sandy Bosacco**

Mr. Bosacco states there was 26 total rescues throughout the summer season with 19 occurring in September. Mr. Bosacco comments there has been an increase in people attending the beach in the off season which is a concern due to lack of guards and coastal storms. Mr. Bosacco

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states his department is assessing the condition of their equipment to be prepared for the 2024 season.

**Recreations and Tourism – Councilmember Victor Foschini**

**Recreation – Shannon MacPherson, Recreation Director**

Ms. MacPherson encourages residents to register to be on the route for Halloween night and to register by October 20<sup>th</sup> to create and distribute the map and pumpkins for delivery. Ms. MacPherson states there will be a Toddle Pumpkin Painting event on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM and the Recreation building followed by story time. Ms. MacPherson mentions the fitness classes will continue to be held outdoors at the pavilion, weather permitting. Ms. MacPherson states after the interview process for a recreational assistant, administration has offered the job to one of the applicants and hopes to have the employee being working in November.

**Tourism Director – Jenny Olson**

Ms. Olson states there was a good turnout for the Car Show on October 8<sup>th</sup> and reminds the public there is an upcoming beach sweep on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 95<sup>th</sup> Street beach from 9:00AM-12:30PM. Ms. Olson states the Savor September event was rescheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup> but may be cancelled due to weather and the Chamber of Commerce will make the decision by tomorrow.

**Natural Resource Committee – Councilmember Robin Casper**

Borough Engineer Marc DeBlasio comments on the Stone Harbor Point survey and states the land portion of the survey has been completed, and the water portion should be complete by the end of the week and will provide an update to council in the near future. Mr. DeBlasio comments on the pump station project and states the project timing is on schedule and anticipates the project completion by the end of December 2023.

Mr. Parada provides an update on N.J.A.C. 7:25-4A Fish and Wild life which is a new regulation that will be enacted by the NJDEP in early 2024 regarding access restrictions to tidal waters and adjacent shore lines concerning endangered species. Mr. Parada states the Borough is already in compliance with the new regulations and mentions this applies mostly to municipalities who do not have a beach management plan in place.

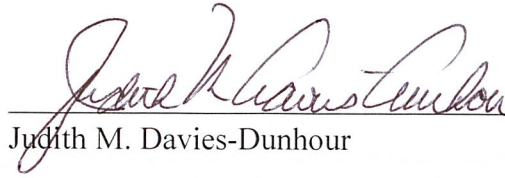
Upon Motion by: Councilmember Frank Dallahan  
Seconded by: Councilmember Bunny Parzych


That the Work Session Meeting of Mayor and Council be adjourned at 5:15PM.

**Vote                                  6 Councilmembers    AYE**

APPROVED: November 7, 2023

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 \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor  
Judith M. Davies-Dunhour

ATTEST  \_\_\_\_\_, Borough Clerk  
Emily Dillon

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