

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

**December 5, 2023**

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Judith M. Davies-Dunhour at 5:37PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Judith M. Davies-Dunhour, Mayor  
Emily Dillon, Borough Clerk  
Marcus Karavan, Solicitor  
Manny Parada, Borough Administrator

**PRESENT**

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

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 Council Meeting was held via Video/Telephone Conference in a Zoom format.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

There are no communications.

**Public Comment:**

Charles Tomlinson, 269 106<sup>th</sup> Street- Mr. Tomlinson questions the need for Council to hire a professional planner which he does not see as a necessary position for the Borough. Mayor Davies-Dunhour clarifies the planner would serve in the capacity of a consultant versus employee.

Tom McCullough, member of the American Legion Post 331- Mr. McCullough acknowledges and thanks the Borough for their help and support to local veterans and wishes everyone a safe and happy Christmas.

Angelo Caracciolo, 11861 Paradise Drive- Mr. Caracciolo commends Council for researching revenue options within the Borough and suggests Council consider creating a committee to research techniques to reduce spending as well.

Wayne Conrad, 10711 Sunset Drive- Mr. Conrad states he has an extensive history in long term planning issues and comments he has seen unintended affects of bad policy regarding 113<sup>th</sup> Street and mentions the Planning and Zoning Board cannot make decisions unless approved by FEMA. Mr. Conrad comments on the increased water consumption and states he feels the increase is due to larger homes being built and encourages administration to thoroughly track the water usage.

John Schmidt, Aberdeen Way, Middle Township - Mr. Schmidt states the members of Council need to focus on setting personal issues aside and collectively work together for the Borough. Mr. Schmidt encourages all members of the governing body to become familiar with OPMA and consult and utilize available sources. Mr. Schmidt states his concerns regarding a response he received from a request for records that a Councilmember stated they "contributed to legal fees in hopes to be protected in legal snares". Mr. Schmidt urges councilmembers to seek legal advice if there may be a conflict of interest on a subject to be voted on and advises council consider their current professionals before hiring consultants at additional costs. Mr. Schmidt thanks the Clerk's office and legal professionals in their assistance in responding to a complicated records request as well as the Mayor for confirming receipt and responding to correspondence.

No further comments were made.

Mayor Judy Davies-Dunhour Closed Public Comment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION** – Approving the Bill List and Authorizing the CFO to Pay the Bills when the funds are available, and the vouchers are properly endorsed.

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**Motion:** Dallahan      **Second:** Foschini  
**Dallahan:** Yes      **Foschini:** Yes      **Parzych:** Yes      **Casper:** Yes      **Gensemer:** Yes      **Moore:** Absent

**Resolution 2023-S-225**      Resolution 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

- Employment: Position of HR Consultant and Position of Professional Planner
- Attorney/ Client Privilege

**Motion:** Gensemer      **Second:** Dallahan  
**Dallahan:** Yes      **Foschini:** Yes      **Parzych:** Yes      **Casper:** Yes      **Gensemer:** Yes      **Moore:** Absent

Time into Closed Session: 6:00PM.

Time Returned from Closed Session:6:30PM.

**Motion is made to return to public session.**

**Motion:** Dallahan      **Second:** Foschini  
**Dallahan:** Yes      **Foschini:** Yes      **Parzych:** Yes      **Casper:** Yes      **Gensemer:** Yes      **Moore:** Absent

Mr. Karavan states for the record the adoption of this resolution will supersede the previous direction Council was inclined to pursue with regard to RFPs or RFQs and there will be an award directly.

**Resolution 2023-S-226**      Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract for Human Resources

**Motion:** Dallahan      **Second:** Foschini  
**Dallahan:** Yes      **Foschini:** Yes      **Parzych:** Yes      **Casper:** Yes      **Gensemer:** Yes      **Moore:** Absent

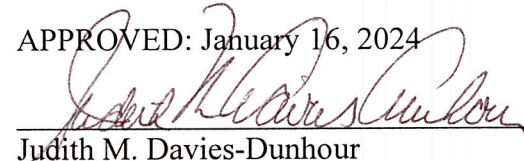
**Public Comment:**

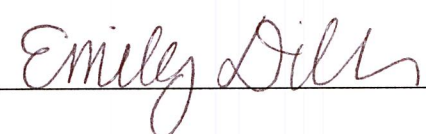
John Schmidt, Aberdeen Way, Middle Township- Mr. Schmidt questions if the award of the professional services contract for Human Resources was awarded under the non-fair and open or fair and open process, if this contract will expire at the end of 2023, and if the pay to play paperwork has been submitted. Mr. Karavan confirms it was through the non-fair and open process and the contract will be re-awarded at the January reorganization meeting with a contract amount not to exceed \$75,000. Mr. Karavan also states the pay to play paperwork has not yet been submitted but the professional is vetted and has not contributed in any way politically.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Motion:** Dallahan      **Second:** Foschini  
**Dallahan:** Yes      **Foschini:** Yes      **Parzych:** Yes      **Casper:** Yes      **Gensemer:** Yes      **Moore:** Yes

The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

APPROVED: January 16, 2024  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor  
Judith M. Davies-Dunhour

ATTEST:  \_\_\_\_\_, Borough Clerk