

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

March 5, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Judith M. Davies-Dunhour at 4:58PM.

ROLL CALL

Judith M. Davies-Dunhour, Mayor
Emily Dillon, Borough Clerk

Marc DeBlasio, Borough Engineer

PRESENT

Councilmembers
Frank Dallahan- Via Zoom
Victor Foschini
Bunny Parzych
Robin Casper
Jennifer Gensemer
Tim Carney

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, 2024.

For the record this Council Meeting was held via Video/Telephone Conference in a Zoom format.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Davies-Dunhour acknowledges the passing of retired Police Chief James Swiser and gives a background of his career and years of dedication to Stone Harbor. Mayor Davies- Dunhour requests a moment of silence in remembrance and honor of Chief Swiser.

COMMUNICATIONS

There are no communications.

DOCK HEARING:

Channel Marine Inc., 11605 Paradise Drive

Lauren Plasket appeared before Council and was sworn in by Solicitor, Anthony Bocchi.

The Mayor asked if anyone was here to speak for or against the application. Borough Clerk Dillon reads a letter received from John (Jack) Peters of 11617 Paradise Drive into the record stating his concerns regarding the proposed dock extending past the existing line of docks which will result in safety issues. Ms. Plasket clarifies the proposed dock does extend past the southern property but not the northern property and this permit was heavily reviewed by the NJDEP.

Motion to approve the dock permit application.

Motion: Parzych

Second: Carney

Dallahan: Yes

Foschini: Yes

Parzych: Yes

Casper: Yes

Gensemer: Yes

Carney: Yes

Public Comment:

Betty Carusi, Cape May Courthouse- Ms. Carusi states she is a member of the Church Council of the Church across the street from the 94th Street lot where the Farmer's Market has been relocated. Ms. Carusi shares her concerns regarding the parking issues that will arise from this relocation as many elderly church members utilize that lot for Sunday services. Ms. Carusi suggests if the Farmer's Market is remaining at 94th Street the Borough should allot a portion of 92nd 93rd for free parking for church members.

Carl Giulian, 306 84th Street- Mr. Giulian states the contractor construction trailers that remain parked outside of properties through the summer season taking up a lot of parking spots. Mr. Giulian suggests all trailers or vehicles construction related be removed Friday at 4PM- Monday at 7AM Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day or at least the long holiday weekends. Mr. Giulian mentions he has been putting out carpet for trash removal for the past several weeks and it has not been picked up and notes the carpet does not fill the cans required to be used. Mr. Giulian requests a discussion with the Public Works Department be had regarding what can and cannot be put out for pick up. Mr. Giulian requests the Borough utilize the text alert system more frequently. Mr. Giulian comments on the flooding surrounding his and neighboring properties and comments on 84th Street outfall pipe that has been awaiting a duck bill that has been on back order for nearly a year. Mr. Giulian states he understands this is a county road but requests the Borough look into resolving this issue before the summer season.

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Joan Petroski, 236 98th Street- Ms. Petroski appreciates the Mayor's kind words honoring Police Chief Switzer and encourages Council to continue to recognize employees who gave years of service to the Borough. Ms. Petroski questions when the anticipated completion date is for the 96th Street playground as it is a very busy and utilized in the summer. Mr. DeBlasio states it is Council's decision of if and when the project continues as proposed.

Pete Lengel, 543 Goshen Road- Mr. Lengel states the business owners in this town face various headways, including the high costs of renting or owning property, which makes hiring employees a challenge. Mr. Lengel states the Borough needs to have a working relationship with business owners and residents to work through the challenges together. Mr. Lengel comments on the reoccurring parking issues within the Borough and states the 94th Street free parking lot is an asset for his employees and customers and states using that lot for the Farmer's Market eliminates a lot of free parking in a busy season. Mr. Lengel mentions when the Farmer's Market is located at the Water Tower Lot it compliments the business district but relocating and extending the market creates a competition with local business owners. Mr. Lengel shares his disappointment regarding Council's decision to not implement kiosks for parking.

Angelo Caracciolo, 11861 Paradise Drive- Mr. Caracciolo comments on the operations of Borough Council in the approval process of decisions that affect the public. Mr. Caracciolo specifically mentions the relocation of the Farmer's Market as the decision was made with no notification or discussion from the public. Mr. Caracciolo states this decision was not transparent as there was no cost analysis or pros and cons presented. Mr. Caracciolo states the increase in revenue that would be accrued is not significant enough to justify the change in location when there has been such negative feedback received. Mr. Caracciolo encourages Council to move the Farmer's Market back to the original location at the Water Tower Lot.

Marnie Lengel, 543 Goshen Road- Ms. Lengel reads her letter that was distributed to Council into the record regarding her frustration in the relocation of the Farmer's Market. Ms. Lengel states keeping the market at the Water Tower lot is beneficial to the business district and moving it to 94th Street eliminates the free parking lot which is used by businesses owners and visitors. Ms. Lengel mentions expanding the Farmer's Market will cause competition with local businesses and most likely cause traffic in the new location.

Mayor Judy Davies-Dunhour Closed Public Comment.

Resolutions

2024-S-57 Resolution Adding Newspapers for the Publication of Legal Notices for the Year 2024

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

2024-S-58 Resolution Amending the Personnel Manual

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

2024-S-59 Resolution Opposing the State of New Jersey's New Proposed Shore Protection Rule

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

2024-S-60 Resolution to Approve Proposal for Engineering and Construction Phase Services- 114th Street Sanitary Sewer Pump Station- Additional Services for 96th Street Crosswalk Replacement

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

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2024-S-61 Resolution Authorizing a Change Order- 114th Street Sanitary Sewer Pump Station and Force Main Improvements

Motion is made to amend the resolution to add wording to relocate the Farmer’s Market to 94th Street.

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

2024-S-62 Resolution Awarding Contract for the FY2023 NJDOT Municipal Aid and Local Transportation Projects Fund- Reconstruction of 96th Street

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

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

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

2024-S-63 A Resolution 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- Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship

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

Time into Closed Session: 5:50 PM.

Time returned from Closed Session: 6:50 PM.

Motion to authorize labor counsel to proceed as discussed in closed session.

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

Public Comment:

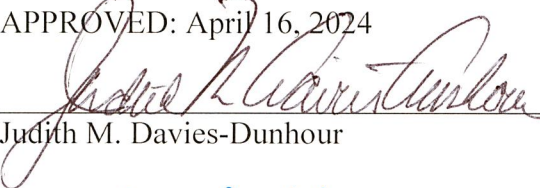
Josie Rich, 10410 Sunset Drive- Ms. Rich agrees with the previous comments opposing the relocation of the Farmer’s Market and urges Council to reconsider keeping it at the Water Tower lot.


Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Carney **Second:** Foschini
Dallahan: Absent **Foschini:** Yes **Parzych:** Yes **Casper:** No **Gensemer:** Yes **Carney:** Yes

The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council was adjourned at 6:56 PM.

APPROVED: April 16, 2024

 _____, Mayor
Judith M. Davies-Dunhour

 _____, Borough Clerk
Emily Dillon

