

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

April 16, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Judith M. Davies-Dunhour at 5:13PM.

ROLL CALL

Judith M. Davies-Dunhour, Mayor
Emily Dillon, Borough Clerk
Manny Parada, Business Administrator

PRESENT

Councilmembers
Frank Dallahan
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

COMMUNICATIONS

There are no communications.

Public Comment: None.

2024 Budget

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

1663 An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank for the Calendar Year 2024

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

Motion: Gensemer **Second:** Dallahan

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

BUDGET RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING

2024-S-78 Resolution to Read the 2024 Municipal Budget by Title Only

Motion: Parzych **Second:** Gensemer

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET ONLY

Rich Fuchs, 8614 Pennsylvania Avenue- Mr. Fuchs states as the President of SHPOA the organization prepared an annual analysis of the budget and provided their perspectives to Council and the CFO. Mr. Fuchs details the comments of the analysis being a 2% increase to the total budget, a 6% increase to the operating budget and encourages Council to consider an evaluation of revenue sources other than increasing taxes. Mr. Fuchs also notes a high increase in the spending regarding the Fire Department's budget and looks forward to working with the new CFO.

Mayor Davies-Dunhour requests clarification for the \$375,000 amount budgeted for the creation of the water utility which includes \$200,000 for a financial consultant. Mayor Davies-Dunhour questions if the financial consultant is necessary now that the Borough has hired a full time CFO. Mr. Parada states the NJDEP and NJDCA have requirements that the analysis cannot be done in house but by specific consultants required by the state. Mayor Davies-Dunhour states the feasibility study is anticipated to cost a lot and the result of the study could be that a water utility does not benefit the Borough. Council discusses how a water utility would affect the Borough and Mr. Parada states this utility could aid in decreasing the Borough's debt. Mayor Davies-Dunhour states this needs to be publicly explained so the residents and property owners understand the affect this change will have.

RESOLUTIONS

2024-S-79 Resolution to Amend the Budget

Motion: Gensemer **Second:** Carney

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

2024-S-80 Resolution to Adopt the 2024 Municipal Budget

Motion: Dallahan **Second:** Gensemer

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

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION

1662 An Ordinance to Establish Requirements for Tree Removal and Replacement in the Borough of Stone Harbor

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

Motion: Carney **Second:** Casper

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

1664 An Ordinance to Amend the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Stone Harbor Chapter 542 Entitled "Water and Sewers"

PUBLIC HEARING:

Motion: Casper **Second:** Foschini

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

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

- Work Session, Regular, and Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated February 6, 2024
- Work Session, Regular, and Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated February 20, 2024
- Work Session, Regular, and Closed Session Meeting Minutes dated March 5, 2024

Resolutions

2024-S-82 Resolution to Refund Payment for Fire Prevention Registration and Inspection- 215 89th Street

2024-S-83 Resolution Establishing Certain Fees (Residential Rental License) As Authorized by Ordinance

2024-S-86 Resolution Approving "Sea Gear" as the Authorized Distributor for Purchase of Public Works Uniforms Under State Contract

Motion to adopt the consent agenda.

Motion: Gensemer **Second:** Dallahan

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

REGULAR AGENDA

2024-S-81 Resolution for the Appointment of Part Time Firefighters in the Stone Harbor Fire Department- Seasonal 2024

Motion: Parzych **Second:** Dallahan

Dallahan: Yes **Foschini:** Yes **Parzych:** Yes **Casper:** Yes **Gensemer:** Recuse **Carney:** Yes

2024-S-84 Resolution Establishing Certain Fees (Fire Inspection) as Authorized by Ordinance

Motion: Gensemer **Second:** Dallahan

Dallahan: Yes **Foschini:** Yes **Parzych:** Yes **Casper:** No **Gensemer:** Yes **Carney:** Yes

2024-S-85 Resolution Establishing Recreation Fees for 2024

Motion: Parzych **Second:** Foschini

Dallahan: No **Foschini:** Yes **Parzych:** Yes **Casper:** No **Gensemer:** Yes **Carney:** Yes

2024-S-87 Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract for IT Consulting Services

Council agreed to table until a future meeting.

Motion- To approve Stone Harbor Chamber of Commerce Spring Into Summer Market, May 4th

Motion: Foschini **Second:** Dallahan

Dallahan: Yes **Foschini:** Yes **Parzych:** Yes **Casper:** No **Gensemer:** Yes **Carney:** Yes

Motion- To approve the Bill List & authorize the CFO to pay the bills when the funds are available, and the vouchers are properly endorsed.

Motion: Foschini **Second:** Dallahan

Dallahan: Yes **Foschini:** Yes **Parzych:** Yes **Casper:** No **Gensemer:** Yes **Carney:** Yes

2024-S-88 A 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-**Matters Relating to Litigation**

Motion: Casper **Second:** None

Motion defeated.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment

Geoff Woolery, 217 110th Street- Mr. Woolery comments on behalf of being a member of SHPOA regarding the water utility discussion. Mr. Woolery states the SHPOA views the idea of a storm water utility as a reallocation of funds already collected. Mr. Woolery states the incentive of a stormwater utility is to encourage residents of the borough to use less water sustainably and generate an overall more sustainable community.

Suzanne Walters, 115 92nd Street- Ms. Walters states the fire department of the borough of stone harbor is mostly volunteers versus paid firefighters. Ms. Walters states it is disheartening to see the negative feedback about the paid firefighters being a detriment to the budget.

Adjournment

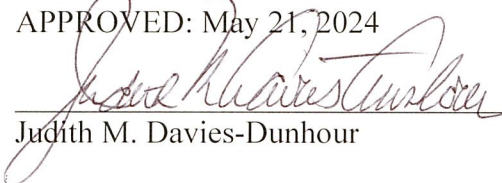
Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Dallahan **Second:** Foschini

Dallahan: Yes **Foschini:** Yes **Parzych:** Yes **Casper:**No **Gensemer:** Yes **Carney:** Yes

The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council was adjourned at 5:58 PM.

APPROVED: May 21, 2024

 _____, Mayor
Judith M. Davies-Dunhour

 _____, Borough Clerk
Emily Dillon

