

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF STONE HARBOR HELD IN THE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
October 1, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Davies-Dunhour at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Manny Parada, Borough 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 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:

A&F Committee – Councilmember Gensemer

Councilmember Gensemer expresses her appreciation

• **Borough Administrator Report- Manny Parada**

Mr. Parada states the borough has submitted all the required documents regarding the COAH housing to the state. Mr. Parada comments on the lead service reports and states Public Works has tested the water of 18 properties and all passed. Mr. Parada mentions he drafted a response regarding the REAL legislation that he plans to submit as a private citizen or on behalf of the borough if Council wishes. Mr. Parada states the Borough is looking into several issues that may require an ordinance change including: parking permits, the borough lot and assignment of employee spaces and determining which permit fees will be refundable or nonrefundable.

• **Chief Financial Officer Report- Cynthia Lindsay**

Ms. Lindsay states the Borough held a bond sale on September 25th for general obligation and water and sewer bonds with a favorable outcome and lots of participants. Ms. Lindsay explains the purpose of this bond sale is to allow the Borough to resize debt by spreading it out over the maturity schedule and the closing of the sale will be on October 10th. Ms. Lindsay mentions with budget season approaching all departments have been notified to begin their budget preparation on a zero based budgeting technique which she hopes will help close the gap with the budget cap issues.

• **Borough Engineer Report- Marc DeBlasio**

Mr. DeBlasio states the bid opening for the 96th Street recreation improvements is Wednesday October 9th at 11:00am and has not received any response from the final application submitted to the Cape May County Open Space Board.

Public Works Committee – Councilmember Parzych

Mr. Parada mentions trash pickup is returning to the off-season schedule of once a week and reminds the public if they are not a full time resident to call Public Works for trash pick-up. Mr. Parada states the last bulk trash pick up is October 21st and the department of Public Works has begun winterizing and the work on Third Avenue has resumed. Mr. Parada reminds the public the Harbor Point Access road remains closed due to ongoing erosion. Mr. DeBlasio states the bid opening for the Reconstruction of Second Avenue is October 9th at 11:30am and can potentially be awarded at the October 15th meeting.

Utilities Committee – Councilmember Casper

Mr. DeBlasio states the contractor for the I-Bank project will be mobilizing on Monday October 7th to finish 111th- 122nd Streets water main work and is anticipating completion by the end of the winter season. Mr. DeBlasio mentions the contractor for the 2023 Utility Road Program installed the third experimental valve and is operating properly and the Borough can close the 93rd Street contract. Councilmember Casper notes the monthly allocation water

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reports and mentions the Fall Beach Sweep hosted by Clean Ocean Action is on October 19th beginning at the 96th Street beach entrances. Ms. Casper states the new hours for the Stone Harbor Museum are Friday and Saturday 9am-12pm and the museum is looking for donations for a fedora hat and bowling shoes for a future display.

Discussion:

- Borough's response and comments on the proposed NJDEP REAL Legislation Council discusses the drafted response from Mr. Parada and all agree the comments are well written and knowledgeable and feel the response should be given on behalf of the borough.

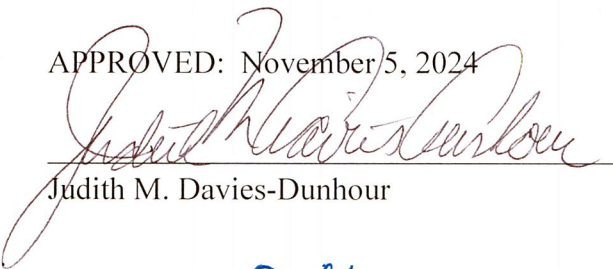
Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Dallahan **Second:** Foschini

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

The Work Session Meeting of Mayor and Council adjourned at 5:02PM.

APPROVED: November 5, 2024

 _____, Mayor
Judith M. Davies-Dunhour

 _____, Borough Clerk
Emily Dillon