

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF STONE HARBOR HELD IN THE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
December 3, 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

Presentation: BEACH Act (Bolstering Ecosystems Against Coastal Harm Act)- Avalon Business Administrator, Scott Wahl

Mr. Wahl states after many years of effort, President Biden signed the BEACH Act into law on November 25, 2024. Mr. Wahl explains a portion of this act allows the use of sand in Hereford Inlet for federally sponsored routine maintenance beach fills in Stone Harbor and results in the beneficial reuse of sediment within the system for resiliency and environmental enhancement. Mr. Wahl states the coastal resiliency and financial benefits of this legislation are significantly impactful for Stone Harbor and Avalon. The full presentation is on file in the Clerk’s office.

Reports of Standing Committees:

A&F Committee – Councilmember Gensemer

Councilmember Gensemer acknowledges and thanks Mayor Davies-Dunhour for her years of service and dedication to the Borough of Stone Harbor. Mrs. Gensemer provides a detailed history of Mayor Davies-Dunhour involvement with the Borough through employment, followed by the position of Councilmember to Mayor. The Borough Council present flowers and a plaque to thank Mayor Davies-Dunhour and wish her the best in future endeavors and encourage the public to attend her last meeting on December 19th.

• **Borough Administrator Report- Manny Parada**

Mr. Parada states the final plans for the COAH Housing have been submitted from the Engineer’s office for review and the Borough has a deadline of January 31st to make a decision. Mr. Parada mentions the County has approved the traffic light change at 99th Street and Third Avenue. Mr. Parada states the County has also received the final application for the 97th Street playground with a 45 day public comment period before voting, and feels optimistic it will be approved. Mr. Parada states he anticipates a resolution for Council’s consideration at the next meeting approving a Dune Vegetation Management program for 119th Street. Mr. Parada provides an update on the Green Acres grant that is due February 5th that will aid the Borough in funding an all inclusive playground for all ages. Mr. Parada thanks Mr. Wahl for his presentation and mentions they collaborated on a shared services agreement for a warming center at the senior center.

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

Ms. Lindsay states the upcoming months are the busiest time of year for the finance office regarding closing the year and preparing for the upcoming budget year. Ms. Lindsay mentions her department is currently working on implementing a new payroll system and there is a resolution on the agenda for Council’s consideration cancelling ordinances that will reduce Borough debt.

• **Engineer Report- Marc DeBlasio**

Mr. DeBlasio presents his year end report to Council and reads the report into the record. The

full report is on files in the Clerk's office.

Public Works Committee – Councilmember Parzych

Councilmember Parzych thanks Mayor Davies-Dunhour for her years of service as well as implementing the Work Sessions. Mrs. Parzych states the Work Session are informative and provide clear and concise updates for the Council as well as the public.

Mr. Parada provides an update on Public Works stating the department has begun winterizing the Borough as well as ongoing hot patching and repainting of curbs along the streets. Mr. Parada mentions the Point access road is currently still inaccessible and the street sweeping is finished for the year and will begin again in spring.

Mr DeBlasio provides an update on the Reconstruction of Second Avenue stating the contractor should be starting the curb work this week.

Utilities Committee – Councilmember Casper

Mr. DeBlasio comments on the Borough's I-Bank project and states the contractor is currently working on improvements on 96th- 99th Streets and should be completed the entire project prior to the 2025 summer season.

Councilmember Casper provides statistics on the Borough's monthly water usage and states the Stone Harbor Museum is closed until Memorial Day weekend.

Discussion: None.

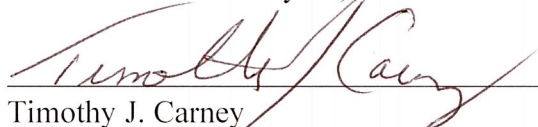
Motion to adjourn.


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 5:24PM.

APPROVED: January 21, 2025

 _____, Mayor
Timothy J. Carney

 _____, Borough Clerk
Emily Dillon