

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT**

SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

SEA BRIGHT, NEW JERSEY

TO ATTEND THIS MEETING REMOTELY PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING:

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OR DIAL: (571) 317-3122

Access Code: 719-447-077

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and requested those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Kelly read the following Compliance Statement:

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen. This Meeting Is Now Called To Order: In Line with The Borough of Sea Bright's Longstanding Policy of Open Government, and in Compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" I Wish to Advise You That Adequate Notice of This Regularly Scheduled Meeting Was Sent to the Asbury Park Press and other local newspapers on January 10, 2022. In each instance, the Date, Time, And Location of This Meeting Were Provided in The Notice. This Meeting Is Open To The Public."

PRESENT: Mayor Brian P. Kelly
Councilmember's Erwin Bieber, Kevin Birdsall, Jefferey M. Booker, Sr.,
William J. Keeler, John M. Lamia, Jr.

ABSENT: Councilmember Samuel A. Catalano

OTHERS: Attorney Richard Shaklee, Administrator Joseph Verruni,
Clerk Christine Pfeiffer

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE FOLLOWING SEA BRIGHTER'S WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY:

**Clark Craig (Bubba)
Louise M. Golda**

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE (limited to 3 minutes)

The Public Comment portion of this meeting allows members of the audience to bring their concerns or comments to the Mayor and Council's attention. Pursuant to Borough Ordinance 3-2011, a member of the public who wishes to speak shall give his/her name and address for the record and may have up to three minutes to state his/her comments to the Mayor and Council as a Body. If additional time or information is requested, an appointment can be made with the Administrator's office during regular business hours.

No one wished to be heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Keeler offered a motion to approve the items that are considered routine in nature under the consent agenda; seconded by Councilmember Birdsall:

Minutes

08-11-2022 Workshop Meeting
08-11-2022 Executive Session
08-16-2022 Regular Meeting
08-16-2022 Executive Session
08-19-2022 Special Meeting

Roll Call: Bieber, Birdsall, Booker, Catalano, Keeler, Lamia
Yes Yes Yes Absent Yes Yes

Resolutions:

No. 155-2022 Compliance with Promulgation of Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey accepting the Borough of Sea Bright 2022 Annual Audit

Councilmember Keeler introduced and offered for adoption the following Resolution, seconded by Councilmember Birdsall:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2021 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk pursuant to **N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-6**, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Committee of the Borough of Sea Bright, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Roll Call: Bieber, Birdsall, Booker, Catalano, Keeler, Lamia
 Yes Yes Yes Absent Yes Yes

No. 156-2022 Authorizing the Cancellation of the Unexpended Balances of Various Ordinances – Beach Utility Capital

Councilmember Keeler offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption; seconded by Councilmember Birdsall:

WHEREAS, certain Beach Utility Capital Improvement appropriation balances remain dedicated to projects now completed or no longer required; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be returned to each respective Capital Improvement Fund or credited to Surplus, and unused debt authorizations may be canceled; and

WHEREAS, there are grant and other receivables related to these cancellations, and as such, the finance department is authorized to cancel all associated receivables;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, that the unexpended and dedicated balances of Beach Utility Capital Appropriations and any associated receivables be canceled:

ORDINANCE	FUNDED	UNFUNDED
Ordinance 2004-19	\$ 13,259.00	
Ordinance 2012-10/2015-02	\$ 26,057.75	
Ordinance 2013-21	\$ 5,979.53	\$ 950.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, Fiscal Officer and Auditor.

Roll Call: Bieber, Birdsall, Booker, Catalano, Keeler, Lamia
 Yes Yes Yes Absent Yes Yes

No. 157-2022 Authorizing the Cancellation of the Unexpended Balances of Various Ordinances – General Capital

Councilmember Keeler offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption; seconded by Councilmember Birdsall:

WHEREAS, certain General Capital Improvement appropriation balances remain dedicated to projects now completed or no longer required; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be returned to each respective Capital Improvement Fund or credited to Surplus, and unused debt authorizations may be canceled; and

WHEREAS, there are grant and other receivables related to these cancellations, and as such, the finance department is authorized to cancel all associated receivables;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, that the unexpended and dedicated balances of General Capital Appropriations and any associated receivables be canceled:

ORDINANCE	FUNDED	UNFUNDED
Ordinance 2011-07	\$368,394.11	\$17,401.37
Ordinance 2012-10/2015-02	\$ 2,473.88	\$27,560.46
Ordinance 2013-21	\$300,000.00	\$16,102.63
Ordinance 2015-11	\$ 49,338.26	\$43,328.69
Ordinance 2016-15	\$ 233.18	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, Fiscal Officer and Auditor.

Roll Call: Bieber, Birdsall, Booker, Catalano, Keeler, Lamia
Yes Yes Yes Absent Yes Yes

No. 158-2022 Authorizing the Cancellation of Grants Receivables in the General Capital Fund

Councilmember Keeler offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption; seconded by Councilmember Birdsall:

WHEREAS, there are grants receivable in the General Capital Fund that the Borough no longer expects to receive; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to cancel these receivables to assure that the financial records of the Borough accurately portray receivable balances; and

WHEREAS, in some cases, these receivables were used to fund improvement authorizations that have been completed and/or canceled therefore creating a "Deferred Charge – Unfunded" that will require inclusion in the 2023 Municipal Budget; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following grant receivables in the amount of \$481,936.00 as described herein be cancelled;

FEMA - 8 Center Street (Ord 09-2011)	\$ 216,936.00
Insurance Proceeds (Ord 15-2016)	\$ 40,000.00
FEMA Proceeds (Ord 19-2021)	\$ 75,000.00
FEMA Proceeds (Ord 16-2016)	\$ 150,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, Finance Manager and the Auditor.

Roll Call: Bieber, Birdsall, Booker, Catalano, Keeler, Lamia
Yes Yes Yes Absent Yes Yes

ORDINANCE(s):

Public Hearing: Mayor Kelly to read the ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATE SALE OF NON- CONFORMING REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS A PORTION OF BLOCK 23, LOT 1 TO CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY OWNERS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A;12-13(B)(5)

Councilmember Keeler offered a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 08-2022; seconded by Councilmember Birdsall:

Roll Call: Bieber, Birdsall, Booker, Catalano, Keeler, Lamia
Yes Yes Yes Absent Yes Yes

Public Hearing (Ord. No. 08-2022)

No one wished to be heard.

Councilmember Keeler offered a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 08-2022; seconded by Councilmember Birdsall:

Roll Call:	Bieber,	Birdsall,	Booker,	Catalano,	Keeler,	Lamia
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

Councilmember Keeler offered a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 08-2022 and advertise according to law; seconded by Councilmember Birdsall:

Roll Call:	Bieber,	Birdsall,	Booker,	Catalano,	Keeler,	Lamia
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:12-13(B)(5) authorizes the sale of municipally owned property which is less than the minimum size required for development under the Municipal Zoning Ordinance; and which is without any capital improvement thereon, to the owners of contiguous real property; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has found and determined that a portion of the real property designated as Block 23, Lot 1 aforesaid (hereinafter the "Property") will not be needed for public use and may be offered for sale to the contiguous owners pursuant to the cited statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Property extends westward from the current border of Block 22, Lot 1, 10.42 feet and runs the length of Block 22, Lot 1, which is 54.86 feet and is more fully described by the legal description attached as Schedule A; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor of the Borough of Sea Bright has recommended the sale of the subject lot with a minimum bid price of \$25,000.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION I

Within five (5) days following final enactment of this ordinance, the Borough Clerk shall post on the regular Borough Hall bulletin board and advertise in a newspaper circulating in the Borough, a notice setting forth the following information as to the sale of a portion of Block 23, Lot 1 on the Borough of Sea Bright Tax Map, whose sale is hereby authorized. A copy of this notice shall be mailed by certified mail by the Borough Clerk to all contiguous property owners of the property being offered for sale within the aforesaid five (5) day period.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT - MONMOUTH COUNTY

TAKE NOTICE that an ordinance of the Borough of Sea Bright adopted pursuant to NJSA 40A:12-13(b)(5) on the Borough of Sea Bright offers for sale the following property to contiguous property owners under the following terms and conditions:

Property offered for Sale: a portion of Block 23, Lot 1 of the Borough of Sea Bright Tax Map;

Minimum Price: \$25,000.00;

All offers must be made within twenty (20) days following this advertisement at not less than the minimum price above;

Deed Restriction: The Property shall be precluded from further sale as a separate lot by the contiguous owner purchasing said property pursuant to this Ordinance and shall be consolidated with the adjacent property. The Property will have no further development except a canopy structure with support legs, with a retractable cover, covering the area shown on the diagram attached as Schedule B, may be constructed subject to all necessary approvals and permits. However, permanent walls are prohibited. The Purchaser must construct a sidewalk extension and curbing per the diagram attached hereto as Schedule B, although the sidewalk and curbing will remain on the Borough's property. Such sidewalk must match in height and appearance the existing sidewalk and must have an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible access toward East Ocean Avenue in addition to maintaining any other ADA accessible accesses already in place. If the Property is used for patrons of the restaurant establishment safety bollards and/or wall and/or fence must be placed around the perimeter at the discretion of the Borough's Planning Board. All of the foregoing will be completed by and be at the sole expense of the purchaser and will be subject to any applicable permitting requirements.

The sale is made subject to all restrictions, covenants, restrictions and conditions of record, with said property being sold in an "as is" condition and is being sold subject to such other facts that an accurate, certified survey would reveal. The sale is further subject to the purchaser obtaining

subdivision, and site plan approval if required, to consolidate the Property for use with the contiguous property. Nothing in this sale shall affect the right to lawful occupancy of use of the Property by any municipal or private utility to occupy or use the Property as lawfully occupied or used by it.

Any contiguous property owner desiring to make an offer for the purchase of the property being offered for sale herein shall, within twenty (20) days following advertisement of this notice or a receipt of a mailed copy of this notice, make an offer in writing by certified mail addressed to the Borough Council c/o Borough Clerk, Borough of Sea Bright, 1099 Ocean Avenue, Sea Bright, NJ 07760 at no less than the minimum price set forth hereinabove. All bids must be received no later than 12:00 p.m. on September 29, 2022, all bids must be marked "Sealed Bid Enclosed".

The Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright reserves the right to reject any and all offers, and shall accept or reject any offer within thirty (30) days of the advertisement of this public notice. If the Borough Council fails to accept or reject any offer within the aforesaid time period, all offers will be deemed rejected. Where there is more than one owner with real property contiguous to the property being offered for sale, the subject property will be sold to the highest bidder or offer from among all such owners submitting an offer as provided for herein. All offers shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the offer made, payable to the Borough of Sea Bright; the balance shall be paid at closing of title.

A meets and bounds description must be provided by the successful bidder within twenty (20) days after the acceptance of the offer by the Borough Council.

The closing of title shall be by a bargain and sale deed without covenants as to grantor. Closing shall take place no later than ninety (90) days after the acceptance of the offer by the Borough Council. The Borough of Sea Bright makes no representation as to the condition or marketability of title as to the subject property.

In addition to the purchase or offer price, it shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder to pay at closing the advertisement and mailing costs in connection with this sale and the Borough Attorney's fee for the preparation of the deed in connection with this sale. If the successful bidder

or offer shall fail to close title through no fault of the Borough, the successful bidder or offerer shall forfeit the deposit made for the sale, which shall be retained by the Borough as liquidated damages, except in the event the successful bidder or offerer is not successful in obtaining subdivision and site plan approval to develop the Property with the contiguous property, the Borough shall return the deposit to the successful bidder and neither party shall have any further obligation to the other with regard to the Property.

The Borough Clerk shall file with the Director, Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, a sworn affidavit verifying publication of advertisement as required by this ordinance.

SECTION II

All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION III

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other portion of this Ordinance be adjudged by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION IV

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law.

INDIVIDUAL ACTION/New Business:

Vouchers: \$ 379,449.23

Councilmember Booker offered a motion to approve the Voucher List dated September 6, 2022 as submitted by the Finance Manager; seconded by Councilmember Birdsall:

Roll Call: Bieber, Birdsall, Booker, Catalano, Keeler, Lamia
 Yes Yes Yes Absent Yes Yes

2790	ACB SERVICES, INC.				
22-00816	07/20/22 Buildings & Grounds		Open		3,888.73
22-00937	08/17/22 Buildingd & Grounds		Open		3,888.73

					7,777.46
02113	AMERICAN WATER				
22-00959	08/23/22 SEWER		Open		325.80

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02227	APOLLO SEWER & PLUMBING, INC.		
22-00931	08/17/22 Buildings & Grounds	Open	200.00
22-00938	08/17/22 Beach	Open	175.00

			375.00
2521	BELSON OUTDOORS		
22-00585	05/16/22 BENCH	Open	992.97
01631	BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT		
22-01000	09/01/22 COURT	Open	6,500.00
01974	BOROUGH OF SEA BRIGHT COURT		
22-00965	08/24/22 COURT	Open	24.90
00530	BULLET LOCK & SAFE CO., INC.		
22-00940	08/17/22 Buildings & Grounds	Open	26.00
2424	CHILD, BRAD		
22-01008	09/01/22 FIRE MARSHAL	Open	140.00
2680	CINTAS		
22-00672	06/06/22 Beach	Open	444.76
22-00673	06/06/22 Beach	Open	53.90
22-00674	06/06/22 Buildings & Grounds Janitorial	Open	168.72
22-00676	06/06/22 Beach- Materials & Supplies	Open	356.29
22-00677	06/06/22 Buildings & Grounds Janitorial	Open	304.27
22-00830	07/20/22 Buildings & Grounds	Open	200.18
22-00928	08/17/22 Beach	Open	414.92
22-00929	08/17/22 Buildings & Grounds	Open	163.32
22-00941	08/17/22 Beach	Open	434.24
22-00942	08/17/22 Buildings & Grounds	Open	224.81
22-00947	08/17/22 Beach	Open	563.63
22-00948	08/17/22 Buildings & Grounds	Open	179.26

			3,508.30
2555	CJM ASSOC. OF SEA BRIGHT		
22-00999	09/01/22 LEASE	Open	500.00
00256	CLEARY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI &		
22-00991	08/31/22 LEGAL	Open	33.00
01801	COLLIER ENGINEERING & DESIGN		
22-00954	08/23/22 PLANNING BOARD	Open	2,127.50
2528	DCH FORD		
22-00944	08/17/22	Open	225.40
2655	DE SESA ENGINEERING CO.		
22-00984	08/25/22 Building & Grounds	Open	1,076.00
00126	EASTERN SURPLUS & EQUIPMENT CO		
22-00950	08/17/22 Cargo Cover - 4386	Open	3,435.00
01720	FIREFIGHTER ONE, LLC		
22-00981	08/25/22 SCBA Repairs	Open	81.89
02101	GANNETT NJ		
22-00957	08/23/22 CLERK	Open	42.68
22-00962	08/24/22 PLAN BOARD	Open	36.08
22-00986	08/29/22 PLAN.BOARD	Open	22.88

			101.64
00979	GIBBONS, P.C.		
22-01004	09/01/22 LEGAL	Open	2,123.64
00649	GILHOOL, MEGAN		
22-00992	08/31/22 BEAUTIFICATION	Open	600.00
2700	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT OF NJ, INC.		
22-00934	08/17/22 Beach	Open	4,948.98
2478	HOLISTIC WELLNESS, LLC		
22-00963	08/24/22 LIBRARY	Open	1,200.00
2710	HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP		
22-00997	09/01/22 FISCAL	Open	3,312.50
00557	INSTITUTE FOR PROFESSIONAL DEV		
22-00964	08/24/22 FINANCE	Open	50.00
2323	INTEGRATED SYSTEMS & SERVICES		
22-00933	08/17/22 Buildings & Grounds	Open	494.00
2297	INTEGRATED TECHNICAL SYSTEMS		
22-00969	08/25/22 PARKING	Open	540.00
2853	IVY ON OCEAN		
22-00985	08/25/22 Memorial Wreath	Open	175.00
01419	J. SWANTON FUEL OIL CO., INC.		
22-00993	08/31/22 GASOLINE	Open	774.56
2573	JCP & L		
22-00971	08/25/22 ELECTRIC	Open	9,101.67
01526	JCP & L		
22-00995	09/01/22 ELECTRICS	Open	8,819.63
00297	JESSE A. HOWLAND & SONS, INC.		
22-00998	09/01/22 DPW	Open	1,705.00

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01784	JUNGLE LASERS, LLC		
22-00953	08/23/22 BLDG. DEPT	Open	440.00
00202	KAY PRINTING & ENVELOPE CO, INC		
22-00903	08/11/22 BLDG DEPT	Open	59.89
01433	MALL CHEVROLET, INC.		
21-00616	05/19/21 POLICE-PURCHASE OF VEHICLES	Open	39,548.13
2838	MOBILE PAYMENT PROCESSING SYS		
22-00970	08/25/22 PARKING	Open	1,691.25
00688	MONMOUTH COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY		
22-00881	08/03/22	Open	100.00
02045	MONMOUTH COUNTY SPCA		
22-01001	09/01/22 ANIMAL	Open	325.00
00339	NAPA AUTO PARTS CENTER		
22-00930	08/17/22 Beach	Open	35.37
22-00936	08/17/22 Beach	Open	13.13
22-00983	08/25/22 streets & Roads	Open	304.24

			352.74
01399	NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER		
22-00990	08/31/22 WATER	Open	5,408.53
00113	NJ NATURAL GAS COMPANY		
22-00958	08/23/22 NATURAL GAS	Open	756.36
01309	OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION		
22-00760	06/28/22 SCHOOL TAX	Open	73,450.92
00046	ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.		
22-01009	09/01/22 SEWER	Open	67.21
01207	PFEIFFER, CHRISTINE		
22-00968	08/25/22 A&E	Open	67.98
2525	POOR JOHNS PORTABLE TOILETS		
22-00932	08/17/22 Beach	Open	666.00
2290	PORZIO, BROMBERG & NEWMAN		
22-00956	08/23/22 LEGAL	Open	8,426.85
00164	RAIN, WILLIAM		
22-00996	09/01/22 HEALTH	Open	161.10
2728	READY REFRESH BY NESTLE		
22-00967	08/24/22 WATER	Open	597.60
01554	SEA BRIGHT SERVICE CENTER		
22-00807	07/20/22	Open	314.95
22-00946	08/17/22	Open	346.90

			661.85
01027	SHORE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS		
22-01005	09/01/22 COPIER	Open	542.64
00053	SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL		
22-00758	06/28/22 SCHOOL TAX	Open	181,370.18
01933	SKYLANDS AREA FIRE EQUIPMENT		
22-00850	07/27/22 Helmet Repair Parts	Open	153.00
02225	STAPLES ADVANTAGE		
22-00927	08/12/22 OFFICE SUPPLIES	Open	675.65
2291	VERIZON		
22-00989	08/31/22 FIOS	Open	88.99
2658	VERIZON		
22-01006	09/01/22 PHONE	Open	599.12
2291	VERIZON		
22-01007	09/01/22 PHONE	Open	17.00
02061	VERIZON WIRELESS		
22-00960	08/24/22 CELL	Open	539.70
22-00961	08/24/22 POLICE	Open	1,523.30

			2,063.00

Total: \$ 379,386.83

MANUAL CHECKS:

22-01002	NJ DEPT OF HEALTH	\$2.40
9/1/2022	MONTHLY DOG LICENSE REPORT	
22-01003	NJ MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION	\$60.00
9/1/2022	POLICE:VEHICLE REGISTRATION/2022 CHEVY TAHOE	

TOTAL: \$ 62.40

GRAND TOTAL: \$379,449.23

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Council is in receipt of the 2021 Audit.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Kelly announced that he is working on the plans for the 10-year anniversary of Superstorm Sandy. The Fire Department is allowing us to utilize their space for the afternoon event (4pm-7pm) which will be open to the public with speakers, live music, and food. There will be a small, invitation only, ceremony at 9am in the Pavilion. Local summer has officially started and he commended all departments for a very successful season. Mayor Kelly added the school regionalization negotiations and discussions continue - nothing is finalized. As it stands now, it doesn't look like there will be a referendum question on the ballot this November.

Councilman Birdsall shouted out DPW for a great job this summer especially being a man down for the first half. Our new Deputy Director of Public Works, Rob, has quickly fit in and is doing well. The beach department has done a great job too.

Councilman Lamia announced that October 22nd is the Library's Fall Festival at Eventide and the flyer will be out shortly.

Councilman Keeler commended all our volunteers on the Fire and First Aid Squads. He thanked Chief Murphy and Deputy Chief Rivera for spending hundreds of hours supervising, conducting, and scheduling all the members of the Fire Department. He also commended Antony Toth, Dave Estelle and Kelsey from the First Aid Squad. Additionally, he thanked Chief Friedman, Captain Arias and Lieutenant McCue and the rest of the Police Department staff for keeping our town safe during such a busy summer. Councilman Keeler said he spoke with Carol Smith at the court and everything is going well and they are very pleased with operations overall – if anyone is interested in attending the next court date is September 15th. The Fire Department is having an open house on October 9th from 12pm-3pm. Discussions are continuing with the DOT about the safety solutions at the Highlands bridge, the crosswalk at Center Street as well as other crosswalks.

Councilman Bieber reported the Cannabis Committee had its 3rd meeting last week and reminded everyone that the open meeting with residents will be tomorrow, Wednesday September 7th and Thursday September 8th in the meeting room in the Beach Pavilion from 7pm-9pm. Furthermore, there are additional meetings scheduled with merchants and potential businesses and looks forward to good engagement. The Administration Committee has drafted a short-term rental ordinance which he plans to discuss at the next workshop meeting so we can move forward with introduction and final adoption in October.

Councilman Booker reported the audit has been received without any issues or recommendations and commended our Administration team for being the excellent professionals that they are and for doing the great job that they do.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session not held.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Birdsall offered a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilmember Keeler:

Roll Call:	Bieber,	Birdsall,	Booker,	Catalano,	Keeler,	Lamia
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Pfeiffer
Borough Clerk