

**REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
May 24, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President McGuigan. Roll call was recorded as follows:

Present: D'Adamo, Dill, Kern, Smith, Tapp, Triboletti & McGuigan

Also Present: Mayor Glasser, Administrator Swain, Atty. Franklin & Clerk Degrassi

Absent: None

Open Public Meetings Act

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided. Agenda for this meeting has been provided to two local newspapers and posted in the City Clerk's Office

Public Hearing on Resolutions No. 93 and 94

Meeting was opened to the public and duly closed.

Resolution No. 93

M/S - Kern/Triboletti

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present. Council President McGuigan stated that he is a real gentleman who takes his craft seriously. He stated that this resolution is a long time coming. Councilman D'Adamo stated that he has known Bill for years and would like to add that he has shown leadership, vision and dedication and that it takes a special person to always be there for the youth of our Community. Mayor Glasser and Councilman Tapp then presented a copy of the resolution.

NO. 93 of 2012

Recognizing and Honoring William Rauzzino

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Rauzzino has coached and mentored the youth of Somers Point as a baseball coach in both the Somers Point Little League Organization and Babe Ruth Organization for well over fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, Bill has served as the treasurer and member of the executive board of Somers Point Little League as well as President of The Somers Point Babe Ruth League; and

WHEREAS, Bill has lead the efforts for many improvements to the fields and facilities at the Babe Ruth area of Fehrle Field, those improvements include a grass infield, additions and improvements to the concession stand, upgrades to the restroom facilities, enhancements to the dugouts, a batting cage, and many others; and

WHEREAS, these improvements have made the Somers Point Babe Ruth field the premier facility in the Atlantic Shore Babe Ruth League; and

WHEREAS, Bill has always conducted himself as a gentleman and a role model, stressing the fundamentals while also teaching the finer points of the game in a manner that motivates his players to believe in themselves while working as a team. He has shared his substantial knowledge of the game which has helped many of his players to continue playing and thriving at higher levels of the game.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the leadership, vision, and dedication demonstrated by William “Bill” Rauzzino has impacted the lives of many of the children of Somers Point in a positive manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Somers Point recognizes and honors the efforts of William “Bill” Rauzzino. His efforts are a display of the many positive activities and improvements that volunteers produce for the city and our citizens.

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council convey their gratitude to Bill and their best wishes to him and continued success with The Somers Point Babe Ruth Baseball Teams.

Proclamation No. 4

Mayor Glasser explained that this is the father of Richard Somers who died with his crew in Tripoli. He explained that Richard Somers (the father) was a hero in the American Revolution. Mr. John Morsa, historian of the Somers Mansion came forward and added that the Mansion will be open on June 23rd for “Patriot Richard Somers Day”.

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**Patriot Richard Somers Day
June 23, 2012**

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2012 the Richard Somers Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will be holding their Chapter Day at the Somers Mansion; and

WHEREAS, it would be fitting on this day to honor Patriot Richard Somers who was born at the Somers Mansion in 1737; and

WHEREAS, Richard Somers rose to the rank of Colonel in the 3rd Gloucester County Militia during the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, he commanded the men that would keep Somers Point and the surrounding areas safe from the British blockades; and

WHEREAS, we also honor the Sons of the American Revolution, through their efforts Patriot Richard Somers story, as well as the stories of his fellow compatriots, are remembered.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John L. Glasser, Jr., Mayor of the City of Somers Point, do hereby proclaim June 23, 2012 as

Patriot Richard Somers Day

in the City of Somers Point and ask everyone to join us in honoring and remembering our local American Revolutionary War hero who fought for our Nation’s freedom that we all enjoy today.

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Communications

Mayor's Report

Mayor Glasser thanks all who attended the new bridge dedication and ribbon cutting today. He also stated that we had a ribbon cutting for the new Fitzpatrick's Deli at Route 9 and Connecticut Avenue and tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. there will be a ceremony at the Atlantic County Veterans Cemetery in Estelle Manor. He also announced that our annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday at 11:00 a.m. starting at Dawes Avenue School and ending at our Veterans Park. He invited all of Council to join him in walking in the parade. Mayor Glasser also advised that the son of our former Police Chief, Sonny Armenia, is returning home from Afghanistan on June 2nd and asked everyone to line the streets to welcome him home. Lastly, he announced that there will be a free event in Council Chambers on May 30th at 3:00 p.m. hosted by our Police Chief Boyd and Bill Elliot, promoting the "Be a Hero" campaign.

Resolution No. 94

M/S - Triboletti/Dill

Adopted by a unanimous vote. Council President McGuigan thanked the Humane Society for their much appreciated donations. Mayor Glasser thanked Fred Vineyard, a leader in the veteran's community as well as the Humane Society for donating these vests.

Police Chief Boyd stated that it is his pleasure to be here tonight on behalf of the Somers Point Police Department, stating that our K-9 Officers are here tonight. He thanked the entire community for supporting this program, and thanked Fred Vineyard and Jim Donohue of the AM Vets and the Humane Society of New Jersey for their donation. A member of the Humane Society advised that they have given out over 1000 of these vests in New Jersey at no charge and commended the City of Somers Point for recognizing the value of the Police Dogs and protecting them.

No. 94 of 2012

**Thanking American Veterans Post 911 and Associated Humane Societies for Providing
Bullet Resistant Vests for Somers Point K-9 Corps members Sonny and Ozi**

SPONSORED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Somers Point Police Department K-9 members "Sonny" and "Ozi" have proven to be valuable working members of the force working with their assigned K-9 Officers, assisting in several arrests, pursuing perpetrators, aiding in crowd control, working as part of drug investigation teams, and in numerous other crime fighting activities including taking part in recent Community Outreach Programs; and

WHEREAS, the K-9 "officers" courageously and selflessly work on command to protect and serve, they deserve to have the same protections afforded their human Officer partners; and

WHEREAS, the American Veterans Post 911 led by Commander Fred Vineyard identified the need for bullet resistant vests for the K-9s and led the efforts to find and procure the vests; and

WHEREAS, the Associated Humane Societies has created the "Vested Interest Fund" in an effort to provide a bullet resistant vest for every K-9 in the state of New Jersey; and

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WHEREAS, Commander Vineyard contacted and coordinated with the Associated Humane Societies to enable the Somers Point Police Department to participate in the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Associated Humane Societies is providing two vests to the Somers Point Police Department for "Sonny" and "Ozi" to utilize; and

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WHEREAS, the donation of these vests will save the City and our taxpayers from having to purchase them for our K-9 program at a cost of approximately \$2000. per vest.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of Somers Point thank the Associated Humane Societies for their generous donation of the K-9 bullet resistant vests and wishes them continued success with the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The Mayor and City Council convey their gratitude to Commander Fred Vineyard and American Veterans Post 911 for their efforts on behalf of the Somers Point Police Department, our K-9 dogs and their Officers, and the citizens of Somers Point.

Committee Reports

Councilman Dill gave the Joint Insurance Fund report for the first quarter of the year stating that the attorney for the JIF made mention of the fact that the City of Somers Point does a great job of reporting their accidents and claims and it is very nice to have an organization like the JIF recognize Somers Point for the fine job that they do. He also gave the Public Works Report noting that they put up the flags along Shore Road for the parade and they will remain up all summer. He also noted that on the agenda we have a change order for Laurel Drive and it is always positive when it is a reduction rather than an increase. He also reported that the paving on Sunny Avenue will be complete next week.

Councilman Smith gave the budget committee report explaining the problems the Police Department has had with the SUV's. He stated that we will be introducing a bond ordinance at the next meeting to replace one K-9 vehicle and two patrol units.

Council President McGuigan reported that they are very close to settling the Police Negotiations and we may have a resolution on the agenda at the next meeting.

Minutes

Minutes of the regular meetings of April 12, 2012 and March 22, 2012 as well as the Executive Session (content only) of January 26, 2012 were approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances presented for consideration.

RESOLUTIONS

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Public Portion on Resolutions

Meeting was opened to the public and duly closed.

Resolution No. 95

M/S – D’Adamo/Triboletti

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

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No. 95 of 2012 (Corrected Copy)

Subject: A Resolution Accepting A Corrective Action Plan

Proposed by: Councilmen Triboletti, Dill and Smith

Whereas, The Audit of the City of Somers Point for the year ended December 31, 2011 conducted by Ford, Scott & Associates was received on April 23, 2012 and contained certain findings and recommendations; and

Whereas, these findings and recommendations have been reviewed by the City Administrator and Chief Financial Officer; and

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer, in accordance with the requirements promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services has developed a Corrective Action Plan to address the findings and recommendations in the Audit Report.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Somers Point as follows:

1. The Corrective Action Plan for the 2011 Municipal Audit, hereto attached, is hereby approved and accepted.
2. A copy of the Corrective Action Plan shall be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the City Clerk’s office.
3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution and its attachments to the Division of Local Government Services within sixty days of receipt of the Audit Report by the City.

Resolution No. 96

M/S – Triboletti/D’Adamo

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 96 of 2012

Subject: Change Order – Contract No. 17 – FY 2011 Discretionary Aid – Resurfacing of West Laurel Drive

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 60 of 2012, A.E. Stone, Inc., of Egg Harbor Township, NJ was awarded the contract for the FY 2011 Discretionary Aid – Resurfacing of West Laurel Drive for the sum of \$298,495.50; and

WHEREAS, during the course of construction changes were made to reflect as-built quantities; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has recommended approval of these changes; and

WHEREAS, those changes have resulted in a change of the contract amount as follows:

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Base Contract	\$298,495.50
Change order 1 (to reflect as-built quantities)	-\$1,079.22
Revised Contract Amount	\$297,416.28
Total Deduction: \$1,079.22 Total Additional: \$0 Net Change: -0.36%	

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the above listed change to the contract for FY 2011 Discretionary Aid – Resurfacing of West Laurel Drive is hereby approved and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents in this regard on behalf of the City.

Resolution No. 97
M/S - Dill/Tapp

Administrator Swain stated that the items on this year's audit are actually almost finished, stating that we have made great strides which has been a group effort. Adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of those present.

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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 2011 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

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

WHEREAS The Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall be 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: **General Comments – 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: **General Comments – Recommendations** as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body; 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, as per the regulations of the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS Failure to comply with the promulgations of the Local Finance Board of the

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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 City Council of the City of Somers Point hereby states that it has complied with the promulgation of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey dated July 30, 1968 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

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Resolution No. 98

M/S - Dill/Triboletti

Resolution adopted by a 5-0 vote with Councilwoman Kern abstaining with regard to the Crab Trap and Councilman D’Adamo abstaining with regard to the American Legion.

No. 98 of 2012

Subject: LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS
Introduced By: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MC GUIGAN

WHEREAS, the applications of the following enumerated liquor licenses for renewal in the City of Somers Point were found to be in good order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the below named and numbered applications are hereby renewed, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013:

0121-33-001-012	Apple New Jersey LLC T/A Applebees Neighborhood Grill & Bar
0121-33-002-003	RJM Enterprises Inc. T/A Anchorage Tavern
0121-33-003-007	Lost Boys Inc. T/A Carolines
0121-33-004-007	Point Pub of New Jersey Inc. T/A Passion Vines
0121-33-007-004	Crab Trap LTD T/A Crab Trap LTD
0121-33-013-002	Joe’s Circle Café, Inc. T/A Diorios
0121-33-015-009	GMH Restaurant Enterprises LLC
0121-33-016-010	Plantation Bay Resort & Country Club LLC
0121-33-017-008	Ranalli Enterprises LLC t/a Yacht Club 800 Bay
0121-33-019-017	939 Bay Avenue, LLC

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0121-33-020-002	American Legion Clark Eliason Post 352 T/A Clark Eliason American Legion
0121-31-024-001	Somers Point Volunteer Fire Co. No. 2
0121-33-022-001	Robert Johnson Post 2189 VFW T/A VFW Post 2189

Consent Agenda

M/S - Kern/D'Adamo

Items in the Consent Agenda were adopted unanimously.

No. 99 of 2012

Subject: Sewer Adjustment

WHEREAS, commercial sewer bills are billed based on water usage, and;
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WHEREAS, the property located at 10 MacArthur Blvd had an exceptionally high water usage during the period used for the 2012 sewer bill, and;

WHEREAS, the water usage caused to 2012 sewer bill and prior year adjustment to be double all previous bills, and;

WHEREAS, the property owner has indicated an outdoor spigot was leaking undetected for a period of several months, and water from this spigot went into the ground and not the sewer system, and;

WHEREAS, the property owner has requested, based on this information, that we return the 2012 sewer bill to the amount billed in previous years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the 2012 sewer bill be reduced to \$1,200.00 and the prior year adjustment be removed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector and the Finance Officer by the City Clerk.

No. 100 of 2012

Subject: Rescinding Petty Cash Fund

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council of the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic that the petty cash fund for the City Clerk be rescinded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic, hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

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No. 101 of 2012

Subject: Rescinding Petty Cash Fund

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council of the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic that the petty cash fund for Public Assistance be rescinded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic, hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

No. 102 of 2012

Subject: Establishing a New Petty Cash Fund

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund in any county or municipality by application and resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council of the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic to establish such a fund for the Finance Department in the amount of \$200.00; and

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WHEREAS, the custodian for this fund is Kathy Rosenberger, who is bonded for the amount of \$1,000,000; such custodian shall maintain records for this fund in a manner conducive to proper accounting and auditing procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Somers Point hereby authorizes such action and that two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Old Business

Presentation of Spending Plan

A representative from Bach Associates went over the draft Affordable Housing Trust Spending Plan with the governing body, explaining that every four years the funds need to be committed by way of your spending plan. Atty. Franklin stated that he hopes we can have this on the agenda for the next meeting and then submit it to the court.

New Business

Application by Spin for the Cure for a race scheduled for June 3rd as approved unanimously.

Discussion of Bills

Bills were presented for discussion in the amount of \$883,067.18. Administrator Swain stated that he has a payment release date of June 12th for the reimbursement to Shore Memorial Hospital.

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Public Portion

Meeting was opened to the public and duly closed.

Payment of Bills

Bills were approved unanimously in the amount of \$883,067.18. A complete list of bills is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Carol L. Degrassi, RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk

Approved: 7/26/2012