

**REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
October 14, 2010**

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

**Present: D'Adamo, Dill, Kern, Parker, Triboletti & McGuigan**

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

**Absent: Smith**

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**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.

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**Communications**

Mayor Glasser advised that at the next meeting we will be celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Somers Point Vietnam Veterans, Chapter 228. There will be proclamations from the City and the State Legislature.

Mayor Glasser also reported that the Somers Point Sharks have invited him to their homecoming weekend events starting next Friday with a rally at the Somers Point Beach.

Mayor Glasser gave the Police Department report in full for the month of September.

**Administrator's Report**

Administrator Swain advised that we will be advertising and receiving bids for the NJ Infrastructure Grant that we received. He also reported that we have received a \$2700.00 grant from the State of New Jersey towards the Police Body Armor.

Council President McGuigan read a letter from the Chief of Police advising that Trick or Treat has been set for October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Committee Reports**

Council President McGuigan advised that the Submarine Veteran's Organization made a presentation to the Recreation Commission to build a monument at the bike path circle in front of the VFW. He advised that the Recreation Commission gave permission for them to begin their fundraising.

Councilwoman Kern reported that the Somers Point Schools received a grant from Apple to provide the Sixth graders with laptops. She also reported that they have established an open relationship with the apartment complex managers and this is going very well. She also reported that the Foundation for Education Golf Tournament is scheduled for this Saturday, including the Trail of Two Cities Walk which is supported by the Business Association.

Councilman Triboletti reported that on October 20<sup>th</sup> the Planning Board will be reviewing the ordinance regarding the medical commercial district. He advised that they have spent weeks meeting with the hospital and discussing timing, notices, etc.

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**ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance No. 12 – Final Reading**

M/S – Kern/Dill

Meeting opened to the public:

Bill Levington, 123 W. Cedar Avenue, came forward and addressed the governing body stating that he is counting on the Council to take additional steps to alleviate the problems in his neighborhood.

Public portion closed.

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**Ordinance No. 12 of 2010 (As Amended)**

**An Ordinance Enacted Under Authority Granted by N.J.S.A. 39:4-197  
Regulating the Parking of Vehicles on Certain Streets and Portions Thereof;  
Amending and Supplementing the Somers Point Municipal Code Chapter  
250 Vehicles and Traffic, Article I Section 250-24. Schedule 1: No Parking;  
and Repealing All Ordinances Heretofore Adopted, The Provisions of Which  
Are Inconsistent Herewith.**

**FIRST READING: September 09, 2010**

**PUBLICATION: September 15, 2010**

**FINAL PASSAGE: September 23, 2010**

**REPUBLICATION AS AMENDED: September 29, 2010**

**SECOND READING: October 14, 2010**

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 141**

Atty. Franklin advised that Fibertech has not yet completed their review of the contract yet and this would need to be deferred to the next meeting.

M/S – Triboletti/D’Adamo – to defer to the next meeting

Motion carried by a unanimous vote of those present.

**Public Portion regarding Resolutions**

Meeting was opened to the public and duly closed.

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**Resolution No. 151**

M/S – Dill/Parker

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 151 of 2010**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR TO ENACT PROPERTY TAX REFORM WITH PASSAGE OF THE “MUNICIPAL TOOLKIT” AND MANDATES RELIEF**

**INTRODUCED BY: Council President McGuigan and Councilman Dill**

**WHEREAS**, difficult times demand difficult choices, and facing an unprecedented revenue gap this year, Governor Christie introduced, and the Legislature passed, a budget that cut municipal property tax relief funding by about \$450 million, from last year’s already reduced totals; and

**WHEREAS**, realizing that a 20% cut in revenue replacement funding, instead of the statutorily required increase, would present a serious challenge to local budget makers, Governor Christie and the Legislature must provide local officials with meaningful tools to limit the, otherwise devastating, impact of the cuts; and

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**Resolution No. 151 (Continued)**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's "Tool Kit to Meet Today's Fiscal Challenges" was intended to accomplish six objectives: collective bargaining reforms; limited but effective civil service and public employee pension and benefit reforms; management reform; a constitutional cap on increases in spending for direct State government services; and a constitutional cap on property tax increases; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Christopher Christie and the Legislature have enacted a 2% statutory cap for annual property tax levy increases; and

**WHEREAS**, compliance with that cap without the "toolkit" reforms places an impossible and unworkable burden upon municipalities of this State and our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, with the cuts assured in the State's new budget and with bipartisan agreement reached on new property tax caps, New Jersey Mayors - from municipalities, large and small, and from all around our Garden State - still wait for Trenton policy makers to enact meaningful local government cost containment reforms;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Governing Body of the City of Somers Point calls for immediate passage of the "Toolkit" reforms and mandates relief, including, but not limited to interest arbitration reform, limited but effective civil service and public employee pension and benefit reforms, disciplinary procedures, school and special district election reform, overdue reforms to the Fair Housing Act and the Council on Affordable Housing, and mandates relief; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that meaningful statutory arbitration reforms must limit the full economic impact of awards to conform to the 2% cap; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that statutory Health benefit reforms must conform future health benefit costs to the 2% cap; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that municipal revenues, such as the Energy Tax, which are now collected by, and diverted to, the State - but which are legally intended for municipal property tax relief in lieu of real estate taxation of utility property within a municipality - must be constitutionally dedicated for their original purpose; or in the alternative, that method of collecting such taxes should be reformed to allow imposition and collection directly by municipalities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Administration and Legislature must advance immediate mandates relief initiatives to assist municipalities in managing within the 2% cap; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Administration and Legislature must take prompt action to enact reforms to the Fair Housing Act and the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) which have been languishing since January without any meaningful progress; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a cap exception for the costs associated with municipal tax appeals must be included due to uncertainty of the real estate market and the ever increasing number of appeals being filed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that those costs mandated by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) should be excepted from the 2% cap or the costs of new AOC mandates should be capped at 2%; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to New Jersey Governor Christopher Christie, to Senate President Stephen Sweeney, to Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, to State Senators Van Drew and Lesniak, to our two Representatives in the General Assembly, and to the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

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**Consent Agenda**

M/S – Dill/Triboletti

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**Resolution No. 150**

**Subject: Tax Overpayment Refund**

**Introduced by: Councilman Smith**

**WHEREAS**, the below listed overpayment for the year designated is held in reserve by the City of Somers Point; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2010 third quarter was paid by both the mortgage company and the title company, and;

**WHEREAS**, the property owner has requested the overpayment be refunded to them,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the following overpayment be refunded to the property owner.

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

<b>Block</b>	<b>Lot</b>	<b>Property Owner</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Year</b>
1122	3	William & Karen Fausey	1593.15	2010

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**Old Business**

No Old Business presented for discussion..

**New Business**

A Raffle License application for the Rotary Club of Somers Point was approved by a unanimous vote of those present.

**Discussion of Bills**

Bills were presented for discussion in the amount of \$168,344.98 and \$636,813.30 which were already paid.

**Public Portion**

Meeting was opened to the public and duly closed.

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**Payment of Bills**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$168,344.98. Motion carried unanimously. A complete list of bills is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Carol L. Degrassi, RMC/MMC  
Municipal Clerk

Approved: 10/28/10