

**REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
February 23, 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 & Deputy Clerk Samuelson

Absent: None

Open Public Meetings Act

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

Communications

Council President McGuigan recognized people in the audience, former Mayor Bill Rosenberger, former Police Chief Sal Armenia, former Police Chief Orville Mathis and Fire Chief Frank Denan. Council President McGuigan stated that we will be moving the agenda around and will be opening the meeting to the public with regard to the resolutions as follows:

Public portion on Resolutions

Greg Gregory, 9 Colgate Road, came forward and commended the Police Department for their work, stating that he is expecting great things from the City of Somers Point.

Public portion was then closed.

Resoluion No. 48

M/S - Triboletti/Kern

Councilman Dill stated that he will be recusing himself with regard to this resolution, as well as Resolutions No. 49, 50 and 51. Councilman Smith stated that the entire Council should be introducing this resolution because they all concur. Council President McGuigan stated that the enthusiasm he shows is to be commended and he is an excellent representative of the Police Department and a definite asset to the City of Somers Point and Police Department. Resolution No. 48 was then adopted by a 6-0 vote with Councilman Dill recusing himself.

No. 48 of 2012

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF
SERGEANT ANTHONY C. DISCIASCIO TO THE POSITION OF LIEUTENANT
WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF SOMERS POINT**

Proposed By: Mayor Glasser

Introduced By: Council President McGuigan & Councilman Smith

WHEREAS, Chief Michael Boyd had determined that there is an opening in the Somers Point Police Department for the position of Lieutenant of Police; and

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Resolution No. 48 (Continued)

WHEREAS, Chief Michael Boyd has recommended that Sergeant Anthony C. Disciascio be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant of Police; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has concurred with the recommendation and requests that City Council approve the promotion; and

WHEREAS, this governing body recognizes that Sergeant Disciascio has served our City honorably as a member of the Police Department for over twenty years, and has served as a Sergeant since July 15, 1999:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Somers Point is honored to direct that Anthony C. Disciascio is hereby promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to file the necessary paperwork with the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.

Resolution No. 49

M/S - Triboletti/Tapp

Adopted by a 6-0 vote with Councilman Dill recusing himself. Council President McGuigan stated that he will make an excellent Sergeant as he has seen his professionalism.

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF
PATROLMAN HOWARD W. DILL, JR. TO THE POSITION OF SERGEANT WITHIN
THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF SOMERS POINT**

Proposed By: Mayor Glasser

Introduced By: Council President McGuigan & Councilman Smith

WHEREAS, Chief Michael Boyd has determined that there is an opening in the Somers Point Police Department for the position of Sergeant of Police; and

WHEREAS, Chief Michael Boyd has recommended that Patrolman Howard W. Dill, Jr. be promoted to the rank of Sergeant of Police; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has concurred with the recommendation and requests that City Council approve the promotion; and

WHEREAS, this governing body recognizes that Patrolman Dill has served our City honorably as a member of the Police Department for ten years performing his duties of accident investigation, traffic enforcement and accident investigation, and has also served as a shop steward for the Patrol Officers Association of Somers Point Local #77 PBA, and has satisfactorily completed his officer training program:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Somers Point is honored to direct that Howard W, Dill, Jr. is hereby promoted to the rank of Sergeant, effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to file the necessary paperwork with the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.

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Resolution No. 50

M/S - Triboletti/Kern

Adopted by a 6-0 vote with Councilman Dill recusing himself. Mayor Glasser stated that he has the honor of swearing in these three officers tonight and looks forward to having them as supervisors in the department. Councilman Dill stated that he is very proud of all three officers. All three officers were then sworn in by Mayor Glasser and received a round of applause from the Governing Body and the audience.

No. 50 of 2012

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF
PATROLMAN CHARLES SOMERS TO THE POSITION OF SERGEANT WITHIN
THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF SOMERS POINT**

Proposed By: Mayor Glasser
Introduced By: Council President McGuigan & Councilman Smith

WHEREAS, Chief Michael Boyd has determined that there is an opening in the Somers Point Police Department for the position of Sergeant of Police; and

WHEREAS, Chief Michael Boyd has recommended that Patrolman Charles Somers be promoted to the rank of Sergeant of Police; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has concurred with the recommendation and requests that City Council approve the promotion; and

WHEREAS, this governing body recognizes that Patrolman Somers has served our City honorably as a member of the Police Department for thirteen years performing his duties of accident investigation, traffic enforcement and investigation of criminal complaints, has served as the Department's D.A.R.E. officer for ten years, has satisfactorily completed his officer training program, and also serves our community as a member of the Somers Point School Board:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Somers Point is honored to direct that Charles Somers is hereby promoted to the rank of Sergeant, effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to file the necessary paperwork with the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.

Resolution No. 51

M/S - Kern/D'Adamo

Adopted by a 6-0 vote with Councilman Dill recusing himself. Councilman Smith stated that he feels this should be sponsored by the entire Council, stating that the Council supports this Police Department and would like to see them staffed to properly handle everything in Somers Point.

No. 51 of 2012

A Resolution Authorizing the Chief of Police of the City of Somers Point to Hire Three Police Officers from the Civil Service List Maintained by the State of New Jersey and to Appoint Same to the Position of Patrolman Within the Somers Point Police Department; and Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Somers Point to Swear in Said Patrolmen as Soon

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**as Practicable Following Acceptance of their Appointment and Completion of the Required
Pre Hiring Procedures**

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Resolution No. 51 (Continued)

Proposed By: Mayor Glasser
Introduced by: Council President McGuigan & Councilman Smith

WHEREAS, Chief Michael Boyd of the City of Somers Point Police Department expressed a need to hire three Police Officers for the Police Department, each to hold the position of Patrolman; and

WHEREAS, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr. supports the request and has submitted the request to this Governing Body with his full support; and

WHEREAS, a list of candidates was obtained for the State of New Jersey Civil Service List; and

WHEREAS, after completing a two month process of background checks, three qualified candidates have been selected by Chief Boyd from the current civil service list, two of whom must attend the Gloucester County Police Academy for training commencing on Monday, March 5, 2013 and one of whom has already been certified and shall commence full time active duty after being sworn in as a Patrolman of the Police Department of the City of Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure registration of the two officers in time to commence the State Police Training Academy on March 5, Chief Boyd and Mayor Glasser have asked this Governing Body to authorize the hiring of the three officers subject to completion of the final testing, with swearing-in of the successful candidates on Friday, March 2, 2012 at 4:00 PM at City Hall; and

WHEREAS, hiring of the additional patrolmen will enhance the public safety of this City, its residents and its visitors; and

WHEREAS, the hiring of the additional officers will have no impact upon the employment or status of any current police officer within the Department; and

WHEREAS, the salary and benefits to be paid to the hired officers will be in compliance with the Somers Point Salary Ordinance and the terms and conditions of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available within the Budget of the City of Somers Point to satisfy this financial obligation

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS Hereby RESOLVED that the Chief of Police of the City of Somers Point is hereby authorized and empowered to hire from the Civil Service List three (3) police officers and to appoint each to the position of Patrolman in the Somers Point Police Department to be duly sworn into office; and

It is **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the salary for each such position shall conform to the Somers Point Salary Ordinance and the terms and conditions of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement; and

It is **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chief of Police and Mayor will report to the City Clerk and the City Administrator the names and, where applicable, the prior employment position of each such Patrolman upon hiring and swearing in; and

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It is **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor of the City of Somers Point shall proceed to swear into office each such Patrolman on March 2, 2012 or as soon as practicable following appointment to the position; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to process the necessary documents with the New Jersey Department of Personnel, as may be required to certify said appointments.

Resolution No. 52
M/S - Kern/Tapp
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 52 of 2012

Subject: Closing Bay Avenue for Bayfest
Introduced By: Council President McGuigan

WHEREAS, the Bayfest 2012 celebration is scheduled for April 28, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Bayfest Committee has requested that a portion of Bay Avenue be closed for the Bayfest Celebration; and

WHEREAS, Bay Avenue is now a City Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that Bay Avenue be closed from Anna Avenue to Pleasant Avenue, from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., in order to accommodate the Bayfest Celebration on April 28, 2012.

Resolution No. 53
M/S - Dill/Smith
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 53 of 2012

Subject: Change Order – Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation & Replacement Project

Introduced By: Councilman Dill

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 43 of 2011, Pipevision Products, Inc. of LaSalle, Illinois was awarded the contract for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation and Replacement Project for the sum of \$1,332,000.00; and

WHEREAS, full width final restoration paving of Jordan Road and Broadway is required to prevent deterioration of the roadways into an unacceptable state; and

WHEREAS, the Sewer Utility Engineer has recommended approval of this change order 2; and

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WHEREAS, this change order 2 will result in a change of the contract amount as follows:

Base Contract	\$1,332,000.00	
Change order 1, previously approved	\$ 18,093.00	
Change order 2	\$ 15,684.05	
Revised Contract Amount	\$1,365,777.05	
Total Deduction: \$0	Total Additional: \$33,777.05	Net Change: 2.54%

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the above listed change to the contract for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation and Replacement Project is hereby approved and that the City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents in this regard on behalf of the City.

Resolution No. 54
M/S - Kern/Smith
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 54 of 2012

Subject: Authorizing Escrow Agreement for Housing Trust Fund
Introduced by: Council President McGuigan

Whereas, in order for the City of Somers Point to maintain a Housing Trust Fund account it is necessary to have a tri-party escrow agreement among the City of Somers Point, the Banking Institution and the Department of Community Affairs; and

Whereas, the City had previously authorized such an agreement in accordance with Resolution No. 133 of 2007; and

Whereas, because the City has changed banking institutions it is now necessary to authorize an escrow agreement with Cape Bank.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the Escrow Agreement for Housing Trust Fund attached hereto and made a part hereof is hereby approved.

Be it further resolved that the City Administrator is hereby authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the City and to take whatever other steps are necessary in connection with establishing and maintaining the account.

Resolution No. 55
M/S - D'Adamo/Kern
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

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**Subject: Authorizing execution of 2012
Municipal Aerial Mosquito Control
Agreement**

WHEREAS, from time to time it may become necessary to perform aerial application of pesticides for mosquito control over certain areas of Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, such application should be performed by the Atlantic County Department of Public Works, office of Mosquito Control; and

WHEREAS, all pesticides and aircraft utilized are approved for aerial application by State and Federal governments; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic County Department of Public Works, Office of Mosquito Control shall notify the Somers Point Police Department, the City and local news media prior to any application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr. is hereby authorized to execute the 2012

Municipal Aerial Mosquito Control Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Resolution No. 56

M/S - Dill/Kern

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 56 of 2012

Subject: Change Order Number 2 – 2011 Road Program

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 105 of 2011, Arawak Paving Co., Inc., of Hammonton, NJ was awarded the contract for the 2011 Road Program for the sum of \$324,000.00; and

WHEREAS, due to a reduction in the price of oil and corresponding Asphalt Price Adjustment and Fuel Price Adjustment in the contract, Resolution 139 of 2011 authorized change order 1 to fully repave Osborne and Nassau Roads from Bala Drive to Massachusetts Avenue instead of patching those roads in the amount of \$11,620.00; and

WHEREAS, during the course of construction changes were made due to the emergency removal of an existing corrugated metal pipe that collapsed on Edgewood Drive with a 24" HDPE Pipe, reconstruction of inlets on Osborne Avenue and Chapman Boulevard that collapsed, and 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	\$324,000.00	
Change order 1	\$11,620.00	
Change order 2	\$29,385.26	
Revised Contract Amount	\$365,005.26	
Total Deduction: \$0	Total Additional: \$41,005.26	Net Change: 12.66%

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the above listed change to the contract for the 2011 Road Program 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. 57
M/S - D'Adamo/Kern
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 57-2012

Subject: Change Order 1 – South Laurel Drive Reconstruction

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 136 of 2011, Arawak Paving Co., Inc., of Hammonton, NJ was awarded the contract for the South Laurel Drive Reconstruction for the sum of \$377,700.00; 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:

Base Contract	\$377,700.00
Change order 1	\$-30,747.15
Revised Contract Amount	\$346,952.85

Total Deduction: \$30,747.15 Total Additional: \$0 Net Change: -8.14%

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

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Resolution No. 58

M/S - Dill/Kern

Councilman Tapp congratulated Brian and thanked him for the endless hours he puts in stating that when he takes on a project, he doesn't stop until it's done. He stated that Somers Point is a much better place because of people like him. Councilman Triboletti thanked him for his efforts and for being a part of Somers Point and his children's lives. Councilman Dill echoed what the others had said, stating that his efforts are tireless and appreciates his dedication. Councilman D'Adamo stated that he has known Brian for many years and he has given extraordinary service to this community, including Scouts. Councilman McGuigan stated that he has had quite an effect on his three children and congratulated him stating that there is a dinner in his honor on March 3rd and tickets are available at the CER Office. Resolution No. 58 was then adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 58 of 2012

**Recognizing and Honoring the Recreation Volunteer of the Year
Brian Hartley**

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point and the Somers Point Recreation Commission wish to recognize the efforts of Brian Hartley for his never ending willingness to serve the community and the countless hours dedicated to the children of Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, Brian Hartley has served both the Somers Point Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball organizations with distinction and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Brian has given his time over the years to teach the children of Somers Point the fundamentals of baseball. He can often be found at Fehrle Field coaching for the Somers Point Babe Ruth teams and working on various upgrades to the facilities; and

WHEREAS, he also has put considerable time and effort with the revitalization of the Eva Anderson Youth Center as well; and

WHEREAS, he has devoted his dedication and energies to the repair, maintenance and improvement of the Somers Point Senior Citizens Center; and

WHEREAS, Brian can always be counted on to help out with any recreational activities for youth of Somers Point, thus making him an easy choice for Volunteer of the Year, and

WHEREAS, Brian Hartley has given unselfishly of his time and energy, performing this service in a manner that reflects favorably on all Somers Point Volunteers.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the dedication demonstrated by Brian Hartley has significantly impacted the lives of many of the children of Somers Point in a positive manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, City Council, and the Somers Point Recreation Commission name Brian Hartley as the recipient of the 2011 Recreation Volunteer of the Year Award.

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED, that The City Council conveys their gratitude to Brian Hartley and their best wishes to him in all his future endeavors and services.

Committee Reports

Mayor Glasser announced that the VFW is having an awards dinner Saturday night and will be honoring a Police Officer, a firefighter, a Public Works employee, Office of Emergency Management and an Officer from the Atlantic County Sheriff's Department. He stated that

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tickets can be purchased at the door. He also announced the annual Boy Scouts spaghetti dinner on Saturday from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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Mayor Glasser also reported that a home was burglarized and within minutes our Police Officers went to work and apprehended the suspect. He commended the Police Department for their work. He also announced that the Police Department held a Community Awareness Program last week, which is the direction this Police Department should go.

Councilman Smith noted that Brian Hartley put together a Beef and Beer fund raiser for the Foundation for Education at Charlie's.

Councilman Dill reported that the Budget Committee is well underway examining the budget to bring in the lowest budget possible. He stated that they have met several times and will be introducing and have adoption at the second meeting in April if all goes well.

Councilman Triboletti reported that the Planning Board received the final Vision Plan and will be forwarding it to the Council for adoption. He also reported that on April 5th the subcommittee was invited to attend a round table with all of the Department Heads at the Department of Community Affairs. He stated that this invitation is offered to five or six communities a year and there is the possibility of some State Grant funding to help with the Master Plan as well as the waterfront. He also reported that we should be seeing a request for an ordinance from the Planning Board with regard to outdoor seating at restaurants which they would like to see in place for this season.

Minutes

The minutes of the regular meetings of January 7, 2011, January 13, 2011, February 24, 2011, March 9, 2011, and March 17, 2011 were approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances presented for consideration.

New Business

Council President McGuigan reported that we have had a request from the SP Business Association to use our Council Chambers for their meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 8-9 am. Atty. Franklin stated that they would need to provide a certificate of insurance. Council agreed that they would be in favor of this if we can work out everything with the insurance.

Old Business

Mayor Glasser reported that he had received a request from the Sausto family regarding the possibility of naming a street in honor of Anthony Sausto who lost his life in Iraq five years ago. Council was supportive of this and formed a committee to work on this consisting of Councilman Dill, Councilman D'Adamo and Mayor Glasser.

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Discussion of Bills

Administrator Swain noted that there is a list of bills already paid in the amount of \$296,125.52, of which \$110,000 is for debt service. He also reported that there will be training on Monday for all of the Departments regarding Purchasing and Requisitions. He explained that this is one of the steps we have taken to change the way we do our purchasing.

Public Portion

Mr. O'Donnell, 21 MacArthur Blvd., came forward and addressed the governing body with regard to Mental Health Awareness stating that he was on the Mental Health Council in Delaware.

Public portion was then closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Carol L. Degrassi, RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk

Approved: