

REORGANIZATION MEETING MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL January 6, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk Samuelson, acting as Temporary Chairman, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the 2023 Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and City Council.

Open Public Meetings Act

The Temporary Chairman announced pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to two local newspapers. The agenda has been posted in the City Clerk's Office and on the City's website at www.somerspointgov.org.

Oath of Office

Newly re-elected First Ward Council Member Sean McGuigan was called forward and sworn in by Senator Vincent Polistina while his wife Teresa held the Bible.

Newly re-elected Second Ward City Council Member Mike Owen was called forward and sworn in by Senator William Gormley while his wife Darleen and daughter Amanda held the Bible.

Newly re-elected Second Ward City Council Member Richard DePamphilis was called forward and sworn in by Assembly Woman Claire Swift while his wife Sally held the Bible.

They each received a round of applause from the audience.

Senator Vincent Polistina expressed his appreciation and thanks to the City of Somers Point and Council Member McGuigan.

Senator William Gormley congratulated Council Member Owen and conveyed his gratitude towards Mayor Glasser, the City Council, and the City of Somers Point.

Assemblywoman Claire Swift thanked Council Member DePamphilis and his family for all that they have done for the community.

Also Present: Mayor Glasser, Administrator Frost, Clerk Samuelson

Nomination and Election of a President of Council

Temporary Chairman Samuelson called for the nomination and election of President of Council for the year 2023. Councilwoman Johnston was nominated by motion of Council Member Owen. There being no further nominations, the nominations were declared closed. Council Member Johnston was then elected President of City Council by a unanimous roll call vote of those present. Council Member Johnston was then called forward to receive the gavel with a round of applause.

Nomination and Election of a President Pro-Tempore

Council President Johnston then called for the nomination and election of a President Pro-Tempore for the year 2023. Councilman McGuigan nominated Councilman Dill, seconded by Councilman

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Owen. There being no further nominations, Councilman Dill was elected a President Pro-Tempore by unanimous roll call vote with Councilman Dill abstaining.

Council Member Dill was declared President Pro-Tempore for the year 2023.

Council President Pro Tempore Dill thanked everyone who voted for him and appreciates their confidence in him. Council President Johnston also thanked the Council Members and expressed her excitement for the upcoming year.

Roll Call

Present: DePamphilis, Bruno, McCarrie, Owen, McGuigan, Dill, Johnston

Absent: None

Also Present: Mayor Glasser, Administrator Frost, Clerk Samuelson

Public Portion Regarding Resolution No. 1 of 2023

Council President Johnston duly opened the meeting to the public. Hearing nothing further from the public, the public portion was duly closed.

Resolution No. 1 of 2023

M/S- Dill/Owen

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council Member McGuigan stated that he was looking forward to working again with City Attorney, Thomas Smith.

No. 1 of 2023

Subject: Appointment of Municipal Solicitor

Introduced by: Council Member Johnston

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point has identified a need for a Municipal Solicitor for 2023; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point as follows:

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1. Thomas G. Smith, Esq., be and hereby is appointed as Municipal Solicitor for the City of Somers Point for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, inclusive.
2. This agreement is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Thomas G. Smith, Esq., in connection with these services, and, upon execution, the contract will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.
4. As indicated in the Division of Local Government Services Local Finance Notice 2006-7, because this is awarded through a fair and open process, further public notice per N.J.S. 40A:11-5.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

Flag Salute

City Council President Johnston led the audience in the salute to the U. S. Flag.

Invocation

Police Chaplain Louis Strugala offered the invocation.

Council President Johnston thanked him for his inspiring words.

Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Glasser asked for a moment of silence and gave his sincere condolences to Somers Point native and esteemed Recreation Commission Volunteer, Harold Eckbold.

Members of City Council Address the Public

Mayor Glasser wished everyone a happy New Year. He recognized the many local dignitaries and volunteers that were in attendance. He then thanked the professionals being appointed. He also thanked the staff and volunteers who work so hard. He acknowledged how important it is that everyone works together and stated that he will continue to work for what is in the best interest of Somers Point.

Council Member DePamphilis thanked the Council Members for helping him through his first year in Somers Point City Council and congratulated his fellow members on their reappointment.

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Council Member Dill started by thanking the staff and volunteers. Next, he congratulated the newly re-elected Council Members and thanked his family for their support.

Council Member McGuigan thanked his family for their support. In addition, he thanked the many dignitaries in attendance and reiterated the importance of the Reorganization Meeting. He then thanked the City Hall employees, Public Works Department, Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management and all other volunteers for the work they do for the City. He remembered Harold Eckbold and Arlene Freed. He thanked Council President Johnston and everyone in attendance.

Council Member Owen stated that he appreciates everyone who made it to the meeting and thanked his family for their continued support. He thanked the First Responders for their service including the Fire Department, Police Department, and Office of Emergency Management. He also recognized past and present Veterans and Service Members and thanked them for their service. Next, he thanked the citizens of Somers Point for his re-election, and the City Administration and staff. Lastly, he motioned that there would be all good things to come in the upcoming year.

Council Member Bruno thanked everyone for a great year and stated that she is looking forward to the upcoming year. She recognized how hard everyone works, including volunteers and the community groups.

Council Member McCarrie also thanked everyone in attendance. He stated that it was an honor to serve on the City Council to help make Somers Point a better place.

Council President Johnston reiterated the importance of the Mayor and City Council's remarks and added how appreciative she is of volunteers.

Public Portion:

Council President Johnston duly opened the meeting to the public.

Hearing nothing further from the public, the public portion was duly closed.

Proclamations:

The following Mayor's proclamations were read by the City Clerk.

No. 1 of 2023

Subject: Appointing Historic Preservation Commission

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WHEREAS, the City Council by Ordinance has established a Historic Preservation Commission in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-107 et seq. as more specifically set forth in Section 114-202 in Article XXVIII of Chapter 114 of the Somers Point Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Somers Point Historical Commission currently consists of seven regular members and two alternate members; and

WHEREAS, it is the jurisdiction of the Mayor to make said appointments to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, it has also been determined that for a seven-member Commission, at least one member shall be a Class A member, one member shall be a Class B member and a third member shall be either a Class A or a Class B member so that a total of at least one less than a majority shall be of Classes A and B; and

WHEREAS, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., wishes to reappoint Donna Mohr and Levi Fox as Class B members, said terms expiring December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., wishes to reappoint William Reinert, Marian McVeigh and Patricia Pierson as Class C members, said terms expiring December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., wishes to reaffirm the following appointments with the term expiration dates designated below

BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT the Historic Preservation Commission consists of the following members with their terms of office noted:

CLASS A

Tara McGinnis - Regular Member

EXPIRATION OF TERM

December 31, 2023

CLASS B

Donna Mohr - Regular Member

December 31, 2024

Levi Fox – Regular Member

December 31, 2024

CLASS C

William Reinert - Regular Member

December 31, 2024

Marian McVeigh - Regular Member

December 31, 2024

Greg DiSabatino – Regular Member

December 31, 2023

Patricia Pierson – Regular Member

December 31, 2024

ALTERNATES

Lois Gregory (Alt. No. 1)

December 31, 2023

Debi Argent (Alt. No. 2)

December 31, 2023

No. 2 of 2023

Subject: Appointing Planning Board Members

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WHEREAS, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., hereby reappoints Gerald “Max” Slusher and appoints Vince Lombardi as Alternates 1 and 2 with terms expiring December 31, 2026; and

BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT the Planning Board as of this date consists of the following members with the expiration of terms noted:

CLASS I	EXPIRATION OF TERM
Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr.	Term of Office
CLASS II	
Michael R. Sweeney	One (1) Year Term 12/31/23
CLASS III	
Howard Dill	One (1) Year Term 12/31/23
CLASS IV	
Jack Shields	December 31, 2023
Brian Cotton	December 31, 2024
David Sharp	December 31, 2025
Paul Striefsky	December 31, 2023
Gerald “Max” Slusher (Alt. No. 1)	December 31, 2024
Vince Lombardi (Alt. No. 2)	December 31, 2024

No. 3 of 2023

Subject: Environmental Commission Appointments

WHEREAS, vacancies exist on the Somers Point Environmental Commission due to the expiration of the terms and resignations of certain members; and

WHEREAS, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., hereby reappoints Dan Meyers and Linda Keyser; for terms expiring December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, due to the resignation of Robert Bender, there is a vacancy on the Commission and; Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., appoints Sue Seckinger to fill the vacancy with a term expiring December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, due to the resignation of Lisa Bender, there is a vacancy on the Commission and; Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., appoints John Helbig to fill the vacancy with a term expiring December 31, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, due to the resignation of Gerald “Max” Slusher, there is a vacancy on the Commission and; Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., appoints Jack Shields to fill the vacancy as the Planning Board representative with a term expiring December 31, 2023; and

THE SOMERS POINT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION shall consist of the following members with the expiration of terms noted:

Dan Meyers	December 31, 2025
Linda Keyser	December 31, 2025
Sue Seckinger	December 31, 2023
Paul Ludgate	December 31, 2023
Jack Shields	December 31, 2023
Bill Reinert	December 31, 2024
John Helbig, (Chair)	December 31, 2024

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Subject: Appointing Veteran’s Advisory Board

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council for the City of Somers Point established, by virtue of Ordinance No. 7 of 2019 and under the authority of *N.J.S.A. 40A:1-1 et. seq.*, a Veterans Advisory Board for the City of Somers Point for the purpose of keeping the Mayor and Council informed of developments regarding veterans and for the purposes of coordination of Veteran related activities, issues, parades and developments which, in effect, affect the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor is desirous of appointing to said Veterans Advisory Board those members of the community whose qualifications meet those specified by said Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the citizens that are hereby proclaimed to be members of the first Veterans Advisory Board within the City of Somers Point have served their Country honorably and with distinction and will be of benefit to the Mayor and Council in addressing and promoting the needs and affairs of veterans within our City for the betterment of our community and are otherwise eligible to serve on the Veteran’s Advisory Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John L. Glasser, Jr., by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim that effective immediately the following persons shall be and are hereby appointed as members of the Veterans Advisory Board for the terms and positions so specified:

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Members	Expiration of Term
Thomas Innocente (U.S. Navy/U.S. Army Reserve)	12/31/2025
Ron Bird (U.S. Navy)	12/31/2025
Vacant	12/31/2025
Bill Butler (Marine Corps.)	12/31/2023
Vacant	12/31/2023
Skip Mell (U.S. Coast Guard)	12/31/2023
Fred Fontana (U.S. Air Force)	12/31/2023

Resolutions:

Clerk Samuelson read by title only the list of resolutions.

Public Portion for Resolutions:

Council President Johnston duly opened the meeting to the public. Hearing nothing from the public, the public portion was duly closed.

Resolutions:

No. 2 of 2023

M/S – Dill/Owen

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

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Subject: Fire Department Officers

Introduced by: Mayor Glasser, Council Members Johnston and Dill

WHEREAS, the members of the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Department have recommended the following officers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Somers Point wishes to confirm said recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the officers of the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Department are as follows, with their terms noted hereon:

CITY FIRE CHIEF (3 Yr. Term – Exp. 12/31/25) Michael R. Sweeney

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DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF (3 Yr. Term – Exp. 12/31/25) Michael C. Sweeney

Asst. Chief (1 year) Exp. 12/31/23	James Somers
Asst. Chief (1 year) Exp. 12/31/23	Jay Loder
Captain (1 year) Exp. 12/31/23	Timothy Welsh
Captain (1 year) Exp. 12/31/23	Patrick Winkler
Lieutenant (1 year) Exp. 12/31/23	Christopher Martin, Jr.
Lieutenant (1 year) Exp. 12/31/23	Robert Blaine
Fire Marshall (3 years) Exp. 12/31/23	Kimball Feinstein
Asst. Fire Marshall (1 year) Exp. 12/31/23	Grae Ayers
Safety Officer (1 year) Exp. 12/31/23	Robert Blumberg
Safety Officer (1 year) Exp. 12/31/23	Michael Weierbach

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This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

Clerk Samuelson proudly swore in the Volunteer Fire Department Officers, which was met with a round of applause.

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Subject: **Appointments/Harbor Master and Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators**

Introduced by: **Mayor Glasser, Council Members Johnston and Dill**

WHEREAS, it is the duty of Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., to make certain appointments to various offices in the City of Somers Point as their terms expire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following list of appointments made by Mayor Glasser on the first day of January 2023, be confirmed at this time by the City Council.

HARBOR MASTER

1 Year Term (Expires 12/31/23)

Mike Kedziora

**MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR, OFFICE
OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

3 Year Term (Expires 12/31/23)

Philip Gaffney

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**DEP. MUNICIPAL COORDINATORS, OFFICE
OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

1 Year Terms (Expire 12/31/23)

Police Chief Robert C. Somers
Bill Cabiness
Roger Tees

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M/S – Dill/Owen

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote.

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Subject: Temporary Budget

Introduced by: Council Members Johnston, McGuigan, Dill

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that the governing body may, by resolution, make appropriations to provide for the period between the beginning of the fiscal year and the adoption of the budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, New Jersey that the following temporary budget be and is hereby adopted for 2023.

APPROPRIATIONS - CURRENT FUND

<i>GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS</i>	2022 Amount		<i>Temporary Amount</i>
<i>General Administration</i>	S&W	165,500.00	35,000.00
	OE	55,000.00	20,000.00
<i>Mayor and Council</i>	S&W	69,000.00	20,000.00
	OE	80,000.00	25,000.00
	OE	1,500.00	1,500.00
<i>Veteran's Events</i>			
<i>Municipal Clerk</i>	S&W	179,700.00	54,000.00

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	OE	56,300.00	20,000.00
<i>Financial Administration</i>	S&W	80,800.00	35,000.00
	OE	45,000.00	20,000.00
<i>Audit Services</i>	OE	43,000.00	20,000.00
<i>Computerized Data Processing</i>	OE	60,000.00	20,000.00
<i>Tax Assessment Administration</i>	S&W	20,000.00	10,000.00
	OE	85,000.00	25,000.00
<i>Tax Collection</i>	S&W	86,000.00	40,000.00
	OE	20,000.00	10,000.00
<i>Legal Services</i>	S&W		
	OE	230,000.00	70,000.00
<i>Engineering Services</i>	S&W		
	OE	15,000.00	5,000.00
<i>Economic Development Commission</i>	OE	20,000.00	7,500.00
LAND USE ADMINISTRATION	X		
<i>Planning Board</i>	S&W	21,500.00	9,000.00
	OE	24,500.00	9,000.00
<i>Zoning Board of Adjustment</i>	S&W	21,500.00	9,000.00
	OE	14,900.00	9,000.00
<i>Environmental Commission</i>	OE	2,000.00	2,000.00
<i>Historic Commission</i>	OE	3,000.00	3,000.00
<i>Arts Commission</i>	OE	4,000.00	4,000.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION	X		
<i>Uniform Construction Code Enforcement Functions</i>	S&W	119,400.00	60,000.00
<i>Uniform Construction Code Enforcement Functions</i>	OE	23,900.00	12,000.00
<i>Other Code Enforcement Functions</i>	S&W	54,200.00	15,000.00
	OE	27,700.00	12,000.00
<i>Demolition of derelict buildings</i>	OE	5,000.00	
INSURANCE	X		
<i>Unemployment Insurance</i>	OE	20,000.00	10,000.00
<i>Surety Bond Premiums</i>	OE	1,000.00	1,000.00
<i>Other Insurance/General Liability</i>	OE	120,000.00	75,000.00
<i>Workers Compensation Insurance</i>	OE	313,500.00	160,000.00
<i>Employee Group Insurance</i>	OE	1,685,000.00	650,000.00
<i>Group Insurance Opt-out</i>	OE	20,000.00	
PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS	X		

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<i>Police Department</i>	S&W	3,518,000.00	900,000.00
	OE	163,500.00	70,000.00
<i>Police Dispatch/911</i>	S&W	395,600.00	110,000.00
	OE	21,500.00	6,000.00
<i>Office of Emergency Management</i>	S&W	12,500.00	8,000.00
	OE	8,100.00	3,000.00
<i>Fire Department</i>	S&W	42,200.00	16,000.00
	OE	147,100.00	50,000.00
<i>Fire Prevention Bureau</i>	S&W	2,000.00	1,000.00
	OE	2,000.00	1,000.00
<i>Municipal Prosecutor's Office</i>	S&W		
	OE	20,000.00	6,000.00
<i>Emergency Medical Services</i>	S&W		
	OE	57,000.00	25,000.00
PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS	X		
<i>Other Public Works Functions</i>	S&W	648,600.00	200,000.00
	OE	63,000.00	45,000.00
<i>Solid Waste Collection</i>	S&W	652,500.00	155,000.00
	OE	228,600.00	75,000.00
<i>Buildings and Grounds</i>	S&W	201,500.00	45,000.00
	OE	85,000.00	40,000.00
<i>Vehicle Maintenance</i>	OE	126,000.00	50,000.00
APT. TRASH COLLECTION	OE	50,000.00	15,000.00
PL2001,c.025			
MUNICIPAL SERVICES ACT	X		
<i>Community (Municipal) Services Act</i>	OE	90,000.00	30,000.00
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	X		
<i>Animal Control Services</i>	OE	10,000.00	3,000.00
PARKS AND RECREATION	X		
FUNCTIONS			
<i>Recreation Services and Programs</i>	S&W	52,200.00	14,000.00
	OE	40,000.00	10,000.00
<i>Maintenance of Parks</i>	S&W	226,900.00	60,000.00
	OE	42,000.00	10,000.00
MUNICIPAL COURT	X		
	S&W	198,700.00	50,000.00
	OE	20,950.00	10,000.00
<i>Public Defender</i>	S&W		
	2	12,000.00	6,000.00
OTHER COMMON OPERATING	X		

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FUNCTIONS (UNCLASSIFIED)			
UTILITY EXPENSES AND BULK PURCHASES	X		
<i>Fire Hydrants</i>	OE	117,000.00	45,000.00
<i>Electricity</i>	OE	160,000.00	70,000.00
<i>Street Lighting</i>	OE	150,000.00	70,000.00
<i>Telephone</i>	OE	51,000.00	20,000.00
<i>Water</i>	OE	40,000.00	15,000.00
<i>Natural Gas</i>	OE	50,000.00	35,000.00
<i>Fuel Oil - Heating</i>	OE	1,000.00	1,000.00
<i>Fuel Oil - Diesel</i>	OE	58,000.00	50,000.00
<i>Telecommunications costs</i>	OE	19,000.00	6,000.00
<i>Sewerage processing and disposal</i>	OE	7,200.00	7,000.00
<i>Gasoline</i>	OE	75,000.00	50,000.00
LANDFILL/SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COSTS	OE	290,000.00	85,000.00
CONTINGENT	OE	1,000.00	
STATUTORY EXPENDITURES	X		
<i>Public Employees Retirement System</i>	OE	459,453.00	
<i>Social Security</i>	OE	534,299.00	143,000.00
<i>Defined Contribution Retirement Plan</i>	OE	13,000.00	5,000.00
<i>Police and Fire Retirement System</i>	OE	781,295.00	
DEFERRED CHARGES PRIOR YEARS' BILLS	OE		
PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS	X		
LOSAP	OE	20,000.00	
STATUTORY EXPENDITURES	X		
RECYCLING TAX APPROPRIATIONS (PL 2008, c311)	OE	12,011.85	
HEALTH INSURANCE EXCLUSION			
RESERVE FOR TAX APPEALS			
FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS	X		
<i>Recycling Tonnage Grant</i>	OE		
<i>Safe and Secure - State</i>	OE	12,621.00	
<i>City</i>	OE	173,000.00	60,000.00
<i>Matching Funds for Grants</i>	OE	1,000.00	
<i>Local Arts Development Program: Beach</i>	OE	9,750.00	
<i>Concerts</i>			
<i>Local Arts Development Program: Arts</i>	OE	5,050.00	
<i>Commission</i>			

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<i>NJ Law & Public Safety - Body Armor Grant</i>	OE	1,589.39	
<i>NJDOT FY 2022 Ocean Ave</i>	OE	350,000.00	
<i>American Rescue Plan</i>	OE	1,064,897.00	
<i>NPP Bayfront Preservation</i>	OE	125,000.00	
<i>Local Recreation Improvement Grant</i>	OE	75,000.00	
<i>Body Worn Cameras</i>	OE	30,570.00	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	OE		
<i>Capital Improvement Fund</i>	OE	153,000.00	45,000.00
MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE	X		
<i>Bond Principal</i>	OE	1,571,000.00	1,000,000.00
<i>Note Principal</i>	OE	-	
<i>Bond Interest</i>	OE	350,600.00	300,000.00
<i>Note Interest</i>	OE	53,300.00	-
DEFERRED CHARGES	X		
<i>Deferred Charges to Future Taxation</i>	OE	-	
<i>Unfunded</i>			
<i>Special Emergency - Reassessment</i>	OE	-	
<i>Subtotal, without the reserve for uncollected taxes:</i>		17,745,986.24	
RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES	OE	1,139,392.04	
TOTAL BUDGET		18,885,378.28	5,499,000.00
LESS EXCEPTIONS:			
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS			
<i>Capital Improvement Fund</i>		153,000.00	45,000.00
MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE			
<i>Bond Principal</i>		1,571,000.00	1,000,000.00
<i>Note Principal</i>		-	
<i>Bond Interest</i>		350,600.00	300,000.00
<i>Note Interest</i>		53,300.00	-
TOTAL EXCEPTIONS		2,127,900.00	1,345,000.00
ALLOWABLE INCLUSIONS		16,757,478.28	4,154,000.00
<i>ALLOWABLE AMOUNT (less exceptions)</i>		0.2625	
<i>MAXIMUM TEMPORARY BUDGET (less exceptions)</i>		4,398,838.05	
APPROPRIATIONS - SEWER UTILITY			
SEWER UTILITY OPERATING		2022 Amount	Temporary Amount

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<i>Salaries</i>	S&W	646,800.00	140,000.00
<i>Other Expenses</i>	OE	409,300.00	140,000.00
<i>Atlantic County Utility Authority</i>	OE	1,100,000.00	290,000.00
<i>Deferred Charges - Overexpenditure of Appropriations</i>	OE		
MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE			
<i>Bond Principal</i>		475,200.00	300,000.00
<i>Bond Interest</i>		102,000.00	123,000.00
<i>BAN Principal</i>		-	
<i>BAN Interest</i>		30,100.00	
<i>Social Security</i>		40,000.00	5,000.00
<i>Capital Improvement Fund</i>		-	
TOTAL BUDGET		2,803,400.00	998,000.00
LESS EXCEPTIONS:			
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS			
<i>Capital Improvement Fund</i>			
MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE			
<i>Bond Principal</i>		475,200.00	300,000.00
<i>Note Principal</i>		102,000.00	123,000.00
<i>Bond Interest</i>		-	
<i>Note Interest</i>		30,100.00	
TOTAL EXCEPTIONS		607,300.00	423,000.00
ALLOWABLE INCLUSIONS		2,196,100.00	575,000.00
ALLOWABLE AMOUNT		0.2625	
MAXIMUM TEMPORARY BUDGET		576,476.25	

No. 9 of 2023

M/S – Owen/Dill

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 9 of 2023

Subject: Zoning Board Appointments

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Introduced by: Council Members Johnston, Dill and McCarrie

WHEREAS, City Council reappoints Rex Granus and Elizabeth Lawler with a term expiring December 31, 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, New Jersey that the Somers Point Zoning Board of Adjustment is constituted as follows:

MEMBER	EXPIRATION OF TERM
Dennis Tapp	Dec. 31, 2023
Joseph Craddock	Dec. 31, 2024
Shawn Rowan	Dec. 31, 2025
John Helbig	Dec. 31, 2024
Elizabeth Lawler	Dec. 31, 2026
Mike Kedziora	Dec. 31, 2023
Rex Granus	Dec. 31, 2026
Alternates:	
Carl "Skip" Mell (No. 1)	Dec. 31, 2024
Doug Gilbert (No. 2)	Dec. 31, 2023

No. 11 of 2023

M/S – Owen/Dill

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 11 of 2023

Subject: Appointment of Municipal Prosecutor

Introduced by: Council Member Johnston

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point desires to appoint Kelly Blanchet, Esq. as Municipal Prosecutor, effective January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point as follows:

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1. Kelly Blanchet, Esq. be and is hereby appointed as Municipal Prosecutor for the City of Somers Point for the period of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.
2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Kelly Blanchet, Esq. for the calendar year 2023. Upon execution, a copy of the contract will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.
3. This agreement is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
4. As indicated in the Division of Local Government Services Local Finance Notice 2006-7, because this is awarded through a Fair and Open process, further public notice per N.J.S.A. 40A:11.5.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

No. 12 of 2023

M/S – Owen/Dill

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 12 of 2023

Subject: Appointment of Public Defender

Introduced by: Council Member Johnston

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point wishes to appoint Megan Hoener, Esq. as Municipal Public Defender, effective January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point as follows:

5. Megan Hoerner, Esq. be and hereby is appointed as Municipal Public Defender for the City of Somers Point for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.
6. This appointment is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” under the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
7. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Megan Hoerner, Esq. for the calendar year 2023. Upon execution, a copy of the contract will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.

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8. As indicated in the Division of Local Government Services Local Finance Notice 2006-7, because this is awarded through a Fair and Open process, further public notice per N.J.S.A. 40A:11.5.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

No. 13 of 2023

M/S – Dill/Owen

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 13 of 2023

Subject: Contracting with Municipal Accountant

Introduced by: Council Member Johnston

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires an annual audit to be conducted by a registered municipal accountant; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point as follows:

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Leon Costello, RMC, of Ford, Scott & Associates for the calendar year 2023 to conduct the 2022 annual audit and assist with the preparation of the 2023 Financial Statement, 2023 Debt Statement and 2023 Budget. Upon execution, a copy of the contract will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.
2. This agreement is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
3. As indicated in the Division of Local Government Services Local Finance Notice 2006-7, because this is awarded through a Fair and Open process, further public notice per N.J.S.A. 40A:11.5.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

No. 14 of 2023

M/S – Owen/McGuigan

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

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No. 14 of 2023

Subject: Class III Planning Board Appointment

Introduced by: Mayor Glasser and Council Member Johnston

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in Class III category of the Somers Point Planning Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council appoints Council Member Howard Dill to the Class III category of the Somers Point Planning Board for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2023.

No. 16 of 2023

M/S – Owen/Dill

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 16 of 2023

Subject: Recreation Commission Appointments

Introduced By: Council Members McGuigan, Owen and McCarrie

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1 of 1975 authorized the establishment of a Board of Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Somers Point may appoint not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7) members as Commissioners to said Board of Recreation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above appointment is hereby confirmed by the City Council.

THE RECREATION COMMISSION, as of this date, consists of the following members with their expiration dates noted:

MEMBER	EXPIRATION OF TERM
Donna Shields	December 31, 2026
Vacant	December 31, 2025
Brandon Adams	December 31, 2026
Vacant	December 31, 2024
Chris Marshall	December 31, 2027
Matt Endicott	December 31, 2023

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Michael Stewart

December 31, 2023

No. 19 of 2023

M/S – Dill/Owen

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

Council Member McGuigan commended and thanked Tax Appeal Attorney Thomas G. Smith.

No. 19 of 2023

Subject: Appointment of Tax Appeal Attorney

Introduced by: Council Members Johnston and McGuigan

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point has identified a need for an attorney for Tax Appeal Matters for 2023; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point as follows:

Thomas G. Smith, Esq., be and hereby is appointed as Tax Appeal Attorney for the City of Somers Point for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

1. This appointment is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
2. This appointment is not exclusive during the term of this contract, and that the City Council reserves the right to award work of the exact or similar nature as the work described herein to any other qualified professional, at its sole discretion.
3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement in connection with these services, and, upon execution, the agreement will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.
4. As indicated in the Division of Local Government Services Local Finance Notice 2006-7, because this is awarded through a Fair and Open process, further public notice per N.J.S.A. 40A:11.5.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

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No. 21 of 2023

M/S – Dill/Owen

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

Council Member Dill expressed his praise for City Engineer Greg Schneider.

Mayor Glasser also thanked City Engineer Greg Schneider for all that he has done for the City.

No. 21 of 2023

Subject: Appointing City Engineer

Introduced by: Council Member Johnston

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the position of City Engineer; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point as follows:

1. Greg Schneider of the firm of Kates Schneider Engineering, LLC, hereby is re-appointed as Municipal Engineer for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023; and
2. This appointment is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service”, under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Greg Schneider of Kates Schneider Engineering, LLC, in connection with these services, and, upon execution, the contract will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.
4. As indicated in the Division of Local Government Services Local Finance Notice 2006-7, because this is awarded through a fair and open process, further public notice per N.J.S.A. 40A:11.5.(1)(a)(i) is not required.
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No. 22 of 2023

M/S – Dill/McGuigan

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

Council Member Dill expressed how dependable Polistina & Associates is for the City.

Council Member McGuigan shared his praise for the engineering services of Polistina & Associates.

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No. 22 of 2023

Subject: **Contracting with Polistina & Associates for Engineering Services
Regarding Somers Point Sewer Utility**

Introduced by: **Council Member Johnston**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for engineering services in connection with the City of Somers Point Sewer Utility; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, as follows:

- 1) Vincent Polistina of Polistina & Associates hereby is re-appointed to provide the engineering services necessary in connection with the City of Somers Point Sewer Utility for the year 2023.
- 2) The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Vincent Polistina in connection with these services, and, upon execution, the agreement will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.
- 3) This appointment is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
- 4) As indicated in the Division of Local Government Services Local Finance Notice 2006-7, because this is awarded through a Fair and Open process, further public notice per N.J.S.A. 40A:11.5.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

No. 23 of 2023

M/S – Owen/Dill

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 23 of 2023

Subject: **Appointment of Bond Counsel**

Introduced by: **Council Member Johnston**

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point has identified a need for Bond Counsel for 2023 and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point as follows:

1. Fleishman Daniels Law Offices LLC. hereby is re-appointed as Bond Counsel for the City of Somers Point for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, inclusive.
2. This agreement is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Fleishman Daniels Law Offices LLC. in connection with these services, and, upon execution, the agreement will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.
4. As indicated in the Division of Local Government Services Local Finance Notice 2006-7, because this is awarded through a fair and open process, further public notice per N.J.S.A. 40A:11.5.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

No. 24 of 2023

M/S – Dill/Owen

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

Council Member Owen mentioned that Harry Kent resigned.

No. 24 of 2023

Subject: Resolution Appointing Members to the Economic Development Advisory Commission

Introduced by: Council Member Johnston

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1 of 2006 authorized the establishment of an Economic Development Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, Ordinances No. 31 of 2007 and Ordinance 5 of 2014 amended said Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Somers Point City Council ratified in Chapter 20-3 of the City Code that the Economic Development Advisory Commission shall consist of not less than nine nor more than 12 regular members, all appointed by City Council, and all members shall have a term of office of three calendar years, or such lesser period of time as may be caused by the date of appointment, with terms expiring at 11:59 p.m., December 31 of each calendar year. Appointments shall be staggered such that not less than three appointments expire each year, and each year at least three members are to be appointed to full three-year terms.

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WHEREAS, City Council wishes to appoint Rob Hopkins, David Hughs, Levi Fox, and Charles Haberkorn with a term expiring 12/31/2025 and:

WHEREAS, with the resignation of Ken Adams City Council wishes to appoint Mariela McCarrie to the unexpired term expiring 12/31/2024 and;

WHEREAS, due to the resignation of Glenn Monroe there is a vacancy to expire 12/31/2023 and;

WHEREAS, due to the resignation of Anthony Guldin there is a vacancy to expire 12/31/2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Economic Development Advisory Commission consists of the following members:

<u>Regular Members</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>
Mary Jane Bolden	December 31, 2024
Vacant	December 31, 2023
Harry Kent	December 31, 2023
Mariela McCarrie	December 31, 2024
Charles Haberkorn	December 31, 2025
Rob Hopkins	December 31, 2025
David Hughs	December 31, 2025
Levi Fox	December 31, 2025
Max Slusher	December 31, 2023
Vacant	December 31, 2024

<u>Advisory ExOfficio Member(s)</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>
Dermont Lloyd	December 31, 2024
Robert Fertsch	December 31, 2024

No. 25 of 2023

M/S – Dill/Owen

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 25 of 2023

**Subject: Appointing Attorney to Represent the City of Somers Point in Matters
Involving New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing and Fair Housing Act
Matters, Regulations and Compliance**

Introduced by: Council Member Johnston

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point has identified a need for an attorney to provide advice, counsel and representation to the City of Somers Point on matters involving New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing and Fair Housing Act matters,

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regulations and compliance including but not limited to certain matters pending before the Superior Court of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City of Somers Point to appoint counsel to undertake and perform such services and provide such advice, counsel and representation as the City Council shall from time to time direct, but in any event not for a period to exceed calendar year 2023; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S.19:44A-20.4 et. Seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point as follows:

1. James E. Franklin II, Esq., and other attorneys within the designated Special COAH Counsel law firm of Youngblood, Franklin, Sampoli & Coombs, P.A., and/or M. James Maley, Esq., is hereby appointed as an attorney to represent, advice and counsel the City of Somers Point on certain matters involving New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing and Fair Housing Act matters, regulations and compliance including but not limited to certain matters pending before the Superior Court of the State of New Jersey; and
2. This appointment is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” under the provisions of the Local Public contracts Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
3. This appointment is not exclusive during the term of this contract, and that City Council reserves the right to award work of the exact or similar nature as the work described herein to any other qualified professional, at its sole discretion.

The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with James E. Franklin II, Esq., of Youngblood, Franklin, Sampoli & Coombs, P.A., and M. James Maley, Esq. to undertake and perform such services and provide such advice, counsel and representation as the City Council shall from time to time direct, but in any event not for a period to exceed calendar year 2023. The agreement will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.

As indicated in the division of Local Government Services Local Finance Notice 2006-7, because this is awarded through a Fair and Open process, further public notice per N.J.S.A. 40A:11.5.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

No. 30 of 2023

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This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

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Council Member McGuigan offered his thanks and appreciation for the Somers Point Arts Commission.

No. 30 of 2023

Subject: Somers Point Arts Commission

Introduced by: Council Member Johnston

WHEREAS, the Somers Point Arts Commission was established by Ordinance No. 13 of 2006; and

WHEREAS, vacancies exist on the Somers Point Arts Commission due to the expiration of the terms of the members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following members are hereby appointed with their terms expiring December 31, 2023:

Jacqueline Galbiati
Karen Sutherland
Dan Meyers
Donna J. Mohr
Christine Toland Ulrich

Lois Hirschman Gregory
Karen Cleighton
Margaret Gerety

No. 31 of 2023

M/S – Owen/Dill

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 31 of 2023

Subject: Green Team Advisory Committee

Introduced by: Council Member Johnston

WHEREAS, The City of Somers Point strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, and improve working and living environments as steps to building a sustainable community that will thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS, The City of Somers Point hereby acknowledges that the residents of Somers Point desire a stable, sustainable future for themselves and future generations; and

WHEREAS, by endorsing a sustainable path, the City of Somers Point is pledging to educate itself and community members further about sustainable activities and to develop initiatives supporting sustainable local government practices; and

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WHEREAS, The City of Somers Point desires to focus attention on “Green” issues, so the City Council established a Green Team Advisory Committee pursuant to Ordinance No.21 of 2009; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, by the City Council of Somers Point that the following persons are hereby appointed to Green Team Advisory Committee:

<i>1 Year Term Expires on:</i>	<i>Name</i>
December 31, 2023	Vacant
December 31, 2023	Dan Meyers
December 31, 2023	Linda M. Keyser
December 31, 2023	William Reinert
December 31, 2023	Sue Seckinger
December 31, 2023	John Helbig
December 31, 2023	Paul Ludgate

No. 32 of 2023

M/S – Owen/Dill

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 32 of 2023

Subject: Appointing Planner and Grant Consultant

Introduced by: Council Member Johnston

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point has identified a need for a Planner and Grant Consultant to provide advice, counsel and representation to the City of Somers Point on matters involving planning and grant opportunities; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City of Somers Point to appoint a Planner and Grant Consultant to undertake and perform such services and provide such advice, counsel and representation as the City Council shall from time to time direct, but in any event not for a period to exceed calendar year 2023; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S.19:44A-20.4 et. Seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point as follows:

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1. James M. Rutala Associates, LLC is hereby appointed as a planner to represent, advise and counsel the City of Somers Point on certain matters involving planning, grant opportunities and grant writing; and
2. This appointment is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” under the provisions of the Local Public contracts Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
3. This appointment is not exclusive during the term of this contract, and that City Council reserves the right to award work of the exact or similar nature as the work described herein to any other qualified professional, at its sole discretion.
4. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with James M. Rutala Associates, LLC to undertake and perform such services and provide such advice, counsel and representation as the City Council shall from time to time direct, but in any event not for a period to exceed calendar year 2020. The agreement will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.
5. As indicated in the division of Local Government Services Local Finance Notice 2006-7, because this is awarded through a Fair and Open process, further public notice per N.J.S.A. 40A:11.5.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

No. 33 of 2023

M/S – Owen/Dill

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

Mayor Glasser acknowledged how much of an inspiration Reverend Louis Strugala is to the Police Department.

Council Member McGuigan expressed his appreciation for Reverend Louis Strugala.

No. 33 of 2023

Subject: Appointing Reverend Louis Strugala – Police Chaplain

Introduced by: Council Member Johnston

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council of the City of Somers Point to appoint Pastor Louis Strugala as the Police Chaplain for the Somers Point Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Strugala is in good standing as an ordained clergyman with basic training as a chaplain; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor Strugala has agreed to serve on as a volunteer in the role of the Police Chaplain without rank, salary, or any other benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chaplain will report to and be directed by the Chief of Police, his duties shall include, but not be limited to, assisting the department with Death Notices, station house adjustments, confidential counseling of any Police Officer who seeks such counseling, and any other duties that maybe assigned by the Police Chief;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that Pastor Louis Strugala is appointed as the Chaplain of the Somers Point Police Department by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, to serve in that capacity until December 31, 2023.

It is further **RESOLVED** that the City Council of Somers Point conveys their gratitude and appreciation to Pastor Strugala for agreeing to service in this role.

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This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 34 of 2023

Subject: Resolution Authorizing the City of Somers Point to Appoint a Tax Consultant

Introduced by: Council Member Johnston

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point has identified a need for a Tax Consultant for 2023, namely James Renwick, Certified Tax Assessor (CTA); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point as follows:

5. James Renwick, CTA, be and hereby is appointed as Tax Consultant for the City of Somers Point for the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, inclusive.
6. This agreement is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
7. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with James Renwick, CTA, in connection with these services, and, upon execution, the contract will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.

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Consent Agenda:

On the motion of Council Member Dill, seconded Council Member Owen and carried to approve the Consent Agenda regarding the following resolutions.

No. 4 of 2023

Subject: Designating Council Meeting Dates

Introduced by: Council President

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Somers Point that the dates listed below be designated as the time for regular Council Meetings for the year 2023 and said meetings shall be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Services Building and convene at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Somers Point that the dates listed below be designated as the time for Work Sessions and Executive Session as needed for the year 2023 and said work sessions and Executive Sessions shall be held immediately subsequent to the completion of the regularly scheduled Council meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above meetings are scheduled in conjunction with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 and the City Clerk is hereby directed to post a copy of this Resolution on the appropriate Bulletin Boards in the Municipal Buildings for the public's information, and to the City's website, as well as to furnish local newspapers with a copy of this Resolution not later than January 10, 2023.

Meeting Dates

January 12, 2023	Regular Mtg.	June 8, 2023	Regular Mtg.
January 26, 2023	Regular Mtg.	June 22, 2023	Regular Mtg.
February 9, 2023	Regular Mtg.	July 27, 2023	Regular Mtg.
February 23, 2023	Regular Mtg.	August 24, 2023	Regular Mtg.
March 9, 2023	Regular Mtg.	September 14, 2023	Regular Mtg.
March 23, 2023	Regular Mtg.	September 28, 2023	Regular Mtg.
April 13, 2023	Regular Mtg.	October 12, 2023	Regular Mtg.
April 27, 2023	Regular Mtg.	October 26, 2023	Regular Mtg.
May 11, 2023	Regular Mtg.	November 9, 2023	Regular Mtg.
May 25, 2023	Regular Mtg.	December 14, 2023	Regular Mtg.

Vineland Daily
The Press of Atlantic City
The Current

Ocean City Sentinel
Municipal Services Building
somerspointgov.org

Asbury Park Press

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Subject: Designating Official Newspapers

Introduced by: Council Member Johnston

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the Vineland Daily Journal, Ocean City Sentinel, The Press of Atlantic City, The Asbury Park Press and The Current be and are hereby designated as the legal newspapers for the City of Somers Point for a period of one year commencing January 1, 2023.

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Subject: Financial Depositories

Introduced by: Council Members Johnston, McGuigan and Dill

WHEREAS, the following financial institutions are enumerated as depositories of City funds:

Republic Bank, Somers Point, NJ

New Jersey Cash Management Fund, Jersey City, NJ

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point as follows:

1. That funds of the City of Somers Point which may be on deposit at any of the above enumerated financial institutions may be withdrawn on checks, drafts, advises of debit, notes or other orders for the payment of monies bearing any two signatures of the following individuals: John L. Glasser, Jr., Mayor; Lucy R. Samuelsen, City Clerk; Jason Frost, City Administrator, Chief Financial Officer; Shana W. Kestrel, and the financial institution shall be and is authorized to honor and pay the same whether or not they are payable to bearer or to the individual order of any of the approved signatories.
2. That the financial institution is hereby directed to accept and pay without further inquiry any item drawn against any of the City's accounts with the financial institution bearing the signature or signatures as authorized above or otherwise, even though drawn or endorsed to the order of any signatory signing or tendered by such signatory for cashing or in payment of the individual obligation of such signatory or for deposit to the signatory's personal account and the financial institution shall not be required or be under any obligation to inquire as to the circumstances of the issue or use of any item signed in accordance with the

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resolutions contained herein, or the application or disposition of such item or the proceeds of such item.

3. That any one of such signatories is authorized to endorse all checks, drafts, notes and other items payable to or owned by the City for deposit with the financial institution, or for collection or discount by the financial institution; and to accept drafts and other items payable at the financial institution.
4. That the above-named signatories are authorized and empowered to execute such other agreements, including, but not limited to, special depository agreements and arrangements regarding the manner, conditions, or purposes for which funds, checks, or items of the City may be deposited, collected, or withdrawn and to perform such other acts as they deem reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of these resolutions.
5. That the authorities hereby conferred upon the above-named signatory shall be and remain in full force and effect until written notice of the revocation thereof shall have been delivered to and received by that financial institution at each location where an account is maintained. Any such notice shall not affect any items in process at the time notice is given.
6. That the City Administrator and Chief Financial Officer be and are hereby empowered to establish and maintain the accounts they deem necessary at any of the above enumerated depositories.

No. 7 of 2023

Subject: Appointing Certifying Agent

Introduced by: Council Member Johnston

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission require that the City of Somers Point designate a certifying agent for payroll reports and other matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that Lucy R. Samuelsen is hereby designated as said certifying agent to the Civil Service Commission.

No. 10 of 2023

**Subject: Authorizing the Somers Point Tax Assessor in Conjunction with
Somers Point Special Tax Counsel to Settle and Compromise Certain
Real Property Tax Appeals Pending Before the Atlantic County
Board of Taxation or the New Jersey Tax Court**

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Introduced By: Council Members Johnston and McGuigan

WHEREAS, from time to time the Tax Assessor is presented with an opportunity to compromise, settle or otherwise dispose of certain tax appeals pending before the Atlantic County Board of Taxation or the New Jersey Tax Court; and

WHEREAS, for reasons of efficiency this Governing Body has determined that the Tax Assessor should not be required to present each such settlement to this body for approval; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to authorize the Tax Assessor in conjunction with Special Tax Counsel to enter into and consummate such settlements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Taxing District of Somers Point that the Tax Assessor, in consultation with the Somers Point Special Tax Counsel is hereby authorized to settle or otherwise dispose of matters pending before the Atlantic County Board of Taxation or the Tax Court of the State of New Jersey without the prior authorization of this Governing Body when the amount of the settlement results in an assessed value which will not reduce the amount of the property tax payment due to the City of Somers Point by more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for any such property in any single tax year.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that any settlement in excess of that threshold shall require the prior approval of this Governing Body.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Assessor in combination with the Special Tax Counsel shall render a quarterly written report to Council and the City Administrator, or on such more frequent basis as the Administrator or Council liaison may from time to time request, identifying those cases settled, all agreed upon assessment reductions, and the aggregate impact upon the property tax revenues to be derived by the City as a result of such settlements.

No. 15 of 2023

Subject: Authorizing Chief Financial Officer and City Administrator to Pay Required Bills

Introduced by: Council Members Johnston, McGuigan and Dill

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the operational needs of the City may require certain bills to be paid prior to the opportunity for individual review and approval by City Council during the calendar year 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the City Administrator and Chief Financial Officer are hereby empowered to pay those bills which they deem necessary, on an as-needed basis.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said authorization is expressly conditioned upon the availability of sufficient funds, and all bills so paid will be presented to City Council by separate listing at the first meeting subsequent to payment.

No. 17 of 2023

Subject: Adopting Cash Management Plan

Introduced by: Council Members Johnston, McGuigan and Dill

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:5, et seq. requires that municipalities adopt a Cash Management Plan which is designed to assure, to the extent practical, investment of local funds in interest bearing accounts and other permitted investments; and

WHEREAS, the Cash Management Plan must include:

- 1) The designation of a public depository or depositories
- 2) The authorization for investments as permitted by various applicable laws
- 3) The annual submission of the Cash Management Plan to the governing body, which must be approved by a majority vote.
- 4) An annual audit of the Cash Management Plan
- 5) That when an investment is in bonds which mature in more than one year, a determination that the maturity approximates the prospective time when such funds are needed

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the Cash Management Plan attached hereto and made a part hereof is hereby adopted for the year 2023.

No. 18 of 2023

Subject: Appointing Risk Management Consultant for Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund & Municipal Excess Liability JIF

Introduced by: Council Member Johnston

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WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Somers Point has resolved to join the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund, each a self- insurance pooling fund, following a detailed analysis; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of said Funds require that each Municipality appoint a **RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT** to perform various professional services as detailed in the Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws indicate a fee not to exceed six percent (6%) of the Municipal Assessment which expenditure represents reasonable compensation for the services required and was included in the cost considered by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has determined to secure these services as an exception to a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S. 19:44A-20.5; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point as follows:

1. Glenn Insurance of Absecon, New Jersey be and is hereby appointed Risk Management Consultant for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 in accordance with 40A:11-5; and
2. This appointment is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Glenn Insurance in connection with these services, and, upon execution, the contract will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.
4. As indicated in the Division of Local Government Services Local Finance Notice 2006-7, because this is awarded through a Fair and open process, further public notice per N.J.S.A. 40A:11.5.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

No. 20 of 2023

Subject: Appointing Fund Commissioner and Alternate Fund Commissioner

Introduced by: Council Member Johnston

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point is a member of the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, hereinafter referred to as the **FUND**; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the **FUND** require that in the manner generally prescribed by law, each member shall appoint one (1) Fund commissioner to the Fund. Each Fund commissioner shall be either a member of the local unit's governing body or one of its employees and that no individual may serve as Fund Commissioner for more than one (1) member; and

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WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 11:15-2.6 states that a Fund Commissioner who is a member of the appointing local unit's governing body, shall hold office for two years or for the remainder of his/her term of office as a member of the local unit's governing body, whichever shall be less; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 11:15-2.6 states that a Fund Commissioner who is an employee of the appointing member shall hold office at the pleasure of the member and can be removed by the member at any time without cause; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Somers Point recommends the appointment of Lucy R. Samuelsen to serve as Fund Commissioner and Shelby R. Heath as Alternate Fund Commissioner in accordance with the FUND Bylaws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that it does hereby appoint Lucy R. Samuelsen as Fund Commissioner and Shelby R. Heath as Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

No. 26 of 2023

Subject: Sponsoring Various Memorial/Remembrance Services

Introduced By: Council Members DePamphilis, Dill and Owen

WHEREAS, various Memorial and Remembrance Services are held in the City of Somers Point on property owned by the City; and

WHEREAS, these events are not for profit activities, are not for the purpose of raising or soliciting funds and are solely for the purpose of honoring our veterans who gave of themselves for the good of our Country; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Somers Point believes it to be in the best interest of our citizens to sponsor these Memorial Events held on City owned property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the following Memorial and Remembrance Services held in the City of Somers Point to the extent held on property owned by the City of Somers Point shall be sponsored, endorsed and approved by the City:

Monday;	May 29, 2023	Memorial Day Parade - Shore Road to Patriots Park with ceremony at Patriots Park. - 11:00 am
Monday;	Sept.11, 2023	911 Remembrance Day, Patriots Day at Patriots Park 8:30 am
Saturday;	Sept. 16, 2023	POW-MIA Recognition Day at Patriots Park
Saturday;	Nov. 11, 2023	Veterans Day - 11 am at Patriots Park
Sunday;	Dec. 3, 2023	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day - 1:00 pm at Somers Point Beach

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IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Administrator is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

No. 27 of 2023

Subject: Re-appointing Public Agency Compliance Officer

Introduced by: Council Member Johnston

WHEREAS, the State Affirmative Action Office, Department of the Treasury, requires that an official person be designated as a liaison and to serve as a Public Agency Compliance Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby re-appoints Municipal Clerk, Lucy R. Samuelsen, to act in this capacity for the City of Somers Point.

No. 28 of 2023

Subject: Setting Interest Rates for Delinquent Taxes

Introduced by: Council Members Johnston and McGuigan

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits the governing body of a municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes or assessments and sewer charges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that:

1. In the event that payments of taxes or assessments and sewer charges are not paid on the due date, but are paid within a period of ten (10) days in the case of taxes, or thirty (30) days in the case of assessments and sewer charges, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to charge no interest on all such delinquent payments.

2. In the event that payments of taxes or assessments and sewer charges are not paid within ten (10) days in the case of taxes, or thirty (30) days in the case of assessments and sewer charges, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to charge interest at the rate of eight percent per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18 percent per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 to be calculated from the date the tax or assessment was payable until the date of actual payment.

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3. N.J.S.A. 54:6-67 specifically provides that a governing body may fix a penalty to be charged to a taxpayer where there is a tax and/or other municipal charge delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 at the end of any calendar year on a given parcel of real estate; and

4. That a penalty equal to six percent of the amount of any delinquency in taxes and other municipal charges on a given parcel of real property shall be and is hereby imposed where the delinquency exceeds \$10,000.00 at the end of each calendar year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

No. 29 of 2023

Subject: Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Somers Point to Sign Certain New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Department of Transportation Permit Applications and Other Routine Project Documents on behalf of the Sewer Utility for Projects Approved and Authorized by The Governing Body of the City of Somers Point

Introduced by: Council Member Johnston

WHEREAS, from time to time it is necessary for the Sewer Utility Engineer and the City Engineer to submit permit applications and other routine project documents to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) on behalf of the City for Sewer Utility Projects approved by City Council; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Mayor of the City of Somers Point to sign such routine applications and documents on behalf of the City, and

WHEREAS, in submitting such applications and documents to the NJDEP and/or NJDOT it is necessary to reference the enabling resolution granting such signing authority to the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of City Council that such an enabling resolution must be adopted:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby **RESOLVED** by the Somers Point City Council that John L. Glasser, Jr., in his capacity as Mayor of the City of Somers Point is hereby authorized to execute such applications and documents as may from time to time be prepared by the City or Sewer Utility Engineer as necessary to be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and/or New Jersey Department of Transportation associated with any and all permits and permit applications required for approved City projects without necessity of any further approval from this governing body.

It is further RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be provided to the City Engineer, the Sewer Utility Engineer and the Code Enforcement Office Secretary.

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Subject: Mandating Direct Deposit of Net Pay for All Employees of the City of Somers Point

Introduced by: Council Members Johnston, Dill and McGuigan

WHEREAS, since its effective date of July 1, 2014, N.J.S.A. 52:14-15f has allowed the governing body of a municipality to determine by the adoption of a resolution or ordinance, as appropriate, to provide for the mandatory direct deposit of net pay for all employees of a municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point has previously offered to its employees the election having their net pay directly deposited to a banking institution of their choice; and

WHEREAS, the direct deposit of paychecks has become an acceptable manner of handling payroll for businesses, as well as public entities; and

WHEREAS, the direct deposit of employees' pay will reduce employee time and costs relative to the issuance of hardcopy paychecks; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor of the City of Somers Point, has recommended the enactment of a resolution or ordinance mandating such direct deposit of the pay for the City's employees; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid statute specifically allows for exceptions to be made to the mandatory direct deposit by a municipality; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Body recognizes the usefulness and cost savings associated with a mandatory direct deposit policy for the City's employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council of Somers Point that effective September 1, 2021, all pay for City employees, unless excepted out by the City Administrator upon a request by an employee, shall be made by direct deposit to a banking institution of the employees' choice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City's Chief Financial Officer shall take all such steps to effectuate this mandatory direct deposit policy.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this mandatory direct deposit policy shall remain in effect until such time as further modified or rescinded by the Common Council of Somers Point.

Public Portion:

The meeting was duly opened to the public.

Theresa Docherty of 26 Dogwood Drive commended Council Member Bruno for her participation in the meeting despite health concerns and reiterated the importance of Zoom. She also asked about the vacancies within the Recreation Commission that are listed on the City's website. Lastly, she asked about the Emergency Medical Services response time.

Hearing nothing further from the public, the public hearing was duly closed.

Council President Johnston expressed her thanks and well wishes to Council Member Bruno.

Adjournment

Having no other business, on the motion of Council Member Owen, seconded by Council Member Dill and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy R. Samuelsen, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Approved: 2/09/23