REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
October 22, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Gerety with a salute to the flag. Roll call was recorded as follows:

Present: DePamphilis, Dill, Johnston, McGuigan, Shields, Slaughter, Gerety

Also Present: Mayor Tapp, Administrator Frost, City Clerk Heath, City Solicitor Smith, and City Engineer Schneider

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Open Public Meetings Act:
Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to two local newspapers. The agenda has been posted at City Hall and on the City's website, somerspointgov.org.

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Communications:
Council President Gerety moved Resolutions 241 and 242 of 2026 to the top of the meeting.

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Council President Gerety duly opened the meeting to the public for Resolutions 241 and 242 of 2026 only.

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

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Resolution No. 241 of 2026
M/S- Dill/DePamphilis
This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 241 of 2026

Subject: **Police Promotion to the Rank of Sergeant**

Introduced By: **Council President Gerety**

WHEREAS, there is an opening in the Somers Point Police Department for the position of Police Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Chief Robert Somers has recommended that Patrolman Shawn McKelvey be

elevated to the rank of Police Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have concurred with said recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council of the City of Somers Point that the above individual is hereby promoted, effective October 23rd, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to process the necessary paperwork with the Civil Service Commission.

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Resolution No. 242 of 2026
M/S- Shields/DePamphilis
This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present, with Council Member Dill abstaining.

No. 242 of 2026

Subject: **Police Promotion to the Rank of Lieutenant**

Introduced By: **Council President Gerety**

WHEREAS, there is an opening in the Somers Point Police Department for the position of
Police Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, Chief Robert Somers has recommended that Sergeant Richard C. Dill be elevated to the rank of Police Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have concurred with said recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council of the City of Somers Point that the above individual is hereby promoted, effective October 23rd, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to process the necessary paperwork with the Civil Service Commission.

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Mayor Tapp congratulated the two members of the Somers Point Police Department and wished them continued success.

Council Member Dill recognized those in the audience who attended the meeting in support of the officers. He commended the two officers for their hard work and congratulated them.

Council Member McGuigan expressed his appreciation for the officers and their careers in the Somers Point Police Department.

Council Member Johnston congratulated the two officers and expressed appreciation for their dedication to the City.

Council Member DePamphilis offered congratulations to the officers and thanked them for their service to the City.

Council Member Slaughter congratulated the officers for their promotions.

Council Member Shields congratulated the officers and thanked them for their dedication to the citizens.

Council President Gerety thanked the officers for their service and congratulated them.

Chief Somers welcomed the families of the new Sergeant and Lieutenant and introduced various dignitaries that came out to the meeting in support.

Mayor Tapp administered the Oath of Office for Sergeant McKelvey and Lieutenant Dill.

Council President Gerety requested that the public join Council in a standing ovation to honor the officers.

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Recess:
The Governing Body recessed briefly at 7:15 p.m.

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Reconvene:
Council President Gerety reconvened the Governing Body to Open Session at 7:24 p.m.

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Mayor's Report:
Mayor Tapp announced a Trunk or Treat event, as well as new left hand turn signals and lanes on Route 9 and Chapman Blvd.

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Administrator's Report:
City Administrator Frost gave an update on the Atlantic County Hazard Mitigation Plan and presented the 2026 Stormwater Report. A copy of the 2026 Stormwater Report is attached to the end of these minutes.

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Solicitor's Report:
None

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Engineer's Report:
City Engineer Schneider gave an update on the Ocean Avenue Stormwater Project.

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Committee Reports:
Council Member Dill thanked the Public Works Superintendent and the City Administrator for getting the City Hall floors repaired.

Council Member Johnston mentioned a Film Ready Workshop taking place at the League of Municipalities and encouraged fellow Council Members to attend. She gave an update on the Economic Development Advisory Commission newsletters. She also welcomed Daves Hot Chicken as a new business to Somers Point.

Council Member Slaughter gave a report on the recent Mainland School Board meeting where they spoke about a School Funding Forum that took place at Stockton regarding the district's budget needs and concerns. She encouraged Council and members of the public to reach out to her for copies of the content discussed at the forum and additional information.

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Approval of Minutes:
On the motion of Council Member Dill, seconded of Council Member Shields, and carried to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 10/08/2026, approved as to content only.

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Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 25 of 2026
(Second Reading/Public Hearing/Adoption)
M/S- Johnston/Dill
This ordinance was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

Council President Gerety duly opened the meeting to the public.

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

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No. 25 of 2026

An Ordinance Repealing Sections 199-7 - Watercraft Launching Fees, & 199-8 - Permits of Chapter 199, Article II - Kennedy Park and Route 52 Bridge Boat Ramps; Parking of Boats and Trailers

WHEREAS, in 2025, the City of Somers Point amended Sections 199-7 and 199-8 of the City Code for purposes of restructuring the operations of its boat ramps at John F. Kennedy Park and the Route 52 Bridge; and

WHEREAS, City Council continues to evaluate the operations of its boat ramps and supporting parking facilities in order to maximize cost recoupment, as well as to ensure ease of use by the general public; and

WHEREAS, based on its review of the operations of the boat ramps, the method of cost recoupment, and the parking issues arising from the use of its boat ramps, City Council now believes that the current ordinances relative to usage, parking and collection of fees should be modified.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Somers Point, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 199-7 of Chapter 199, Article II is hereby repealed and replaced with the following language:

§119-7. Boat Trailer Usage Fees.

The City may by resolution enact, and from time to time amend, a fee schedule applicable for each calendar year, governing either the use of watercraft trailers for the launching of any type of watercraft at John F. Kennedy Park or the Route 52 Boat Ramp, or for parking such watercraft trailers in the parking lots at said locations, or at such other locations as set forth in §250-43.1(D) of the Somers Point Code.

SECTION 2. Section 199-8 of Chapter 199, Chapter II is hereby repealed and replaced with the following language:

§119-8. Permits.

Permits for watercraft trailers either using the boat ramps in Somers Point at John F. Kennedy Park or Route 52, or the parking of such watercraft trailers at said locations, or the locations set forth in §250-43.1(D) of the Somers Point Code, are required and shall be purchased from the City, or a contractor acting on its behalf, at such times and under such conditions as may be established by resolution of the City Council. Annual permits shall be attached to the trailer's rear, driver-side tire fender. A use identification process for daily permits shall be established and set forth by resolution of the City Council.

SECTION 3. Should any section, clause, sentence, phrase or provision or any item in any schedule of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, publication and adoption in the manner prescribed by law.

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Ordinance No. 26 of 2026
(Second Reading/Public Hearing/Adoption)
M/S- Dill/Johnston
This ordinance was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

Council President Gerety duly opened the meeting to the public.

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

No. 26 of 2026

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 250 - Vehicles and Traffic, Article I - General Provisions, Section 250-43.1 - Parking of Boats and Boat Trailers

WHEREAS, in connection with modifications to the way the City of Somers Point charges for the use of its boat ramps and restrictions imposed upon associated parking facilities, it has been determined by City Council that it should modify its ordinance relative to parking of boat trailers on the City's streets, alleys rights-of-way, as well as on parking lots owned, maintained or controlled; and

WHEREAS, this determination was based on the historical fact that many of the users of the City's boat ramps often times will park on the streets, alleys and/or rights-of-way in the areas near the City's boat ramps; and

WHEREAS, City Council previously enacted ordinances relative to limiting boat trailer parking in certain areas in the City in order to ensure that users of the boat ramps have paid for the use of the boat ramps; and

WHEREAS, City Council previously enacted an ordinance relative a permitting system which will allow a methods of identification of those users who have paid for trailer use of the City's boat ramps; and

WHEREAS, City Council recognizes that the current procedure for permitting fails to allow for procedures for daily passes; and

WHEREAS, in connection with its review of the City's ordinance on the parking of boat trailers in the City, it was ascertained that there was no restriction on the overnight parking of boat trailers with boats on property owned, maintained or controlled by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City's Chief of Police has recommended such a limitation; and

WHEREAS, City Council now wishes to amend Section 250-43.1 of the City Code to allow for daily passes for trailer usage at its boat ramps, restrict the overnight parking of boat trailers with boats on City parking lots.

. **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED,** by the Common Council of the City of Somers Point, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 250-43.1, of Article I of Chapter 250, of the Code of the City of Somers Point is hereby amended as follows:

1. Paragraph D shall now read as follows:

   No boat trailer, regardless of size and whether hooked up to a motor vehicle, shall be parked in any lot or on any property owned or maintained by the City of Somers Point, or on any of the following streets without either an attached sticker, or such other form of identification, evidencing payment for a permit as required in §§ 199-7 and 199-8 of Chapter 199, Article II of the City Code: Broadway, Bay Avenue, George Street, Annie Avenue, Somers Avenue.

2. Paragraph F shall now be designated as Paragraph G.

3. Paragraph E shall now be designated as Paragraph F.

4. A new Paragraph E shall be designated and shall read as follows:

   Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph D above, no boat trailer with boat shall be parked in any parking lot or on any property owned, maintained or controlled by the City of Somers Point between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

SECTION 2: Should any section, clause, sentence, phrase or provision or any item in any schedule of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, publication and adoption in the manner prescribed by law.

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Ordinance No. 27 of 2026
(Second Reading/Public Hearing/Adoption)
M/S- McGuigan/Dill

Council President Gerety duly opened the meeting to the public.

Patricia Pierson of Somers Point asked for clarification regarding the Planning Board's report on the ordinance.

Bob Lawless of Somers Point expressed his concerns regarding future public access to the water.

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

City Solicitor Smith provided clarification on the details of the ordinance.

Council Member Johnston commented on the ordinance's relation to CAFRA requirements and suggested the ordinance be amended.

Council President Gerety commented on the legal reasoning behind the ordinance.

City Engineer Schneider mentioned that a Public Access Plan was drafted that was put on hold for the whole State of New Jersey, the DEP later contacted the City to finalize the plan, and it was revised to include DeFeo Lane. He added that if the State approved the plan it would come back to City Council for adoption.

This ordinance was adopted by the following role call vote of those present:
Dill- Yes
Shields-Yes
Johnston- No
DePamphilis- No
Slaughter- No
McGuigan- Yes
Gerety- Yes

No. 27 of 2026

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 114, "Land Use and Development," Article XVI, "Somers Point Historic District," Section 114-101, "Historic Village Waterfront Zone," to Remove the Requirement for a Landscaped Harborwalk

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point has adopted a Master Plan and Land Use Ordinance to guide the orderly development and redevelopment of property within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has recently undertaken a review of its Master Plan, including policies related to waterfront access and development; and

WHEREAS, as a result of that review, the requirement for a mandatory landscaped harborwalk within the Historic Village Waterfront Zone is no longer deemed necessary nor appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City to amend the Land Use Ordinance to remove said requirement and ensure consistency with the Master Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 114, Land Use and Development, Article XVI, Somers Point Historic District," Section 114-101, Historic Village Waterfront Zone," Paragraph (E), "Relationship of structure to Great Egg Harbor Bay," Subparagraph (1), is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following language:

> All uses located on property abutting the Great Egg Harbor Bay shall provide, in a manner acceptable to the municipal agency, reasonable public access to the harbor as may be required by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Buildings shall be set back a minimum of 25 feet from the water as measured from the mean high-water line.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. REPEALER

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

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Resolutions:

Public Portion Resolutions:
Council President Gerety duly opened the meeting to the public.

Annmarie Gibbs of Somers Point expressed concerns regarding Resolution 245 of 2026 and the effects the development would have on surrounding existing neighborhoods. She mentioned a petition with signatures from residents in the area.

A resident of Somers Point requested clarification on Resolution 245 of 2026.

Jim of Somers Point expressed his concerns regarding Resolution 245 of 2026.

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

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Resolution No. 243 of 2026
M/S- Dill/Shields
This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

Council Member Dill thanked the crossing guards for the job that they do.

No. 243 of 2026

Subject: Hiring School Crossing Guards

Introduced by: Council President Gerety

WHEREAS, for the 2026-2027 school year there exists a need for the part-time position of School Crossing Guard; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154.1 the Governing Body may appoint adult School Crossing Guards for a term not to exceed one year; and

WHEREAS, the hourly rate of pay for these crossing guards shall be set at $28.50 per hour for the 2026-27 school year effective on this date; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief of the City of Somers Point has recommended certain individuals for appointment to that position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the following individuals are hereby appointed for a term of one year to the part-time position of School Crossing Guard:

Name	**Effective Date of Hire**
Vanita Allen	8/25/2021
Jon Bitzer	9/1/2026
Marty Brennan	9/22/2020
Karen Broomall	08/26/2014
Cheri Broschard	08/23/2019
Patrick Ciboldi	9/1/2026
Mary Matricardi	03/01/1989
Paul McLaughlin	11/20/2017
Michael Kazanjian	9/1/2026
Maryann Parker	08/31/2004

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Linda Petti	03/21/2021
Hank Wilhelm	11/16/2015
Mark Casto	09/02/2025

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Resolution No. 244 of 2026
M/S- Shields/Dill
This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 244 of 2026

Subject: **Authorizing Executive Session Advice of Counsel and Attorney-Client Communication Regarding the Status of Property Assessment Litigation in the Tax Court Involving the City, Entitled, "Powersports Holdings, LLC V. City of Somers Point and GMH Restaurant Holdings, LLC," Having A Docket Number of ATL-C-000078-24**

Introduced By: **Council President Gerety**

WHEREAS, while the Sen. Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) requires all meetings of the Somers Point City Council to be held in public, and N.J.S.A.10:4-12(b) sets forth nine (9) types of matters that may lawfully be discussed in "Executive Session," i.e. without the public being permitted to attend, and

WHEREAS, the Somers Point City Council has determined that there is one (1) topic which requires the advice and counsel of the City Solicitor and is a matter permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) as an exception to open public meeting requirements; and is necessary to be discussed without the public in attendance during an Executive Session to be held on October 22, 2026, during a public meeting to be held commencing at 7:00 P.M, and

WHEREAS there are nine (9) exceptions to public meetings set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b). Listed below, is the exception relied upon; and after the exception is a space within which the number of issues to be privately discussed that fall within that exception shall be written and within which additional information that will disclose as much information about the discussion as possible without undermining the purpose of the exception shall be written.

1 "**(7) Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.**"

The nature of the matters to be discussed, described as fully as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality:

Advice of Counsel and attorney-client communication regarding the status of property assessment litigation in the Superior Court involving the City, entitled, "Powersports Holdings, LLC v. City of Somers Point and GMH Restaurant Holdings, LLC," having a docket number of ATL-C-000078-24.

WHEREAS the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be approximately 15 minutes after which the public meeting of the City Council shall reconvene;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Somers Point will go into Executive Session for **only** the above stated reason;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council directs the City Clerk to make ten (10) photocopies of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the blank spaces within this form of resolution are to be filled out in conformity with a Consent Judgment and Memorandum of Understanding dated June 8, 2009, that arose that the City Council hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) will be made public at a time when the public's interest in disclosure is greater than any privacy or governmental interest being protected from disclosure. For each of the above items, the estimated date by which such disclosure can be made and/or the occurrence that needs to take place before disclosure can be made are listed below (attach separate sheet if necessary)

Subject of Discussion	Estimated Date	Necessary Occurrence
See Exception 7	**Unknown at this time**	**Discussion by City Council relative to the status of litigation.**

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Resolution No. 245 of 2026
M/S- Dill/Shields
This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 245 of 2026

AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Subject: **Advice of Counsel Regarding a Potential Modification to the Mount Laurel Settlement Agreement for Bay Avenue as it Pertains to 555 Bay Avenue and its AH-3 Zoning Designation**

Introduced By: Council President Gerety

WHEREAS, while the Sen. Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) requires all meetings of the Somers Point City Council to be held in public, and N.J.S.A.10:4-12(b) sets forth nine (9) types of matters that may lawfully be discussed in "Executive Session," i.e. without the public being permitted to attend; and

WHEREAS, the Somers Point City Council has determined that there is one (1) topic which requires the advice and counsel of the City Solicitor and is a matter permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) as an exception to open public meeting requirements; and is necessary to be discussed without the public in attendance during an Executive Session to be held on October 22, 2026, during a public meeting to be held commencing at 7:00 P.M; and

WHEREAS, there are nine (9) exceptions to public meetings set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b). Listed below, is the exception relied upon; and after the exception is a space within which the number of issues to be privately discussed that fall within that exception shall be written and within which additional information that will disclose as much information about the discussion as possible without undermining the purpose of the exception shall be written.

1 **"(7) Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer."**

The nature of the matters to be discussed, described as fully as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality:

Discussion of and Advice of Counsel and attorney-client privileged communications regarding the status of a potential modification to the prior settlement agreement in the matter Bay Avenue Developers, et al. v. City of Somers Point, et al., Docket No. ATL-L-3204-05 P.W. (Mount Laurel) as same pertains to that property commonly known as 555 Bay Avenue and its AH-3 zoning designation.

WHEREAS the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be approximately 30 minutes after which the public meeting of the City Council shall reconvene;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Somers Point will go into Executive Session for only the above stated reason;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council directs the City Clerk to make ten (10) photocopies of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the blank spaces within this form of resolution are to be filled out in conformity with a Consent Judgment and Memorandum of Understanding dated June 8, 2009,

that arose that the City Council hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) will be made public at a time when the public's interest in disclosure is greater than any privacy or governmental interest being protected from disclosure. For each of the above

items, the estimated date by which such disclosure can be made and/or the occurrence that needs to take place before disclosure can be made are listed below (attach separate sheet if necessary).

Subject of Discussion	Estimated Date	Necessary Occurrence
See Exception 7	**Unknown at this time**	**Discussion by City Council relative to the potential of modifications to the Bay Avenue settlement agreement entered into as a result of prior litigation affecting 555 Bay Avenue (AH-3 zoning).**

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Resolution No. 246 of 2026
M/S- Dill/Johnston
This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 246 of 2026

Subject: **Authorizing Purchase of a Prefabricated Building through the Sourcewell National Purchasing Program Contract from Pre-Engineered and Engineered Fabric Buildings with Related Materials and Services, Contract Numbers # 071223-CSS and #051926-CSS, for the City of Somers Point.**

Introduced By: **Council President Gerety**

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point is permitted to participate in national purchasing cooperatives according to N.J.S.A 52:34-6.2; and

WHEREAS, the Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) National Purchasing Program has acted as lead agency and awarded Contract #071223-CSS and #051926-CSS , Pre-Engineered and Engineered Fabric Buildings with Related Materials and Services with an Expiration Date of 07/31/2031; and

WHEREAS, the City's Sewer Department has a need for a Prefabricated building to housing Heavy Equipment and Vehicles for the Sewer and Public Works Departments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council Finance Committee, and City Administrator/ Purchasing Agent Jason Frost have reviewed the contract from Sourcewell #071223-CSS and #051926-CSS , Pre-Engineered and Engineered Fabric Buildings with Related Materials and Services, and have determined that the utilization of this contract is the functional economic solution to provide the new building needed; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that City Council approve the prefabricated building for use by the Sewer and Public Works Departments.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, New Jersey, that Pre-Engineered and Engineered Fabric Buildings with Related Materials and Services be purchased from Clear Span in accordance with the Sourcewell #071223-CSS and #051926-CSS , Pre-Engineered and Engineered Fabric Buildings with Related Materials and Services, contract for use by the City of Somers Point as follows:

Item:
Total Amount of Sourcewell #071223-CSS and #051926-CSS ,
Pre-Engineered and Engineered Fabric Buildings with Related Materials and Services from
Clear Span …… $ 185,487.14

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administrator, acting in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order in the total amount of $ 185,487.14 in accordance with the Sourcewell #071223-CSS and #051926-CSS , Pre-Engineered and Engineered Fabric Buildings with Related Materials and Services, contract for use by the City of Somers Point.

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Resolution No. 247 of 2026
M/S- Shields/Dill
This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 247 of 2026

Subject: **2026 Best Practices Inventory**

Introduced by: **Council President Gerety**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Division of Local Government Services has developed a Best Practices Inventory to be completed by each municipality; and

WHEREAS, the completed form must be an agenda item for discussion at a municipal governing body meeting in order to ensure that local officials have been apprised of the response; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk must certify that the governing body has reviewed the completed Best Practices Inventory at a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the completed Best Practices Inventory and required certification are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Somers Point hereby acknowledges receipt of and discussion of the 2026 Best Practices Inventory.

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Consent Agenda Resolutions:
On the motion of Council Member Dill, seconded of Council Member DePamphilis and carried to approve the Consent Agenda Resolutions.

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No. 248 of 2026

Subject: **Amending Resolution 235 of 2026-Authorizing Purchase of Concrete Repair Systems through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Coop Program Contract from Ocean Construction LLC, Contract Number #22/23-33, for the City of Somers Point**

Introduced By: **Council President Gerety**

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point is permitted to participate in national purchasing cooperatives per N.J.S.A 52:34-6.2; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey has acted as lead agency and awarded Contract # #22/23-33, Concrete Repair Systems with an Expiration Date of 03/01/2027; and

WHEREAS, the City has a need to utilize the contract for Concrete Repair Systems for use at the Somers Point Recreation Facilities and

WHEREAS, the City Council Finance Committee, and City Administrator/Purchasing Agent Jason Frost have reviewed the contract from ESCNJ #22/23-33, Concrete Repair Systems and have determined that the use of this contract is the functional economic solution for the baseball dugout replacement project; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that City Council approve the use of this contract for the baseball dugout replacement project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, New Jersey, that Concrete Repair Systems be purchased from Ocean Construction LLC in accordance with the ESCNJ, Concrete Repair Systems, contract for use by the City of Somers Point as follows:

Item:
Concrete Repair Systems – City Dugout Replacement Project
Total Amount..... $ 24,500.00
Contract ESCNJ#22/23-33, Exp 03/01/2027

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administrator, acting in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order in the total amount of $ 24,500.00 in accordance with the ESCNJ #22/23-33, Concrete Repair Systems, contract for use by the City of Somers Point.

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No. 249 of 2026

Subject: **State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program Enabling Resolution- Kern & Fehrle Field Improvements**

Introduced By: **Council President Gerety**

WHEREAS, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point desires to further the public interest by obtaining a Green Acres matching grant of $350,000 and a 0% loan of $350,000 from the State to fund the following project(s):

#0121-26-013
Kern & Fehrle Field Improvements

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council of the City of Somers Point that:

1. The Mayor of the above-named body or board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment(s) thereto with the State known as Kern & Fehrle Field Improvements, and;
2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding, if a match is required, in the amount of $0*, and;*
3. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project, and;
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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No. 250 of 2026

Subject: **State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program Enabling Resolution- Defeo Lane Nature Trail**

Introduced By: **Council President Gerety**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the *City of Somers Point* desires to further the public interest by obtaining a Green Acres matching grant of $116,461 from the State to fund the following project(s):

#0121-26-065
DeFeo Lane Nature Trail

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council of the City of Somers Point that:

1. The Mayor of the above-named body or board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment(s) thereto with the State known as Defeo Lane Nature Trail, and;
2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding, if a match is required, in the amount of $0*, and;*
3. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project, and;
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Old Business:
Council President Gerety announced that the Film Ready Ordinance would be ready for the next meeting.

City Solicitor Smith stated that he would have more information regarding Dr. Trocki's appeal for the next meeting.

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New Business:
On the motion of Council Member Shields, seconded by Council Member Dill and carried to approve a Social Affair Permit Application for All Saints Council Knights of Columbus 6277 for an event on 11/13/2026 from 6 P.M. to 11 P.M.

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Discussion of Bills:
Administrator Frost reported a Bill List dated 10/20/2026 in the amount of $1,147,021.80.

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Public Portion:
Council President Gerety duly opened the meeting to the public.

Patricia Pierson of Somers Point requested clarification on Resolution 246 of 2026. She stated that she is not able to hear when Council is speaking. She also complimented the new floors in City Hall.

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

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REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
October 22, 2026

Payment of Bills:
M/S: Dill/Slaughter
The Bill List was approved by a unanimous vote of those present, with Council Member McGuigan recusing from Purchase Order No. 26981896. A complete list of bills is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

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Comments from Governing Body:
Council Member Dill recommended that everyone be conscious about speaking directly into their microphones for the public to be able to hear.

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Recess:
The Governing Body recessed briefly at 8:26 p.m. before going into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

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Reconvene:
Council President Gerety reconvened the Governing Body to Open Session at 9:04 p.m.

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Adjournment:
There being no further business to come before City Council, Council Member Slaughter moved, Council Member Shields seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Shelby Heath, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Approved: 11/12/2026

Stormwater Report - City of Somers Pt CY 2026

As a result of rules published by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection developed the Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program beginning in 2004.

There are four different types of permits, and because of Somers Point's proximity to the coast, we are considered a Tier A community.

The permits address stormwater quality issues as it relates to new development and existing development by implementing Statewide Basic Requirements that include, among other items, that municipalities adopt and enforce a stormwater management plan.

In April of 2004 Somers Point implemented a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and adopted a Stormwater Management Plan. In March of 2006 we adopted a Stormwater Control Ordinance.
The City also has a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan that has been periodically updated since 2004, the last time being December 5, 2025.

In conjunction with stormwater pollution management we have also adopted ordinances that regulate
Pet waste disposal
Littering
Improper Waste Disposal
Wildlife feeding
Yard Waste
Illicit connections to the stormwater systems
and Dumpsters

New ordinances were passed in 2018 concerning Wildlife Feeding and Improper Waste Disposal to further bolster the City's effort to manage stormwater pollution prevention.

In 2018 the City also reached out by letter to all private operators of stormwater facilities to ensure that they are acquainted with the regulations and their continuing maintenance obligations.

Also, beginning in 2018 on line training for stormwater management was made available for members of the governing body, planning board and zoning board.

The City has 43 outfall pipes. Each year they are inspected for evidence illicit connections. In 2025 all 43 were inspected with no evidence of scouring or illicit connections.

In 2025 the City swept 77 miles of streets and collected approximately 22 tons of debris during our street sweeping. That's a total of about 500 pounds per mile of City Streets. These are materials that could have washed into the storm drains.

The City operates 649 catch basins, and in 2024 we removed 2 additional tons of debris while cleaning the City's catch basins.

As part of the road work performed in 2025 we replaced 8 storm drain grates with grates that are now better designed to prevent pollutants from entering the storm drains. A total of 467or roughly 72% of the City's storm drain grates have been converted since 2004.

The City has adopted standard operating procedures that deal with fueling operations, vehicle maintenance and cleaning, road salt storage and annual employee training.

Since approximately 60% of our water pollution problems are attributable to stormwater pollution, and stormwater pollution can often be linked to our daily activities and lifestyles.

Many people who allow motor oil, trash, and pet waste to enter the storm sewer in their street don't realize that that it will probably end up in the bay, just a few blocks away.

It is important that we all make an effort to keep pollutants out of the stormwater system.

Report delivered to the
Mayor and City Council by City
Administrator Jason Frost at the public
meeting of 10/22/26