

MINUTES – VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM PLATFORM
March 23, 2022 - 7:00 PM

The Virtual Regular Meeting of the Borough of Sea Girt Council was called to order by Mayor Don Fetzer at 7:04 PM on Wednesday, March 23, 2022. Mayor Fetzer asked for a moment of silence; he then led those participating in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Municipal Clerk read the compliance statement: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L.1975: adequate notice of this meeting has been given by posting the Notice on the Borough’s Bulletin Board and by transmitting the Notice to the Borough’s two official newspapers, *The Asbury Park Press* and *The Coast Star*, as required by law.

1. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Mayor Fetzer	X	
Councilman Clemmensen	X	
Councilman Perry	X	
Councilman Zakin	X	
Council President Anthony	X	
Councilman Downey	X	
Councilwoman Richman	X	

2. PRESENTATIONS:

- **SMRSA Report** – Mayor Don Fetzer presented the quarterly SMRSA (attached to the end of the minutes).
- **Planning Board** – Norm Hall, Planning Board Chairman noted the Planning Board is organizing an Ordinance Review Committee to review Land Use and Zoning ordinances to improve clarity and enforcement of our ordinances.

3. CONSENT AGENDA -Mayor Fetzer requested to move the resolution to authorize the Engineering Proposal for GP#24 Coastal Permit Preparation. **UPON MOTION** of Councilman Clemmensen, seconded by Councilwoman Richman, carried, that the following Resolutions be and the same are hereby adopted:

- **R-57-2022: Proclaim April 29th, 2022 as “Arbor Day”**

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and,

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and,

WHEREAS, trees can reduce erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and,

WHEREAS, trees in our Borough increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sea Girt has achieved “Tree City USA” status by meeting the program’s four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MEMORIALIZED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Girt that April 29th, 2022 is celebrated as

ARBOR DAY

in the community of Sea Girt and we urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our existing trees and woodlands and we urge all citizens to plant trees to beautify our community and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

- **R-58-2022: Proclaim “Distracted Driving 2022 Crackdown”, April 1-30th;**

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening practice that is preventable; and,

WHEREAS, distracted driving can result in injuries and deaths to all road users (motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists); and,

WHEREAS, distracted driving occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on another activity instead; and,

WHEREAS, in 2019 alone distracted driving-related crashes resulted in 3,477 deaths and 3,142 deaths and 4,000 injuries on our nation’s roads; and,

WHEREAS, in New Jersey distracted driving was listed as a contributing circumstance in nearly 750,000 crashes between 2011-2015; and,

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Distracted Driving 2022 Crackdown* from April 1 - 30, 2022 in an effort to raise awareness and decrease driver distraction through a combination of enforcement and education; and,

WHEREAS, the national slogan for the campaign is UDrive. UText. UPay; and,

WHEREAS, a reduction in distracted driving in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IS RESOLVED that the Borough of Sea Girt Council declares its support for the *Distracted Driving 2022 Crackdown* both locally and nationally from April 1 - 30, 2022 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

- **R-59-2022: Application for 50/50 Raffle License, Sea Girt Elementary School, May 30, 2022 12:00PM**

WHEREAS, the Parent Teacher Organization has made application to the Borough Council for a raffle license to conduct an Off-Premise 50/50 raffle license at Baltimore Park on May 30, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the above is being conducted in accordance with Findings and Determinations of the verifying officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the license requested be granted subject to the production of a valid LGCCC License form valid through the date of the proposed raffle.

- **R-60-2022: Acknowledging Successful Completion of Probationary Period of Hunter Palmer in The Borough of Sea Girt Police Department**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sea Girt Council appointed Hunter Palmer to a position as a Probationary Patrolman with the Borough of Sea Girt Police Department effective March 10, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Justin Macko has advised that Probationary Patrolman Palmer has successfully met all the requirements of the Department during his probationary period and has achieved the status of Patrolman.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council hereby acknowledges and congratulates Hunter Palmer on the successful completion of all the requirements of the Sea Girt Police Department to achieve status as Patrolman effective March 10, 2022.

- **R-61-2022: Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with The County of Monmouth**

WHEREAS, the County of Monmouth and the Borough of Sea Girt have expressed an interest to allow the Borough of Sea Girt Fire Marshal Christopher Willms to utilize his Borough vehicle for the County of Monmouth Fire Marshal Investigation; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monmouth will furnish up to three (3) tanks of fuel per month and the Borough will maintain insurance on the vehicle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Girt, County of Monmouth, New Jersey do hereby authorize the use of said Borough vehicle (44-30) to be utilized as stated above for a term to expire on December 31, 2022, upon completion of his annual appointment, or the termination of his employment with the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this agreement shall automatically renew upon his appointment with the Borough for the position of Fire Marshal as well as his appointment with the County of Monmouth as a Fire Investigator; and.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Council including, but not limited to the Mayor, Business Administrator and the Municipal Clerk, are hereby authorized and directed to take such ministerial actions as are necessary to effectuate the provisions of this resolution.

Recorded Vote:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensen	X			
Councilman Perry	X			
Councilman Zakin	X			
Council President Anthony	X			
Councilman Downey	X			
Councilwoman Richman	X			

5. APPROVE MINUTES

a. **R-62-2022:** Approve Minutes, March 9, 2022 - Virtual Meeting

UPON MOTION of Councilman Zakin, seconded by Councilwoman Richman, carried, that the Minutes of the Virtual Regular Meeting held March 9, 2022 be and the same are hereby approved.

Recorded Vote:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensen	X			
Councilman Perry	X			
Councilman Zakin	X			

Council President Anthony	X			
Councilman Downey	X			
Councilwoman Richman	X			

6. OPEN DISCUSSION (Council is invited to speak on any subject)

Councilman Zakin thanked the Sea Girt Conservancy and volunteers for their efforts cleaning up at Edgemere Park; next volunteer effort is April 2nd at Crescent Park.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- **R-63-2022: Authorize Engineering Proposal – GP#24 Coastal Permit Preparation**

UPON MOTION of Councilman Zakin, seconded by Council President Anthony, carried, that the following Resolution be and the same is hereby adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Girt, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the Borough of Sea Girt retains the Professional Engineering services of Leon S. Avakian, 788 Wayside Road, Neptune, New Jersey 07753, for providing engineering services for habitat creation, restoration, and enhancement for the preparation of Coastal General Permit #24. The fee is as follows:

THE TERRACE- Ocean Path

- On-site data gathering and overall mapping
- Prepare application for CAFRA Coastal General Permit #24 including legal notices
- Submit application to NJDEP
- The total not to exceed Cost for Engineering Design Services for this Project is \$3,500
- The Sea Girt Conservancy has committed \$1,750 to offset the cost of engineering services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Girt, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the Borough authorizes the scope of work as outlined in the submitted proposal with the provision that any subsequent work shall require additional authorization subject to the recommendation of the Governing Body.

Recorded Vote:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensen	X			
Councilman Perry	X			
Councilman Zakin	X			
Council President Anthony	X			
Councilman Downey	X			
Councilwoman Richman	X			

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Clemmensen reported that garden pickup is now weekly through December; DPW is making repairs to the boardwalk. The Post Office has replaced mailboxes with more secure drop boxes; he thanked those who helped with this change including Congressman Chris Smith for their efforts. Altice will continue with the 5G network upgrades within town; a program run by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs will be

running a Geese Migration Program and residents may hear audible machine noises (geese calls and/or wolf howling) put out by the NGTC. There will be a meeting with Manasquan First Aid Squad to discuss the lack of volunteers and how to ensure our residents our provided transportation and evacuation in a timely matter. He reminded residents to remove their car fobs and secure their vehicles. He attended a Lighthouse Meeting where Bill Dunn presented the Lighthouse with a Morro Castle Lifejacket; he encourages residents to tour The Lighthouse to learn of its history; The Annual Meeting is May 17th at 7:30 pm; The Annual Wine Party is August 6th – more information to follow.

Councilman Perry reported there was a Finance Committee meeting on March 11th; the 2022 preliminary budget was discussed; the plan is to introduce the budget at our April 27th meeting. He also read a letter on behalf of The Recreation Commission regarding the proposal for Crescent Park (letter is attached to these minutes).

Councilman Downey reported there will be a Personnel Committee meeting on March 30th; Police Sergeant Interviews on March 25th.

Councilwoman Richman gave a beach report; beach badge pick up dates are on our website and on our beach department website www.seagirtbeachpatrol.org; please visit our website to register for lifeguard registration, Surf School and Jr. Lifeguard programs. The Shore Alliance Club meeting is on March 10th; many assemblies are scheduled for the elementary school; National Drug Take Back Program is April 30th; there will be an Alliance table at the upcoming car show on May 1st; the next Alliance meeting is April 14th 6:00 pm at the Manasquan Recreation Building. Board of Education Meeting – spring break is April 15-22; April 25th is report card day; April 27th is the 4th and 5th grade performance; April 28th is the next BOE meeting and April 29th is Arbor Day. She attended the 5th grade field trip and thanked Mike Matthews and Leanne Hoffman for educating the kids on the smothering technique of the English Ivy; residents also learned of this technique. Leanne Hoffman thanked many of the volunteers and employees whom are stewards of this project.

Council President Anthony commented Arbor Day presentation will be held at the elementary school on April 29th; the ribbon cutting for the Bike Path will also take place on this date; all are welcome. Resident Wayne Dryer, donated landscaping and plantings to be placed along the Bike Path.

Mayor Fetzer commented there is a PBA negotiation meeting soon, as well as Water Committee meeting; he thanked Wayne Dryer for the opportunity to practice a fire drill on Washington Boulevard.

10. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Gant commented there is a full time vacancy in our Finance Department; the posting is on our website as well as the application; he thanked The Sea Girt Conservancy for their assistance with the GP24 permit; the plan is to resume in person council meetings on April 27th; the goal is to introduce the budget at our April 27th meeting; The Library Trustees are hoping to get an architect agreement in relation to the community room in the near future.

Police Chief Macko thanked Council for approving the resolution for the Distracted Driving Grant for increased patrols during April. He congratulated Hunter Palmer on ending his one year probation period. He noted to residents the security feature on the new secure mailboxes and thanked our Post Master Dean for his efforts.

- **Resolution No. 64-2022:** Payment of bills

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Girt, County of Monmouth that the bills be paid as appearing on the attached bill list dated March 18, 2022 in the totals as follows:

CURRENT FUND	\$ 132,999.71
WATER/SEWER OPERATING FUND	\$ 17,839.30
BEACH OPERATING FUND	\$ 260.44
WATER CAPITAL	\$ 2,280.00

Recorded Vote:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensen	X			
Councilman Perry	X			
Councilman Zakin	X			
Council President Anthony	X			
Councilman Downey	X			
Councilwoman Richman	X			

- **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ANY SUBJECT** (Comments limited to 5 minutes)

Norm Hall, Baltimore Boulevard thanked the Recreation Commission for their statement; he hopes committees can resume discussions and promote items best for the community.

Kim Paterson, New York Boulevard thanked the Sea Girt Recreation Committee for their letter and decision regarding Crescent Park.

Hilary DeFio, New York Boulevard thanked the Recreation Committee and Councilmembers for their efforts supporting the community.

Megan Pacetti, Washington Boulevard thanked councilmembers for their decision on Crescent Park; she also thanked residents for their involvement and passion.

Henry Bossett, Chicago Boulevard thanked councilmembers for their efforts and the direction they are taking.

There being no further business, and **UPON MOTION** of Councilman Clemmensen, seconded by Councilwoman Richman carried, that the meeting be finally and immediately adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Dawn Harriman

Dawn Harriman, RMC
Municipal

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS APRIL 27, 2022