City Clerk, acting as Temporary Chairman, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the 2015 Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and City Council.

**Oath of Office**

Newly elected Councilman Kirk Gerety was then called forward to be sworn in by the City Clerk.

Newly re-elected Councilwoman Maureen Kern was then called forward to be sworn in by Assemblyman Chris Brown.

They each received a round of applause from the audience.

**Nomination and Election of a President of Council**

Temporary Chairman Degrassi then called for the nomination and election of a President of Council for the year 2015. Councilwoman Kern was nominated by motion of Councilman Dill, seconded by Councilman Smith. There being no further nominations, the nominations were declared closed. Councilwoman Kern was then elected President of City Council by a unanimous roll call vote of those present. Councilwoman Kern was then called forward to receive the gavel.

**Nomination and Election of a President Pro-Tempore**

Council President Kern then called for the nomination and election of a President Pro-Tempore for the year 2015. Councilman Smith nominated Councilman Dill, seconded by Councilman D’Adamo. Councilman Dill was then elected President Pro-Tempore for the year 2015 by a unanimous vote of those present.

Council President Kern stated that she is honored to serve as Council President in this City where she was born and raised and chose to raise her family. She also thanked all of those who have helped make this City a great place to live - our professionals, Police and Fire and Emergency Management as well as our many committees and volunteers. She stated that this is truly a volunteer community. She thanked everyone for coming and thanked her family for their support and allowing her the time to serve. She wished everyone a happy, healthy and safe new year.

Councilman Dill thanked everyone for their confidence in electing him as President Pro-Tempore for the year 2015. He also thanked our volunteers for the job they do for our City to make it run smoothly. He also thanked the volunteer youth groups for what they do for our City, as well as the Police Department who put their lives on the line, more so than ever before.

**Flag Salute and Roll Call**

President Kern led the audience in the salute to the flag. A moment of silence was held in memory of Councilman Smith’s Mom, who recently passed away and was a friend to many of us. The roll call was then recorded as follows:

 D’Adamo Dill Gerety
 McGuigan Smith Tapp
Present: Kern

Also Present: Mayor Glasser, Administrator Swain and Atty. Franklin.

**Open Public Meetings Act**

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

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**Invocation**

Invocation was given by Rev. Lawrence Polanski of St. Joseph’s Church in Somers Point.

**Members of Council Address the Public**

Councilman Tapp stated that there is not much more to be said that hasn’t been said by Council President Kern and Councilman Dill. He stated that he would just like to express his gratitude to the City Employees and all of the volunteers for their help in running this City.

Councilman Gerety thanked his family for their help on his election and a shout out to his nephew who flew in from Chicago. He stated that he sees many faces - many old friends and it is good to be back. He stated that 2015 is going to be a good year.

Councilman McGuigan welcomed Councilman Gerety, stating that he is looking forward to working with him. He also thanked the City employees for the job that they do, adding that it is getting tougher and tougher to be an employee and he appreciates the hard work that they do. He also thanked the volunteers, and especially the one firefighter who goes around town with the Fire Department each year and plays Santa Claus. He stated that this adds to the charm of the town. He wished everyone a happy new year, stating that he is looking forward to working with everyone this year.

Councilman D’Adamo thanked the volunteers and Board members of our City stating that it is important to acknowledge them, along with our dignitaries. He welcomed Councilman Gerety back to Council, as well as Councilwoman Kern as President of Council.

Councilman Smith stated that it is an honor and a privilege to sit up here and serve the people of Somers Point. He congratulated Councilman Gerety stating that he has much experience he can share and also acknowledged former Councilman Triboletti for his work while on Council. He wished everyone a happy new year and stated that he is looking forward to working with this Council.

Mayor Glasser recognized various dignitaries in the audience and wished everyone a happy new year. He congratulated Councilwoman Kern on her re-election to City Council as well as President of City Council. He welcomed Councilman Gerety back to Council stating that he brings much experience and that everything he does is for Somers Point. Mayor Glasser stated that it is a very exciting time for the City as there is so much going on…our Master Plan will be going before the Planning Board and we will soon be hearing regarding the many grant applications we have put out there. He stated that we are at the mercy of the events in Atlantic City, but remain optimistic and moving forward. He stated that we have taken steps to market ourselves. He stated that he is honored to sit with this Council who have time and time again looked forward to the future of our City, and he is very proud of these efforts. He stated that as we go into the new year, he knows everyone is working to achieve great things for our City and asked that God continue to bless the City of Somers Point.

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**Proclamations**

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

Proclamation No. 1

 **No. 1 of 2015**

**Subject: Appointing Historic Preservation Commission**

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Proclamation No. 1 (Continued)**

 **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 Commission can consist of five, seven or nine regular members and either one or two alternate members; 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**, vacancies exist in the Class C category of the Historic Commission due to the expiration of the terms of Marian McVeigh and Leanne Gray, said terms expiring December 31, 2014; and in the Class B category, said term expiring December 31, 2014; 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 Marian McVeigh to a full four year term expiring December 31, 2018 and appoint William Reinert to the Class C category for a full four year term, said term expiring December 31, 2018; and

 **WHEREAS**, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr. wishes to appoint Levi Fox to the Class B Category, said term expiring December 31, 2018; 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 EXPIRATION OF TERM**Tara McGinnis - Regular Member December 31, 2017

**CLASS B**

Donna Mohr - Regular Member December 31, 2016

Levi Fox – Regular Member December 31, 2018

**CLASS C**

William Reinert - Regular Member December 31, 2018

Marian McVeigh - Regular Member December 31, 2018

Greg DiSabatino – Reg. Member December 31, 2017

Patricia Pierson – Regular Member December 31, 2016

**ALTERNATE #1**

Walter Gregory December 31, 2015

**ALTERNATE #2**Lois GregoryDecember 31, 2015
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Proclamations (Continued)**

**Proclamation No. 2**

 **No. 2 of 2015**

**Subject: Planning Board Appointment**

 **WHEREAS,** a vacancy exists in the Class II category of the Somers Point Planning Board due to the expiration of the term of Lionel Crossman, said term expiring December 31, 2014; and

 **WHEREAS,** in accordance with 40:55D-23 Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr. hereby re-appoints Lionel Crossman to the Class II position of the Somers Point Planning Board, said term expiring December 31, 2015; and

 **WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists in the Class IV category of the Somers Point Planning Board due to the expiration of the term of Greg Sykora, said term expiring December 31, 2014; and

 **WHEREAS,** in accordance with 40:55D-23 Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr. hereby reappoints Greg Sykora to a full four year term on the Class IV category of the Somers Point Planning Board, said term expiring December 31, 2018; and

 **WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists in the Alternate No. 2 position of the Somers Point Planning Board, said term expiring December 31, 2014, and in accordance with 40:55D-23 Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr. hereby reappoints James Toto to said position, said term expiring December 31, 2016.

 **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**

Lionel Crossman 1 Year Term 12/31/15

**CLASS III**

Howard Dill 1 Year Term 12/31/15

**CLASS IV**

Paul Striefsky December 31, 2015

Michael Kennedy December 31, 2016

Brian Cotton December 31, 2017

Greg Sykora December 31, 2018

Robert Green (Alt. No. 1) December 31, 2015

James Toto (Alt. No. 2) December 31, 2016

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Proclamations (Continued)**

**Proclamation No. 3**

**No. 3 of 2015**

 **Subject: Environmental Commission Appointments**

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

 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Ordinance No. 7 of 1980, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr. wishes to fill those vacancies for the unexpired terms; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Ordinance No. 7 of 1980 and the New Jersey State Statute the Mayor shall designate the Chairperson, I hereby proclaim

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

Bill Reinert December 31, 2015

Carol L. Degrassi, Chair. December 31, 2015

Greg Gregory December 31, 2016
Linda Keyser December 31, 2016

Shelby Mollenkopf December 31, 2017

Tim Lenzsch December 31, 2017

Robert Green December 31, 2017

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 1**M/S - Dill/D’Adamo
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 1 of 2015**

**Subject: Appointment of Municipal Solicitor**

 **WHEREAS,** the City of Somers Point has identified a need for a Municipal Solicitor for 2015; 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. Jim Franklin, Esq. of Youngblood, Franklin, Sampoli and Coombs, PA be and hereby is re-appointed as Municipal Solicitor for the City of Somers Point for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, inclusive.

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**Resolution No. 1 (Continued)**

1. 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.
2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Youngblood, Franklin, Sampoli and Coombs, PA in connection with these services, and, upon execution, the contract will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.
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 (6) is not required.

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**Resolution No. 2**M/S - Gerety/McGuigan
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 2 of 2015**

**Subject: APPOINTMENTS/HARBOR MASTER AND
 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CORRD.**

 **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 fifth day of January, 2015 be confirmed at this time by the City Council.

**HARBOR MASTER**

1 Year Term (Expires 12/31/15) Ronald Meischker

**MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR, OFFICE
OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

3 Year Term (Expires 12/31/17) Philip Gaffney

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

1 Year Terms (Expire 12/31/15) Neil Regina
 Peggy Regina
 Rob Cozen

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**Resolution No. 3**M/S - Gerety/Tapp
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

 **No. 3 of 2015**

**Subject: FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

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Resolution No. 3 (Continued)**

 **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. 12/31/16) Frank Denan

**DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF** (3 Yr. Term – Exp. 12/31/16) Michael Sweeney (Co. No. 1)

Asst. Chief (1 year) Exp. 12/31/15 Michael C. Sweeney (Co. No. 2)

Asst. Chief (1 year) Exp. 12/31/15 John Batty

Captain (1 year) Exp. 12/31/15 James Somers

Captain (1 year) Exp. 12/31/15 Michael Iannace

Lieutenant (1 year) Exp. 12/31/15 Rob Fehn

Lieutenant (1 year) Exp.12/31/15 Pat Winkler

Fire Marshall (3 years) Exp. 12/31/16 Lionel Crossman

Asst. Fire Marshall (1 year) Exp. 12/31/15 Mark Haynie

Fire Official (1 year) Exp. 12/31/15 Frank Denan

Safety Officer (1 year) Exp. 12/31/15 Robert Blumberg

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**Resolution No. 4**M/S - Dill/D’Adamo
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 4 of 2015 (Corrected Copy)**

**Subject: DESIGNATING COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Somers Point that the second and fourth Thursday of each month be designated as the time for regular Council Meetings for the year 2015 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 second and fourth Thursday of each month be designated as the time for Work Sessions and Executive Session as needed for the year 2015 and said work sessions and Executive Sessions shall be held immediately subsequent to the completion of the regularly scheduled Council meetings.

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Resolution No. 4 (Continued)**

 **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 furnish local newspapers with a copy of this Resolution not later than January 10, 2015.

**Meeting Dates**

January 5, 2015 Reorg. Mtg. June 11, 2015 Regular Mtg.
January 22, 2015 Regular Mtg. June 25, 2015 Regular Mtg.
February 12, 2015 Regular Mtg. July 23, 2015 Regular Mtg.
February 26, 2015 Regular Mtg. August 27, 2015 Regular Mtg.
March 12, 2015 Regular Mtg. Sept. 10, 2015 Regular Mtg.
March 26, 2015 Regular Mtg. Sept. 24, 2015 Regular Mtg.
April 16, 2015 Regular Mtg. October 8, 2015 Regular Mtg.
April 30, 2015 Regular Mtg. October 22, 2015 Regular Mtg.
May 14, 2015 Regular Mtg. Nov. 12, 2015 Regular Mtg.
May 28, 2015 Regular Mtg. Dec. 17, 2015 Regular Mtg.

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**Resolution No. 5**M/S - Gerety/D’Adamo
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 5 of 2015**

**Subject:** **DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS**

 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the Mainland Journal, Ocean City Sentinel, the Atlantic City 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, 2015.

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**Resolution No. 6**M/S - Tapp/Gerety
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 6 of 2015**

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

Cape 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; Carol Degrassi, City Clerk; William Swain, City Administrator & Chief Financial Officer; 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.

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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 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.

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**Resolution No. 7**M/S - Gerety/Tapp
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

 **No. 7 of 2015**

**Subject: APPOINTING CERTIFYING AGENT**

 **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 Carol L. Degrassi is hereby designated as said certifying agent to the Civil Service Commission.

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Resolutions (Continued)**

**Resolution No. 8**M/S - Gerety/Dill
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present. A complete copy of the Temporary Budget is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

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**Resolution No. 9**M/S - Gerety/Tapp
Council President advised that Mike Rattigan will be resigning as he is moving out of the area. Resolution No. 9 was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 9 of 2015**

**Subject: ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

 **WHEREAS,** a vacancy exists on the Somers Point Zoning Board of Adjustment due to the expiration of the terms of Ron Meischker and Charles “Skip” Broomall said terms expiring December 31, 2014; and

 **WHEREAS**, Council wishes to re-appoint Ron Meischker and Charles “Skip” Broomall to full four year terms, said terms expiring December 31, 2018; and

 **WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists in the Alternate No. 1 position of the Zoning Board, said term expiring December 31, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Council wishes to appoint John Sloneski to fill said unexpired term, said term expiring December 31, 2015; and

**WHEREAS,** a vacancy exists in the Alternate No. 2 position of the Zoning Board due to the expiration of the term of Mike Rattigan; and

**WHEREAS**, Council wishes to appoint Jay Phillips to the Alternate No. 2 position, said term expiring December 31, 2016.

 **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**

Tracy Campbell Dec. 31, 2015

Lynn Callahan Dec. 31, 2015

Alan Cohen Dec. 31, 2016

Joseph Craddock Dec. 31, 2016

Michael Passmore Dec. 31, 2017

Ron Meischker Dec. 31, 2018

Charles “Skip” Broomall Dec. 31, 2018

**Alternates:**

John Sloneski Dec. 31, 2015

Jay Phillips Dec. 31, 2016

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Resolutions (Continued)**

**Resolution No. 10**M/S - Tapp/Gerety
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 10 of 2015**

**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**

**Introduced By: COUNCILMAN SMITH**

 **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.

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**Resolution No. 11**M/S - McGuigan/Tapp
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 11 of 2015**

# Subject: APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR

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Resolution No. 11 (Continued)**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Somers Point desires to appoint Mark Nehmad, Esq. as Municipal Prosecutor, effective January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015; 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. Mark Nehmad, Esq. be and is hereby appointed as Municipal Prosecutor for the City of Somers Point for the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.
2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Mark Nehmad, Esq. for the calendar year 2015. 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 (6) is not required.

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**Resolution No. 12**M/S - D’Adamo/McGuigan
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 12 of 2015**

**Subject: APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER**

 **WHEREAS,** the City of Somers Point wishes to re-appoint Michael Peyton, Esq. as Municipal Public Defender, effective January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015; 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. Michael Peyton, Esq. be and hereby is appointed as Municipal Public Defender for the City of Somers Point for the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.
2. 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.

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Resolution No. 12 (Continued)**

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Michael Peyton, Esq. for the calendar year 2015. Upon execution, a copy of the contract will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.
2. 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 (6) is not required.

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**Resolution No. 13**M/S - Gerety/Dill
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 13 of 2015**

**Subject: Contracting with Municipal Accountant**

 **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 Ford, Scott & Associates for the calendar year 2015 to conduct the 2015 annual audit and assist with the preparation of the 2015 Financial Statement, 2015 Debt Statement and 2015 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 (6) is not required.

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**Resolution No. 14**M/S - D’Adamo/Smith
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 14 of 2015**

**Subject:** **CLASS III PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT**

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

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Resolution No. 14 (Continued)**

 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** thatthe City Council appoints
Councilman Howard Dill to the Class III category of the Somers Point Planning Board for a one year term expiring December 31, 2015.

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**Resolution No. 15**M/S - Tapp/Gerety
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

 **No. 15 of 2015**

**Subject:** **AUTHORIZING CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND
 CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PAY REQUIRED BILLS**

 **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 2015.

 **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.

 **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.

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**Resolution No. 16**M/S - Tapp/Gerety
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

 **No. 16 of 2015**

**Subject: Recreation Commission Appointment
Introduced By: Councilman Tapp**

 **WHEREAS,** Ordinance No. 1 of 1975 has 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

 **WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists due to the resignation of James Waniak, said term expiring December 31, 2015; and

 **WHEREAS**, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr. wishes to appoint Ron Meischker to fill said unexpired term, said term expiring on December 31, 2015; and

 **WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists due to the expiration of the term of Russ Babb, said term expiring December 31, 2014; and

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Resolution No. 16 (Continued)**

 **WHEREAS**, Mayor John L Glasser, Jr. wishes to re-appoint Russ Babb to a full three year term, said term expiring on December 31, 2017.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the above appointments are 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**

 Eric Meyers December 31, 2015

 Ron Meischker December 31, 2015

 Marcus Perry December 31, 2016

 Jay Turcotte December 31, 2016

 Jeanette Cellucci December 31, 2016

 Barbie Carney December 31, 2017

 Russ Babb December 31, 2017

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**Resolution No. 17**M/S - Dill/Gerety
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 17 of 2015**

**Subject: Adopting Cash Management Plan**

 **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 2015.

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**Resolution No. 18**M/S - Tapp/D’Adamo
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 18 of 2015**

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

 **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, 2015 to December 31, 2015; 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 (6) is not required.

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**Resolution No. 19**M/S - Smith/McGuigan
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 19 of 2015**

**Subject: Appointment of Tax Appeal Attorney**

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 **WHEREAS**, the City of Somers Point has identified a need for an attorney for Tax Appeal Matters for 2015; 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. Maguire and Maguire be and hereby is re-appointed as Tax Appeal Attorney for the City of Somers Point for the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.
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 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.
4. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Maguire and Maguire in connection with these services, and, upon execution, 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 (6) is not required.

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**Resolution No. 20**M/S - Tapp/McGuigan
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 20 of 2015**

**Subject: Appointing Fund Commissioner**

 **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

 **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

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 **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 Samuelsen to serve as Fund Commissioner and Councilman Howard Dill 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 Samuelsen as Fund Commissioner and Councilman Howard Dill as Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

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**Resolution No. 21**M/S - Gerety/Dill
Resolution No. 21 was then adopted by a unanimous vote of those present. Councilman Dill thanked Engineer Schneider for his service stating that he always makes himself available.

**No. 21 of 2015**

**Subject: Appointing City Engineer**

 **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 Mott Associates of Egg Harbor Township be and is hereby appointed Municipal Engineer for the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015; 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 Mott Associates 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 (6) is not required.

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**Resolution No. 22**M/S - Gerety/Dill
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 22 of 2015**

**Subject: Contracting with Polistina & Associates for Engineering
 services re Somers Point Sewer Utility**

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 **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 be and hereby is appointed to provide the engineering services necessary in connection with the City of Somers Point Sewer Utility for the year 2015.
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 (6) is not required.

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Resolution No. 23**M/S - McGuigan/D’Adamo
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 23 of 2015**

**Subject: Appointment of Bond Counsel**

 **WHEREAS,** the City of Somers Point has identified a need for Bond Counsel for 2015 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. Fleishman and Daniels be and hereby is appointed as Bond Counsel for the City of Somers Point for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, 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 and Daniels 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 (6) is not required.

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**Resolution No. 24**M/S - Dill/Tapp
Councilman Smith advised that he will be abstaining. Councilman Dill stated that this Board does a lot of work to make this town better and they do not get recognized. Resolution No. 24 was then adopted by a 6-0 vote with Councilman Smith abstaining.

**No. 24 of 2015 (Corrected Copy)**

**Subject: Economic Development Advisory Commission**

 **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**, vacancies exist due to the expiration of the terms of Bob Shore, Ron Meischker and Wendy Batten; and

 **WHEREAS,** in accordance with ordinance, the City Council hereby re-appoints Wendy Baten and Bob Shore to full three year terms, said terms expiring December 31, 2017; and

 **WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists due to the expiration of the term of Ron Meischker, said term expiring December 31, 2014; and

 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with ordinance, the City Council hereby appoints Greg Sykora to fill said vacancy, said term expiring December 31, 2017.

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

**Regular Members Expiration of Term**

Bob Shore December 31, 2017

 Greg Sykora December 31, 2017

 Wendy Baten December 31, 2017

Stephen Vogt December 31, 2016

 Michael Bray December 31, 2016

 Arthur T. Ford, III December 31, 2016

 David R. Hughes December 31, 2016

Bill Hurst December 31, 2015

Scott Rosen December 31, 2015

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**Resolution No. 25**M/S - D’Adamo/McGuigan
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 25 of 2015**

**Subject: Appointing Labor Attorney**

 **WHEREAS,** the City of Somers Point has identified a need for a Labor Attorney for the year 2015: and

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 **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. John C. Hegarty of the law firm Jasinski, A Professional Corporation, is hereby re-appointed as Labor Attorney for the City of Somers Point for the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.
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 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.
4. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with John C. Hegarty in connection with these services and upon execution, 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(6) is not required.

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**Resolution No. 26**M/S - Dill/Gerety
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 26 of 2015**

**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.**

 **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, 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 2015; 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 E. Franklin II, Esq. and other attorneys within the designated Special COAH Counsel law firm of Youngblood, Franklin, Sampoli & Coombs, P.A. 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.
4. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Esq., James E. Franklin II, Esq. of Youngblood, Franklin, Sampoli & Coombs, P.A. 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 2015. 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(6) is not required.

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**Resolution No. 27**M/S - Dill/Tapp
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 27 of 2015**

**Subject: Sponsoring various Memorial/Remembrance Services**

**Introduced By: Councilman Dill**

 **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:

Saturday - April 11, 2015 Submariners Memorial Dedication, across from Patriots Park @ 1:00 p.m.

Monday - May 25, 2015 Memorial Day Parade - Shore Road to Patriots Park with ceremony at Patriots Park. - 11:00 am

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Friday – Sept.11, 2015 911 Remembrance Day, Patriots Day at Patriots Park 8:30 am

Friday – Sept.18, 2015 POW-MIA Recognition Day at Patriots Park - 7:00 pm

Monday - Nov. 11, 2015 Veterans Day - 11 am at Patriots Park

Sunday - Dec. 6, 2015 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day - 1:00 pm at Somers Point Beach

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

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**Resolution No. 28**M/S - Gerety/Tapp
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 28 of 2015**

 **Subject: Re-appointing Public Agency Compliance Officer**

 **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, Carol L. Degrassi, to act in this capacity for the City of Somers Point.

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**Resolution No. 29**M/S - D’Adamo/Smith
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 29 of 2015**

**Subject:** **SETTING INTEREST RATES FOR DELINQUENT TAXES**

 **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:

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 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.

 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.

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**Resolution No. 30**M/S - D’Adamo/Tapp
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

 **No. 30 of 2015**

**Subject: Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Somers Point to Sign Certain New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 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**

**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) 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 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:

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**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby **RESOLVED** by the Somers Point City Council that the 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 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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**Resolution No. 31**M/S - McGuigan/Tapp
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present. Councilman McGuigan noted that the Chairman of the Arts Commission, Kathy Arleth, is a former member of City Council.

**No. 31 of 2015**

 **Subject: Somers Point Arts Commission**

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

 **WHEREAS**, a 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, 2015:

 Lois Gregory Kathleen M. Arleth

 Sally Hastings Linda Gazsi

Donna J. Mohr Councilman Sean T. McGuigan

 Greg Sykora Jeanette Cellucci

 William Hurst Vacancy

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**Resolution No. 32**M/S - McGuigan/Smith
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

 ***No. 32 of 2015***

***Green Team Advisory Committee (Corrected Copy)***

**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

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Resolution No. 32 (Continued)**

**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

**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:

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| ***1 Year Term Expires on:*** | ***Name*** |
| December 31, 2015 | Tara Kelly |
| December 31, 2015 | Kim Fontana |
| December 31, 2015 | Linda M. Keyser |
| December 31, 2015 | Bob Bender |
| December 31, 2015 | Kym Gardner |
| December 31, 2015 | Khirsty Carney |
| December 31, 2015 | Elizabeth “Lisa” Bender |
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**Resolution No. 33**M/S - Tapp/Gerety
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 33 of 2015**

**Subject: Reappointing Judge Freed**

**Proposed By: Mayor Glasser**

 **WHEREAS,** the term of Municipal Judge in the City of Somers Point has expired; and

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**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 2B:12-4 provides for the appointment of a Municipal Judge for a term of three years which appointment is made by the Mayor with the advise and consent of the Council; and

 **WHEREAS,** Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr. wishes to reappoint Howard E. Freed, Esq. to the position of Municipal Judge in the City of Somers Point, whose term shall begin January 1, 2015, and shall expire on December 31, 2017; and

 **WHEREAS**, the City Council has duly considered said reappointment and intends by this resolution to confirm same.

 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the reappointment of Howard E. Freed., Esq. to the position of Municipal Judge for the period aforesaid be and hereby is confirmed.

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**Resolution No. 34**M/S - Dill/D’Adamo
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 34 of 2015**

**Subject: Appointing Planner and Grant Consultant**

 **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 2015; 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 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.

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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 2015. The agreement will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.

1. 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(6) is not required.

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**Resolution No. 35**M/S - Smith/D’Adamo
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

 **No. 35 of 2015**

**Subject: Appointment of Municipal Planner**

 **WHEREAS,** the City of Somers Point has identified a need for a Municipal Planner for 2015; 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. Bach Associates be and hereby is appointed as Municipal Planner for the City of Somers Point for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, 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. 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 is sole discretion.
4. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Bach Associates in connection with these services, and, upon execution, the contract 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 (6) is not required.

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**Resolution No. 36**M/S - McGuigan/Dill
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present. Kathy Arleth, Chairperson of the Arts Commission, introduced Maria Provenzano to the governing body.

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**A Resolution Appointing Maria Provenzano**

**To Serve as the Somers Point Poet Laureate**

**WHEREAS**, the Somers Point City Council did create the position of Poet Laureate of Somers Point by adoption of Resolution No. 162 of 2014 and did request the Somers Point Arts Commission to administer and oversee the selection process; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Arts Commission have discharged their assignment by soliciting applications, reviewing the responses, and interviewing candidates; and

**WHEREAS**, a recommendation has been made by the Arts Commission to appoint Ms. Maria Provenzano as the first Poet Laureate of the City of Somers Point; and

**WHEREAS,** the members of City Council have reviewed the recommendation and the qualifications of Ms. Provenzano which include graduating Cum Laude from Northwestern University where she earned dual degrees with a B.A. in English (Creative Writing) and a B.A. in Religious Studies; and

**WHEREAS,** Ms. Provenzano, during her education at Northwestern, was awarded the Dorothy H. Blazek Endowed Scholarship (2007-2010) and the J.G. Nolan Endowed Scholarship (2008-2010); and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Provenzano demonstrated to the members of the Arts Commission her vitality, enthusiasm, love of poetry and the written word, her interest in making poetry more accessible, and her desire to become a vital part of what she referred to as “the huge voice our small City brings when it comes to celebrating the arts”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that this City Council thanks the Arts Commission for supporting the creation of the position of Poet Laureate and acknowledges the efforts extended in the selection process; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this City Council accepts the recommendation received from the Arts Commission; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that it is with great pleasure that Ms. Maria Provenzano is hereby appointed by this governing body to serve as the very first Poet Laureate of the City of Somers Point for a two (2) year term ending on December 31, 2016; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the Poet Laureate fails to fulfill the two year term or is removed from the position the Arts Commission is authorized to accept applications for a replacement.  The replacement Poet Laureate will complete the remaining portion of the two-year term if approved by City Council.

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**Council Committee Assignments**

Council President Kern distributed Committee Assignments to the governing body explaining that these are not complete at this point.

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**Swearing in of Fire Department Officers and Emergency Management Deputy Coordinators.**

The Fire Department Officers and the Emergency Management Officers were sworn in by the City Clerk.

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**Public Portion**

Meeting was opened to the public and duly closed.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Carol L. Degrassi, RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk

Approved: 2/12/15