

**REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 11, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Haberkorn with a salute to the flag. Roll call was recorded as follows:

Present: DePamphilis, Dill, Gerety, Johnston, McGuigan, Owen, Haberkorn

Also Present: Mayor Tapp, Administrator Frost, Deputy City Clerk Giampapa, City Solicitor Smith, and City Engineer Schneider, Council Member Elect Slaughter

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.

Communications:

None

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Tapp thanked everyone involved in making the Christmas Parade such a success. Mayor Tapp mentioned that Somers Point Police Athletics-Activities League will be hosting a breakfast with Santa event to support Troop 277 at the Applebee's on Saturday December 20th from 8-10AM. He also shared that the Somers Point Brewery will launch a new Imperial Stout inspired by Commandant Richard Somers on December 16th at 6PM. Finally, Mayor Tapp announced that Squares and Fares was nominated for best restaurant in the USA Today Poll in hopes that the community will show their support and vote for them.

Administrator's Report:

None

Solicitor's Report:

None

Engineer's Report:

Engineer Schneider updated City Council on a few things, including: the City was awarded a New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant to repave Broadway Avenue; construction for the

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2025 Road Program continues with the pipework completed; the Safe Routes to School project is almost complete, with only one more block to finish and the Water Main Project on New Jersey Avenue is ongoing between Bay Avenue and Shore Road.

Committee Reports:

Council Member Johnston explained the Somers Point Library Committee met with Officials from the County Library to discuss the lack of services here in Somers Point compared to other towns. Council Member Johnston was pleased with the outcome of the meeting and plans to have another meeting soon after gathering ideas.

Approval of Minutes:

On the motion of Council Member Dill, seconded of Council Member DePamphilis, and carried to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 11/13/2025 and Executive Session Meeting minutes of 11/13/2025, approved as to content.

Proclamations:

Council Members Haberkorn, Johnston, McGuigan, and Owen thanked and congratulated Mainland Regional High School Marching Band for the hard work, dedication and achievements they accomplished this year.

Mayor Tapp and Council President Haberkorn presented band members with the proclamation.

No. 10 of 2025

Honoring the Mainland Regional High School Marching Band

WHEREAS, the Mainland Regional High School Marching Band has had an outstanding 2025 season, performing *Unbreakable* under the skilled direction of Band Director Kevin Flaherty; and

WHEREAS, the Mainland Regional High School Marching Band achieved a remarkable winning streak, culminating in winning the Group 1A State Championships, while also earning awards for Best Music and Best Overall Effect, and taking Second Place in both Color Guard and Percussion, demonstrating the band's all-around excellence and artistry; and

WHEREAS, the Mainland Regional High School Marching Band represented the communities of Northfield, Linwood, and Somers Point with distinction at the U.S. Bands National Competition in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where they competed against top bands from across the country, earning fourth place overall, and where the Color Guard was recognized with the prestigious Best Color Guard Caption Award; and

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WHEREAS, the dedication, discipline, and spirit of the Mainland Regional High School Marching Band reflects the highest standards of musicianship, teamwork, and community pride; and

WHEREAS, these remarkable achievements have brought honor and recognition to Mainland Regional High School and the sending districts of Northfield, Linwood, and Somers Point, whose students together form this outstanding musical organization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Dennis Tapp, Mayor of the City of Somers Point, does hereby recognize and commend the Mainland Regional High School Marching Band for its exceptional accomplishments, musical excellence, and unbreakable spirit, and does hereby proclaim December 12, 2025 as Mainland Regional High School Marching Band Day in the City of Somers Point, in honor of its talent, determination, and contribution to our communities' proud tradition of educational and artistic achievement.

Resolutions:

Public Portion Resolutions:

Council President Haberkorn duly opened the meeting to the public.

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

Resolution No. 247 of 2025

M/S- Dill/Johnston

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

Mayor Tapp, Council President Haberkorn, along with Council Members Dill, McGuigan, DePamphilis and Johnston expressed their gratitude for all that Council Member Owen contributed during his three-year term as a Council Member for the City of Somers Point.

Council President Haberkorn present Council Member Owen with the resolution.

No. 247 of 2025

Recognizing and Thanking Council Member Mike Owen

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2020, Mike Owen was sworn in as the Ward Two Council Member of the City of Somers Point to serve a three-year term; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2023, Mike Owen was sworn in for a second three-year term as the Ward Two Council Member of the City of Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Mike Owen has been a resident of Somers Point for over 30 years; and

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WHEREAS, Council Member Owen faithfully attended numerous citywide events throughout his tenure while maintaining a near-perfect attendance record at City Council meetings, demonstrating his dedication and commitment to serving the City; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Owen served as the liaison to the Arts Commission and the Recreation Commission and is a long-standing and proud member of Lawson’s Pride; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Owen’s insight, enthusiasm, and steady presence will be missed on the City Council dais by all who had the opportunity to work with him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council, on behalf of themselves and the residents of the City of Somers Point, express their appreciation and gratitude to Council Member Owen for his six years of service for the betterment of Somers Point; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council extend their best wishes to him and to his family.

Resolution No. 248 of 2025

M/S- Owen/Dill

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

No. 248 of 2025

Subject: Authorization of Purchase through the Use of State Contract Vendor York Telecom Corporation (aka GovPilot) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12(a) & N.J.A.C. 5:34- 7.29(c), for the use of Computer Reseller Services for the City of Somers Point, Municipal Offices

Introduced By: Council President Haberkorn

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point may by resolution and without advertising for bids purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of Treasury pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 et. Seq.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point has identified a need to purchase a renewal of Govpilot Municipal Software for use by the City of Somers Point – Municipal Offices; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State Contract Number NJ State Contract #T3121 20 TELE-01509 (Expiration 5/24/26), York Telecom Corporation; was awarded the State Contract for Computer Reseller Services; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk in conjunction with the Business Administrator has researched the equipment available and recommends the utilization of the renewal contract provided by York Telecom Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Somers Point authorizes the following purchase from York Telecom Corporation: Yorktel World Headquarters, 81 Corbett Way, Eatontown, NJ 07724; to be ordered as soon as pragmatically possible:

GovPilot Contract Renewal:

	Description:	
Year 1	Enterprise Software Services.....	\$11,588.00

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Year 2	Enterprise Software Services.....	\$11,936.00
Year 3	Enterprise Software Services.....	\$12,294.00
Year 4	Enterprise Software Services.....	\$12,663.00
Year 5	Enterprise Software Services.....	\$13,043.00

Total Value of 60 Mo Contract: \$61,524.00

STATE CONTRACT NO: #T3121 : Software Reseller Services : 20-TELE-01509 : York Telecom Corporation : Exp 5/24/2026 : Contract Start Date January 1st 2025

Resolution No. 249 of 2025

M/S- Dill/Johnston

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

No. 249 of 2025

Subject: Canceling Outstanding Checks & Bank Reconciliations Items

Introduced By: Council Members Dill and McGuigan and Council President Haberkorn

WHEREAS, the CFO has determined that certain outstanding checks and bank reconciliation items should be cancelled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the following outstanding checks and bank reconciliation items are hereby cancelled:

Tax Collector Redemption Account

Check Number	Amount
1062	.36
1089	50.00
1100	10.00

\$60.36

To Current Fund

Resolution No. 250 of 2025

M/S- Johnston/Dill

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

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Subject: **Authorizing the Acceptance, Execution, and Delivery of an Escrow Agreement Between the City of Somers Point and 901 Mays Landing Road, LLC.**

Introduced By: **Council President Haberkorn**

WHEREAS in compliance with a 2008 Court approved settlement agreement between the City of Somers Point (the “City”) and Plantation Bay, LLC a residential development project has been approved by the Somers Point Planning Board which includes the construction of two-hundred ten (210) market rate residential housing units (the Market Rate Units”) and forty-two very-low, low- and moderate income residential (plus one (1) superintendent's residential unit) (the “Affordable Housing units”) are proposed to be constructed in two (2) detached residential buildings on the site described as Block 1946, Lot 1.02 (the “Affordable Housing Parcel”); and

WHEREAS the market rate units and the affordable housing units are being constructed by two separate and unrelated entities; and

WHEREAS 901 Mays Landing Road, LLC (“901 MLR”) is the owner of the Affordable Housing Parcel; and

WHEREAS it had been the intent of 901 MLR to transfer ownership of the property to Oasis at Greate Bay, LLC (a special purpose entity formed by JAS Group Enterprise) to construct the Affordable Housing Units on the Affordable Housing Parcel; and

WHEREAS Oasis at Greate Bay, LLC was unable to secure the necessary financing; and

WHEREAS Oasis at Greate Bay, LLC has proposed to transfer the obligation to construct the Affordable Housing Units to Greate Bay Properties, LLC (a special purpose entity formed by Eastern Pacific Development); and

WHEREAS 901 MLR had requested the Somers Point City to meet with representatives of 901 MLR and Greate Bay Properties, LLC to consider taking necessary action to permit the Affordable Housing Development obligation to be transferred from Oasis at Greate Bay, LLC to Greate Bay Properties, LLC; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the proposed transfer the City has been requested to hold discussions with the relevant parties, review and approve certain documents, and to undertake other actions which will result in professional fees and costs being incurred, and

WHEREAS Greate Bay Properties, LLC and the City of Somers Point have agreed to enter into an Escrow Agreement intended to cover all fees, costs, and expenses incurred by or on behalf of the City not otherwise paid from a separate escrow account commencing on October 1, 2025.

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

1. The City hereby approves and consents to the execution and delivery of the Escrow Agreement between the City of Somers Point and 901 Mays Landing Road, LLC in the form attached hereto.
2. The Mayor is authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Escrow Agreement.
3. The City Clerk and other City staff and consultants are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions as shall be deemed necessary or desirable to implement this Resolution, and the Agreement.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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Resolution No. 251 of 2025

M/S- Dill/DePamphilis

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

No. 251 of 2025

Subject: Awarding Contract for Professional Engineering Services for the Design and Construction Management of the Ocean Avenue Stormwater Repairs

Introduced By: Council President Haberkorn

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 21 of 2025, Kates Schneider Engineering, LLC was awarded the contract for City engineering services for the City of Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection infrastructure bank requires separate engineering proposals for each project being funded from the infrastructure bank; and

WHEREAS, Kates Schneider Engineering, LLC has submitted a proposal dated November 19, 2025, for professional engineering services required to complete the design and construction management for the Ocean Avenue Stormwater Repairs for the sum of \$158,710.00, and

WHEREAS, this proposal is within the scope of the existing City Engineer contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and City Administrator has reviewed and recommended acceptance of said proposal in accordance with the scope and fee submitted

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

- 1.) The proposal from Kates Schneider Engineering, LLC for professional engineering services for the Ocean Avenue Stormwater Repairs in the amount of \$158,710.00, is hereby accepted by City Council, and the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute any documents necessary to effectuate this award.
- 2.) Any engineering work completed for this project prior to the acceptance of this proposal shall be authorized and included under this proposal.

Resolution No. 252 of 2025

M/S- Dill/Owen

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

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Subject: **Awarding Contract for Professional Engineering Services for the Design and Construction Management of the Pacific Avenue Stormwater Pump Station Replacement**

Introduced By: **Council President Haberkorn**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 21 of 2025, Kates Schneider Engineering, LLC was awarded the contract for City engineering services for the City of Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection infrastructure bank requires separate engineering proposals for each project being funded from the infrastructure bank; and

WHEREAS, Kates Schneider Engineering, LLC has submitted a proposal dated November 19, 2025, for professional engineering services required to complete the design and construction management for the Pacific Avenue Stormwater Pump Station Replacement for the sum of \$95,750.00, and

WHEREAS, this proposal is within the scope of the existing City Engineer contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and City Administrator has reviewed and recommended acceptance of said proposal in accordance with the scope and fee submitted

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

- 3.) The proposal from Kates Schneider Engineering, LLC for professional engineering services for the Pacific Avenue Stormwater Pump Station in the amount of \$95,750.00, is hereby accepted by City Council, and the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute any documents necessary to effectuate this award.
- 4.) Any engineering work completed for this project prior to the acceptance of this proposal shall be authorized and included under this proposal.

Resolution No. 253 of 2025

M/S- Johnston/Owen

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

No. 253 of 2025

Subject: **Resolution Authorizing Agreement with NJDEP Planning & Design Grant Program**

Introduced By: **Council President Haberkorn**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) provides Planning & Design Grants; and

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WHEREAS, to be eligible for up to \$2 million in grant funds the applicant must be a disadvantaged community and have an eligible project associated with the grant with an application in H2Loans; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of desires to further the public interest by entering into a contract with the State of New Jersey in the amount of approximately \$862,115 to fund the following design and permitting projects:

- Gulph Mill Road Pump Station - \$237,650
- Defeo Lane Stormwater Replacement - \$75,800
- Exton Road Stormwater Pump Station - \$72,625
- Exton Road Shoreline Stabilization - \$53,500
- Pierson/Dawes Stormwater Improvements - \$22,900
- Bay Avenue Outfalls and Living Shoreline Proposal - \$109,450
- Outfall Improvements - \$38,200
- Schoolhouse Drive Stormwater Pump Station - \$21,000
- Pacific Avenue Pump Station Replacement - \$42,915
- Ocean Avenue Stormwater Improvements - \$86,275
- Stormwater Pipe Slip Lining - \$101,800

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Somers Point authorizes Dennis Tapp or the successor to the office of Mayor to:

- a) execute a contract with the State in an amount not less than \$0 and not more than \$862,115, and
- b) to execute amendments as indicated below:
 - a. any amendments thereto
 - b. any amendments thereto which do not increase the Contractor's obligations
 - c. no amendments

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Somers Point authorizes and hereby agrees to a match of 0% of the Total Project Amount, in compliance with the match requirements of the contract. The availability of the match for such purposes, whether cash, services, or property, is hereby certified. 0 % of the match will be made up of in kind services (if allowed by program requirements and the contract).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Somers Point agrees to comply with all applicable federal, State, and municipal laws, rules, and regulations in its performance pursuant to the contract.

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M/S- Owen/Dill

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

**No. 254 of 2025
AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Subject: Advice of Counsel Regarding Contractual Negotiations with the New Jersey State Health Benefit Program

Introduced By: Council President Haberkorn

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 December 11, 2025, 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 privileged communication regarding contractual negotiations between the City of Somers Point and the New Jersey State Health Benefit Program.

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)

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Subject of Discussion	Estimated Date	Necessary Occurrence
See Exception 7	Unknown at this time	Discussion by City Council relative contract discussions with the New Jersey State Health Benefit Program.

Resolution No. 255 of 2025

M/S- Dill/Johnston

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present with Council Member Gerety recusing.

No. 255 of 2025

AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Subject: Advice of Counsel Regarding the Status of Potential Contractual Negotiations

Introduced By: Council President Haberkorn

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 the 11th day of December, 2025, 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:

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Advice of Counsel and attorney-client privileged communication regarding the status of potential development negotiations involving contract purchasers of 90 Broadway and the City of Somers Point.

WHEREAS the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be approximately 20 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.

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Subject of Discussion	Estimated Date	Necessary Occurrence
See Exception 7	Unknown at this time	Discussion by City Council relative to handling of potential development negotiations involving contract purchasers of 90 Broadway and the City.

Consent Agenda Resolutions:

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

No. 256 of 2025

Subject: Change Order 1 – Contract No. 124 – 2023 Emergency Stormwater Repairs and Miscellaneous Maintenance Contract

Introduced By: Council Member Dill

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 216 of 2023, Seashore Associated Mechanical Contractors of Egg Harbor City, New Jersey was awarded the contract for the

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2023 Emergency Stormwater Repairs and Miscellaneous Maintenance Contract for the sum of \$228,275.00; and

WHEREAS, during the course of construction changes were made to reflect as-built quantities; and; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has recommended approval of these changes; and

WHEREAS, those changes have resulted in a change of the contract amount as follows:

Contract Amount	\$228,275.00
Change order 1	-\$79,505.30
Revised Contract Amount	\$148,769.70

Total Deduction: \$79,505.30 Total Additional: \$0 Net Change: -34.8%

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the above listed change to the contract for the 2023 Emergency Stormwater Repairs and Miscellaneous Maintenance Contract is hereby approved and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents in this regard on behalf of the City.

No. 257 of 2025

Subject: **Change Order 1 – Contract No. 130 – 2024 Road Program Phase I**

Introduced By: **Council Member Dill**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 236 of 2024, Arawak Paving Co, Inc. of Hammonton, New Jersey was awarded the contract for the 2024 Road Program – Phase I for the sum of \$862,700.00; and

WHEREAS, during the course of construction changes were made to reflect as-built quantities; and; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has recommended approval of these changes; and

WHEREAS, those changes have resulted in a change of the contract amount as follows:

Contract Amount	\$862,700.00
Change order 1	\$95,658.06
Revised Contract Amount	\$958,358.06

Total Deduction: \$0 Total Additional: \$95,658.06 Net Change: 11.09%

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the above listed change to the contract for the 2024 Road Program – Phase I is hereby approved and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents in this regard on behalf of the City.

No. 258 of 2025

Subject: Change Order 1 – Contract No. No. 125 – Bay Avenue Stormwater Cleaning & Video Inspection

Introduced By: Council Member Dill

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 106 of 2024, Mobile Dredging and Video Pipe of Newfield, New Jersey was awarded the contract for the Bay Avenue Stormwater Cleaning & Video Inspection for the sum of \$75,000.00; and

WHEREAS, during the course of construction changes were made to reflect as-built quantities; and; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has recommended approval of these changes; and

WHEREAS, those changes have resulted in a change of the contract amount as follows:

Contract Amount	\$75,000.00
Change order 1	-\$22,225.40
Revised Contract Amount	\$52,774.60

Total Deduction: \$22,225.40 Total Additional: \$0 Net Change: -29.63%

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the above listed change to the contract for the Bay Avenue Stormwater Cleaning & Video Inspection is hereby approved and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents in this regard on behalf of the City.

Old Business:

City Council discussed Dr. Trocki’s proposal for his property at 939 Bay Ave with Council Member Gerety recusing. Overall Council Members support the property being redeveloped but are concerned about the existing parking easement and number of rooms proposed. Council agreed that their concerns be addressed before moving forward.

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New Business:

City Council unanimously approved waiving the fee for a Pull Tab Raffle for Clark Eliason American Legion Post # 352.

Council President Haberkorn communicated the importance to request quotations for an ADA compliant counter at the Court Office and ADA compliant bathrooms at City Hall. City Council agrees to prioritize this in the new year.

City Council discussed the potential for New Construction on Bay & Gibbs Avenue.

City Council Set Reorganization Meeting Date for January 2, 2026, at 7:00PM.

Discussion of Bills:

Administrator Frost reported a Bill List dated 12/09/2025 in the amount of \$1,420,192.91, a Manual Bill List for SHBP dated 12/01/2025 in the amount of \$180,053.51, an Emergency Check Run dated 11/18/2025 in the amount of \$267,769.51, and an additional Emergency Check Run dated 12/05/2025 in the amount of \$4,500.00.

Public Portion:

Council President Haberkorn duly opened the meeting to the public.

Brooke S. of Somers Point conveyed her distress to City Council regarding residents driving carelessly and speeding in her neighborhood. Mayor Tapp stated that he would speak with the Police Chief on the matter.

Maureen Helbig of Somers Point shared her thoughts on the redevelopment for property 939 Bay Ave.

Staci Endicott of Somers Point expressed her frustration with the Hockey Courts not being complete.

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

Payment of Bills:

M/S: Gerety/Dill

The Bill List was approved by a unanimous vote of those present. 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 Owen thanked everyone for their support and wished Council Member Elect Slaughter success in her upcoming term as a Council Member.

Recess:

The Governing Body recessed briefly at 8:12 p.m. before going into Executive Session at 8:22 p.m.

Reconvene:

Council President Haberkorn reconvened the Governing Body to Open Session at 8:45 p.m.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before City Council, Council Member Dill moved, Council Member Johnston seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelby Heath, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Approved: 12/15/2025