

**REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
December 18, 2025**

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

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

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

Public Hearing:

City Engineer Schneider gave a brief overview of the following projects:

The New Jersey Water Bank – NJWB (formerly New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program) is a partnership between the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust provide grants and low-cost financing for the design, construction, and implementation of water, sewer, and stormwater projects. The City of Somers Point is applying for funding for several stormwater projects, namely:

Exton Road Pump Station – This new pump station will be located at the intersection of Exton Road and Yale Boulevard. The scope of work consists of the construction of a pump station and associated infrastructure in order to prevent tidal water from surcharging the upstream stormwater system and to alleviate the damage caused by resulting flooding. The project includes construction of a pump station, wet well, and generator. All buildings, structures, generators, utilities and equipment located in the SFHA must be protected to the 500-year floodplain per ASCE 24 Standard plus incorporating sea level rise, consistent with the critical facilities standard. The building dimensions are 32' x 29'. The proposed pump station will be located out of the wetlands and buffered as confirmed by NJDEP.

Exton Road Shoreline Stabilization – There is an existing brackish creek that receives stormwater runoff adjacent to Exton Road that eventually runs to Patcong Creek. This creek is experiencing extreme erosion continuing onto their properties. It is proposed to stabilize the banks of the creek with gabion rock baskets and a living shoreline of native plants.

Stormwater Outfall Improvements – There are three existing outfalls which drain stormwater to the Patcong Creek which are almost completely silted in and are causing stormwater flooding during precipitation events. The scope of work includes extension of the existing outfalls, removal of

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existing silt in the drainage ditch, and tide check valves. It is anticipated that a Freshwater Wetlands General Permits Number 11 will be required.

Defeo Lane Stormwater Improvements – Defeo Lane between US Route 9 and Edgewood Drive has an existing 64” corrugated metal stormwater pipe that runs under the existing asphalt to an existing outfall off Edgewood Drive that has reached the end of its useful life and is experiencing failure. The area also frequently experiences flooding from large precipitation events since the adjacent Shoprite drainage system ties into the City’s stormwater system. The existing metal pipe is proposed to be replaced and a separate 36” stormwater pipe and outfall is proposed to be installed for the stormwater from the existing shipping center. Check valves are also proposed to limit infiltration and flooding from the adjacent Patcong Creek. Due to extensive excavation required to replace the pipe, the entire width of street will need to be repaved and brought up to ADA standards.

Bay Living Shoreline and Stormwater Improvements – Bay Avenue between Groveland Avenue and Ocean Avenue consists of eight individual outfalls consisting of deteriorated corrugated metal pipe (CMP) and drains over 125 acres into the bay. The land between Bay Avenue and the salt marsh mostly consists of invasive Phragmites. This project proposes to reduce runoff and improve stormwater quality by creating a living shoreline along Bay Avenue. This will be done by eliminating all outfalls so that stormwater runs along Bay Avenue in a bioretention swale consisting of native plant species to the natural low point along Bay Avenue. A stormwater pump station is proposed to pump stormwater during large storm events. In addition, a living shoreline adjacent to the bay is proposed to eliminate the existing Phragmites and plant native species.

Schoolhouse Lane Pump Station – Located on Schoolhouse Lane between Defeo Lane and Chapman Boulevard is a low spot in the roadway with an existing inlet and stormwater pipe that conveys stormwater to Patcong Creek. The City has installed a check valve on this outfall to prevent tidal flooding but during times of high tide and high precipitation events, positive discharge is not possible which has caused flooding. This flooding has caused damage to adjacent homes. Proposed improvements include a small electric pump station to pump precipitation to the Patcong Creek during high tides. All improvements will be made in the existing developed Right-of-Way. The proposed pump station will be located in an already developed area just off the existing curb and discharges to an existing inlet. The pump station is only proposed to operate when an existing check valve is closed and a fairly small pump of 10 HP. No land use permits required, the site is a flood hazard area.

Gulph Mill Road Stormwater Improvements – An existing 36” outfall adjacent to Gulph Mill Road drains approximately 130 acres. The current outfall is below Mean High Water (MHW) and therefore tidal water surcharges the system at high tide, reducing the system’s storage capacity. In addition, if precipitation is occurring during high tide, positive discharge of the stormwater is not possible. The City proposes installing a stormwater pump station along Gulph Mill Road to pump stormwater during high tide events with precipitation. Tide check valves will also be installed to prevent tidal water from surcharging the system. In addition, there are two existing smaller outfalls that are proposed to be removed and tied into the stormwater pump station. All improvements, including the

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proposed pump station, will be completed in the existing developed Right-of-Way. Due to the extensive excavation of the project, street repaving and associated ADA improvements will be required.

Pierson/Dawes Stormwater Improvements – Located between Pierson Avenue and Dawes Avenue in the rear of the existing lots is a natural low area that floods during significant precipitation events. This flooding has caused damage to basements, garages, and sheds of the adjacent homes and creates issues with standing water and mosquitos breeding. Proposed improvements include a small electric pump station and additional stormwater piping to convey stormwater to Bay Avenue. The proposed pump station will be located in an already developed in the rear of two existing lots where a natural low area occurs and discharge to an existing inlet. The pump station is only proposed to operate when an existing check valve is closed and a fairly small pump of 10 HP. Limited area of disturbance to existing developed land (grass). No permits are expected.

Council President Haberkorn duly opened the meeting to the public.

Margaret of Somers Point brought to Council’s attention the issues she has been having with the inlet on her property on Exton Road and requested assurance that the problem would be addressed in these project plans. Mr. Schneider responded that this is a maintenance issue and the existing inlet needs to be cleaned. The City anticipates awarding a contract for storm water maintenance in early 2026 and this area will be included

Linda of Somers Point requested that her street between Pierson and Dawes Avenue be added to the project overview due to problematic flooding on her property. Mr. Scheider responded that the steering committee will look into this area that floods and possibly include it on future stormwater improvements being funded by the infrastructure bank.

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

Communications:

Council President Haberkorn thanked City Clerk Heath, Administrator Frost, CFO Kestrel, Steve Hornig, City Solicitor Smith, and City Engineer Schneider for their professionalism and the work they put in for the City. He thanked Mr. Olsen, Mr. Kernan, and Ms. Green for the work they put into developing a comprehensive affordable housing plan and their assistance in redevelopment agreements. He also thanked the residents who come to meetings and speak on important matters. He then expressed his gratitude for his time as Council President.

Mayor’s Report:

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Mayor Tapp congratulated Shore Memorial Hospital for being named “Top General Hospital” by the Leapfrog Group. He also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Administrator’s Report:

None

Solicitor’s Report:

None

Engineer’s Report:

City Engineer Schneider provided additional information for Resolution 261 of 2025 and clarified that the City Contractor will do the work, but the County will pay for the project.

Committee Reports:

Council Member Johnston reported the parking committee’s decision to make the west side of Launch Avenue no parking and add three more spaces to the east side.

Approval of Minutes:

On the motion of Council Member Dill, seconded of Council Member Owen, and carried to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 12/11/2025 and Executive Session Meeting minutes of 12/11/2025, approved as to content only.

Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 17 of 2025

(Second Reading/Public Hearing/Adoption)

M/S- Johnston/Dill

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

City Solicitor Smith clarified the sections of the Ordinance that were amended.

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Council Member McGuigan stated that his preference would be for all e-bikes to be banned on the bike path but sees this ordinance as a compromise. He also questioned what would happen to the ordinance if the State eliminated the different e-bike classifications.

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

**No. 17 of 2025
AMENDED**

**An Ordinance of the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey,
Regulating the Operation of Electric Bicycles on Municipal Bike Paths and Public Sidewalks;
Amending Chapter 250 Vehicles and Traffic, Article VIII Bicycles, Skateboards, Skates and
Scooters, of the Municipal Code**

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point continuously seeks methods to ensure the safety of and enjoyment of its residents and visitors while using its public property and recreational facilities, including its bike path; and

WHEREAS, the increased use of electric bicycles (“e-bikes”) and electric scooters (“e-scooters”) has raised concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists on the bike path due their speed in a congested area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point finds it necessary and in the public interest to regulate the use of electric bicycles and electric scooters on the municipal bike path and other public areas;

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

SECTION 1. Section 250-64 of Article VIII of Chapter 250, of the Code of the City of Somers Point is hereby amended to read as follows:

It is the purpose and intent of this article to exercise the authority granted to the City pursuant to Title 39, Chapter 4, Article 3 of the New Jersey Statutes to regulate the operation of all types of bicycles, roller skates, in-line skates, skateboards, and all types of scooters upon the roadways, the bike path and public properties under municipal jurisdiction in order to reduce damage to property, lessen the risk of harm to the public and eliminate unnecessary and expensive repairs to be made to facilities owned by the City and facilities under the jurisdiction of the Somers Point Recreation Commission and the Somers Point Board of Recreation, in the best interest of the public.

SECTION 2. The following definitions are hereby added to Section 250-65, of Article VIII of Chapter 250, of the Code of the City of Somers Point;

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- **Electric Bicycle (E-Bike):** A bicycle equipped with an electric motor capable of either providing assistance to the rider, or which is capable of propelling the bicycle with or without human propulsion.
- **Electric Scooters (E-Scooter):** A scooter with an electric motor that is capable of propelling the device with or without human propulsion.
- **Motorized Bicycle:** A pedal bicycle having a helper motor characterized in that either the maximum piston displacement is less than 50 cc. or said motor is rated at no more than 1.5 brake horsepower.
- **Municipal Bike Path:** Any multi-use trail or path maintained or designated by the City of Somers Point for use by bicycles, pedestrians, or other non-motorized means of travel, including but not limited to the Somers Point Bike Path (Purple Heart Way) and related connectors.
- **Public Property:** Any property owned, leased, maintained, or otherwise under the jurisdiction or control of the City of Somers Point, including but not limited to parks, municipal lots, recreational fields, and public sidewalks.

SECTION 3. The following definition is hereby removed from Section 250-65, of Article VIII of Chapter 250, of the Code of the City of Somers Point;

- **Bike Path:** A separate pathway for the exclusive use of bicycles and pedestrians separated from motor vehicle traffic except at bike crossings.

SECTION 4. The title of Section 250-66 shall be amended to read as follows: “Regulations of Use and Operation.”

SECTION 5. Section 250-66.1 of Article VIII of Chapter 250, of the Code of the City of Somers Point is hereby amended to read as follows:

- The City Council, pursuant to Title 39, Chapter 4, Article 3 of the New Jersey Statutes, may regulate the operation of bicycles, electric bicycles, motorized bicycles, scooters, electric scooters, motorized scooters, roller skates, in-line skates, and skateboards upon the roadways and public properties under municipal jurisdiction.

SECTION 6. Subparagraph “A” of Section 250-66.4 of Article VIII of Chapter 250, of the Code of the City of Somers Point is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. The use of roller skates, in-line skates, scooters, or skateboards which are propelled, in whole or in part, by any type of helper motor is hereby prohibited within the City of Somers Point. The motor need not be engaged in order for a person to be in violation of this prohibition.

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SECTION 7. Section 250-67.1 of Article VIII of Chapter 250, of the Code of the City of Somers Point is hereby amended to add a subparagraph “C” which shall read as follows:

C. Locations where electric and motorized bicycles prohibited; police exception.

- (1) With the exception of electric mobility devices by individuals with a disability, as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), no person shall use or operate or ride an electric or motorized bicycle upon or in:
 - (a) Public sidewalks;
 - (b) Any ball fields, running track(s), tennis, pickle ball or basketball court(s), hockey rink(s), pier(s) or beach(es) owned by, leased to or under the control of the City of Somers Point and/ or the Somers Point Recreation Commission;
 - (c) The grounds of the Somers Point public schools other than parking lots;
 - (d) Any other municipal parking lots, including fire company lots;
 - (e) The grounds of City Hall;
 - (f) All bike paths located on property owned or maintained by the City, including the Somers Point Bike Path (Purple Heart Way);
 - (g) The grounds and roadway John F. Kennedy Park.
- (2) The operational prohibition set forth in subsection (1)(f) shall not apply to “low-speed electric bicycles” as that term is defined in N.J.S.A. 39:1-1.
- (3) These operational prohibitions shall not apply to any member of the Somers Point Police Department engaged in police business.

SECTION 8. Section 250-71, of Article VIII of Chapter 250, of the Code of the City of Somers Point is hereby amended to add the following subparagraph “E” which shall read as follows:

E. Any person found operating an electric bicycle or electric scooter in violation of this article shall be subject to the following penalties:

- First Offense: A fine of up to \$250 and/or community service of up to seven (7) days.
- Second Offense: A fine of up to \$500 and/or community service of up to thirty (30) days.
- Subsequent Offenses: A fine of up to \$1,500 and/or community service of up to (90) days.

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In the case of violations by minors, the Municipal Court may, in its discretion, impose the alternative penalty of participation in and successful completion of a bicycle safety program.

SECTION 9: Severability - If any section, paragraph, or provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid or unenforceable, such findings shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

SECTION 10: Effective Date - This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

SECTION 9: Repealer - All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Resolutions:

Public Portion Resolutions:

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

Resolution No. 259 of 2025

M/S- Owen/Johnston

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present, with Council Member Dill recusing himself from the vote.

No. 259 of 2025

Subject: A Resolution Approving the Condition of Employment of Robert C. Somers as Chief of Police for the City of Somers Point

Introduced By: Council President Haberkorn

WHEREAS, Chief Robert C. Somers (“Chief”) has been serving as the Chief of the Police for the City of Somers Point pursuant to an initial Condition of Employment (“COE”) dated April 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the most recent COE was for the years 2023 through 2025; and

WHEREAS, Chief Somers has requested an updated COE; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, in recognition of the job performance being provided by the Chief, believes that it is appropriate to update the Chief’s COE for years 2026 through 2028.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Somers Point that the attached Condition of Employment for Chief Robert C. Somers as Chief of Police for the City of Somers Point is hereby authorized and approved.

Resolution No. 260 of 2025

M/S- Owen/Dill

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

No. 260 of 2025

Subject: A Resolution of the City of Somers Point Authorizing Change Order #2 – Final Contract No.13 Rebid Pump Station No. 3 Force Main Replacement to Increase the Cost of Resolution No. 83 of 2024

Introduced By: Council President Haberkorn

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 83 of 2024, Awarding Bid for the Somers Point Pump Station No. 3 Force Main Replacement to Wyndham Construction, LLC, which was awarded with an initial contract price of \$831,151.00; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the correspondence and supplemental invoices from Wyndham Construction, LLC, Change Order #2 in the amount of \$15,179.00, has been submitted and recommended to increase the total contract price to \$995,451.90; and

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

Contract Amount	\$831,151.00
Previous Change Order # 1 (Res 203 of 2024)	\$149,121.90
Change Order # 2	\$15,179.00
Revised Contract Amount	\$995,451.90
Total Deduction: \$0	Total Additional: \$164,300.90
	Net Change: 19.7%

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, that the increase in the amount of \$15,179.00 to Wyndham Construction, LLC is hereby approved and City Council further authorizes the Mayor and/ or Business Administrator to execute said change order in a form acceptable to the City Attorney; and

Certified to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council for the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, on the 18th day of December 2025.

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Resolution No. 261 of 2025

M/S- Dill/Johnston

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

Council Member Johnston and Owen expressed their excitement at the start of the project and that it is being done with grant funds.

No. 261 of 2025

Subject: Resolution to Authorize an Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Between the County of Atlantic and the City of Somers Point Concerning Pedestrian Improvements Within the County Right-of-Way of Shore Road (CR 585)

Introduced By: Council President Haberkorn

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 99 of 2025, the City of Somers Point entered into an Interlocal Agreement with the County of Atlantic, for the construction and maintenance of improvements within the County right-of-way of Shore Road (CR 585), for a term of two (2) years for the construction of the improvements, followed by a five (5) year City license and maintenance term; and

WHEREAS, construction is underway, and it has been determined that additional work within the County right-of-way is required to accommodate the improvements, for which the County is responsible; and

WHEREAS, the additional work includes the reconstruction of three inlets at Maryland Avenue and the replacement of two existing 2 x 2 inlets with Type A inlets; and

WHEREAS, the City will include this work within its current construction contract, and the County will reimburse the City upon completion; and

WHEREAS, the cost to complete the work is for an amount not to exceed \$59,640.00; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point desires to amend the Agreement with the County of Atlantic to include this additional work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into an Amended Interlocal Agreement with the County of Atlantic, concerning the construction and maintenance of improvements within the County right-of-way of Shore Road (CR 585), for the amount of \$59,640.00 for the additional work, for the construction term terminating on May 2, 2027

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Resolution No. 262 of 2025

M/S- Dill/Owen

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

No. 262 of 2025

Subject: Budget Appropriation Transfer

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-1 et.seq. allows the Governing Body to make budget appropriation transfers after November 1st of the budget year to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective sums originally appropriated therefor, provided that the resolution is adopted by not less than a two-thirds vote of the full membership thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make the following 2025 budget transfer as specified in this resolution.

Current Fund

From:

Economic Development	5-01-20-170-204	\$20,000
FICA & Medicare Match	5-01-36-472-111	\$30,000
Data Processing	5-01-20-140-201	\$20,000
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To:

Legal Services	5-01-20-155-212	\$30,000
MSA Trash Reimbursement	5-01-26-326-295	\$30,000
Vehicle Maintenance: Fire	5-01-26-315-273	\$10,000
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		\$70,000

Consent Agenda Resolutions:

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

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Subject: Resolution Approving Program of Activities to Be Undertaken by the Somers Point Arts Commission During Calendar Year 2026

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Introduced By: Council Member Owen

WHEREAS, Somers Point Municipal Code Section 2-18 provides that no implementation of any call for action or any report and recommendation by the Arts Commission to City Council shall take place or have any status as action by the City or a report of the City or a policy of the City, unless and until accepted and approved by City Council by resolution, and City Council in its discretion may decline to act, accept or approve, or may act upon, accept or approve, any portion or the whole, as it desires and determines; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lois Gregory, Co-Chair of the Somers Point Art Commission, provided a report to City Council and provided a list of programs and events proposed to be held or sponsored by the Somers Point Arts Commission during 2026, which is attached hereto: and

WHEREAS, due to the need to properly plan for the implementation of those events, on behalf of the Arts Commission Chairperson requested that the governing body review and approve the slate of proposed events as submitted; and

WHEREAS, it is the consensus of the governing body that the proposed list of events and programs be approved and authorized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the following programs and events, which are attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution are proposed by the Somers Point Arts Commission to be held during 2026:

It is further **RESOLVED** that within the framework of this authorization, the Chairperson of the Arts Commission will from time to time provide updates to City Council regarding the proposed programs and events and any suggested additional events, programs or venues; and

It is further **RESOLVED** the Mayor and Council express their appreciation to the members of the Arts Commission for their time and dedication in providing our residents and visitors with such a wide range of vibrant activities supporting all of the arts.

No. 264 of 2025

Subject: Approving Proposals – Goods and Services 2025

Introduced By: Council President Haberkorn

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point received proposals for various goods and services in accordance with the Fair and Open procedure of the New Jersey Pay-to-Play law.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the following proposals, received on May 15th 2025, August 13th 2025, September 23rd 2025, and November 11th 2025, and December 16th 2025 are approved, and that the City Administrator is hereby authorized to issue contracts to the following vendor for goods and services during the period of January 1st, 2025 to December 30th, 2025:

- a) **Leaves and Brush Disposal Site**
Atlantic Blueberry Co (*Contract Date 1/1/26 – 12/31/27*)

- b) **Commercial Flooring Construction and Installation**
Garden State Bomanite
Floor Skinz

- c) **General Construction Services**
Ocean Construction

- d) **Heavy Truck Mechanic Services and Supplies**
Gentilini Ford Inc
GranTurk Inc.
Johnson & Towers

- e) **Law Enforcement Supplies and Services**
Galls
Tactical Public Safety
Island Tech Services

- f) **Misc Employee Uniforms**
Action Uniform Co

- g) **Roofing Construction Services**
Dorothy Gale Roofing
King Q Roofing and Siding

- h) **Recreation Equipment and Installation**
BSN Sports
T&C Sports

- i) **Sewer Pump Maintenance**
A.C. Schultes

- j) **Sewer System Coating System**
Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe Inc.

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- k) Tree Removal and Maintenance Service**
The Tree Man – Dba Lenzsch Ent Inc

- l) Auto/ Vehicle Service and Supplier**
Distinctive Car Toyz***

- m) Custodial Services**
Offshore Cleaning
Shoban Cleaning Solutions
Professional Cleaning Services

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Subject: Authorizing Participation by the City of Somers Point in the LEAP Implementation Grant with Atlantic County for Thermoplastic Striping Equipment

Introduced By: Council President Haberkorn

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$2.2 million for Shared Services and School District Consolidation Study and Implementation Grants to assist local units with the study, development, and implementation of new shared and regional services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) is tasked with administering these grant funds through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP); and

WHEREAS, LEAP Implementation Grants exist to support costs associated with shared service implementation to ensure that meaningful, efficiency generating initiatives are not hindered by short term transitional expenses; and

WHEREAS, the County of Atlantic as lead entity and the City of Atlantic City, Brigantine City, Buena Vista Township, Egg Harbor City, Egg Harbor Township, Folsom Borough, Galloway Township, Hamilton Township, Hammonton, Longport Borough, Pleasantville, City of Somers Point, and the City of Ventnor, as Participating Local Units propose to enter into a shared services agreement, but face certain expenses associated with implementation that present a burden to the local units; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this shared services agreement is to permit the participating units to borrow on an as needed basis at no cost to the participating units, a thermoplastic traffic line striping hand cart and a thermoplastic traffic line striping kettle to be used for road markings in their communities. These agreements will benefit the residents of all participating local units; and

WHEREAS, the County of Atlantic has agreed to be the lead agency in this program and will submit the application to DLGS on behalf of all participating units; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Somers Point, does hereby join with Atlantic County Government in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$\$76,125.00 to support implementation of this shared service.

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Subject: Resolution of Local Governing Body Authorizing the Historic Preservation Fund Grant from the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office

Introduced By: Council President Haberkorn

WHEREAS, the Certified Local Government (CLG) program offers municipalities the opportunity to participate more directly in state and federal historic preservation programs; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Certified Local Government program requires that a municipality have a historic preservation ordinance and a historic preservation commission conforming to the specifications of both the Municipal Land Use Law and the National Park Service approved New Jersey Certified Local Government Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, as a Certified Local Government, the City of Somers Point is eligible to apply for Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grants for a variety of local preservation activities; and

WHEREAS, Historic Preservation Fund grants can be used to cover the areas of survey, registration, planning and education.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Somers Point desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant from the State of New Jersey in the amount of no more than \$50,000 to retain a historic architect to research the extent of the balcony at Somers Mansion.

WHEREAS, no local match is required for these grant funds;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the City of Somers Point, State of New Jersey, resolves that Dennis Tapp or the successor to the title of Mayor is authorized to make an application for this grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the grant is awarded to the City, the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute a grant agreement with the State for a grant in an amount not less than \$20,000 and not more than \$50,000 and to execute amendments thereto.

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 agreement,

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Subject: Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing the

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**FY 2026 Local Recreation Improvement Grant (LRIG) Application Funded
by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs**

Introduced By: Council President Haberkorn

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs is offering the Local Recreation Improvement Grant (LRIG); and

WHEREAS, the Local Recreation Improvement Grant is a competitive grant that supports improvement and repair of public recreation facilities including local parks, municipal recreation centers, and local stadiums.; and

WHEREAS, the Local Recreation Improvement Grant funds will be allocated to each grant recipient to help cover costs associated with updating community centers, playgrounds, pools, fields, walking or bicycle trails, rail trails, multi-sport courts, and recreational facilities; one-time personnel costs directly related to improvements; project development professional services costs; equipment costs including playground and recreation facilities equipment; and environmental remediation costs required to prepare recreation sites for use; and

WHEREAS, the Local Recreation Improvement Grant exists to: fund improvements to recreational facilities; provide quality outdoor recreational space to underserved, communities, particularly in this time of heightened need; and assist local units in achieving unmet recreational obligations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air, and water, improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the NJDCA for approximately \$75,000 to carry out improvements to dugouts at Fehrle Field; and

WHEREAS, the NJDCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant prioritizes unfunded projects and those that include a local match component; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point is qualified to apply for this funding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

- 1) does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
- 2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between City of Somers Point and the NJDCA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

Signature
Dennis Tapp

Signature
Shelby Heath

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Mayor

City Clerk

No. 268 of 2025

Subject: Resolution Submit Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Economic Development Authority for the Asset Activation Planning Grant Program

Introduced By: Council President Haberkorn

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority provides grants through the Asset Activation Planning Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Asset Activation Planning Grant Program will provide grants of up to \$100,000 directly to grantees for pre-development planning that will demonstrate viability of projects that activate under-utilized public assets that benefit their communities and the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, proposed plans may include, but are not limited to: Conceptual Design, Feasibility Study, Land-use Planning, Economic Analysis, Market analyses, and Legal Analysis; and

WHEREAS, plans should demonstrate a strong connection to the State's development objectives through project elements, such as:

- Creating or catalyzing a new business sector, or target industry
- Driving economic growth and equity
- Creating an innovative use for distressed public assets, unutilized or underutilized public property or unutilized public lands
- Expanding access to public transportation or public services
- Attracting employers and a diverse, talented workforce
- Expanding entrepreneurial opportunities and support local businesses
- Improving land use efficiency and sustainability

WHEREAS, no matching funds are required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Somers Point formally supports this application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority on behalf of the City of Somers Point.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the City of Somers Point and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Discussion of Bills:

Administrator Frost reported a Bill List dated 12/16/2025 in the amount of \$249,979.32, and a Record of Payment dated 12/12/2025 in the amount of \$9,100.00.

Public Portion:

Council President Haberkorn duly opened the meeting to the public.

John Helbig of Somers Point expressed his concerns regarding Dr. Trocki's redevelopment proposal.

Patricia Pierson of Somers Point commended the numerous Christmas events that took place around town. She also congratulation Shore Memorial Hospital, South Jersey Yachts, and the Somers Point Beach Concerts for winning best in the United States. She also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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.

Comments from Governing Body:

Council Member Owen shared his appreciation for working with the rest of City Council and wished Council Member Elect Slaughter the best in the coming year as she joins Council. He expressed his gratitude for the City's volunteers, veterans, and medical facilities.

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Council Member Johnston wished Council Member Owen and Council President Haberkorn well as they step down from their roles. She also thanked everyone for attending and wished them a healthy, safe, and happy holiday.

Council President Haberkorn wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season and encouraged everyone to celebrate around town.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before City Council, Council Member Johnston moved, Council Member Dill seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelby Heath, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Approved: 1/22/2026