

# **REORGANIZATION MEETING MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL January 3, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.**

City Clerk Samuelson, acting as Temporary Chairman, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the 2020 Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and City Council.

## **Open Public Meetings Act**

The Temporary Chairman announced 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.

## **Special Presentation**

Mayor-Elect John L. Glasser, Jr., in honor of his father and behalf of his family, proudly presented a new Bible to the City of Somers Point.

## **Oath of Office**

Newly re-elected John L. Glasser, Jr., was then called forward and sworn in as Mayor by Clerk Samuelson with his daughter, Christine, holding the Bible.

Newly re-elected Sean McGuigan was called forward and sworn in by Clerk Samuelson as City Councilman, Ward One, with his wife, Theresa, holding the Bible.

Newly elected Michael Owen was called forward and sworn in by Senator William Gormley as City Councilman, Ward Two, with his wife holding the Bible and his daughters by his side.

They each received a round of applause from the audience.

**Roll Call:** D'Adamo, Dill, Gerety, McGuigan, Johnston, Owen, Toto

**Also Present:** Mayor Glasser, Administrator Swain, Assistant Administrator Frost, Clerk Samuelson, Deputy City Clerk Heath, Police Chief Somers, Fire Chief Somers, Fire Chief Sweeney along many members of the Police Department,

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

Temporary Chairman Samuelson called for the nomination and election of President of Council for the year 2020. Councilman McGuigan was nominated by motion of Councilman Gerety, seconded by Councilman Dill. There being no further nominations, the nominations were declared closed. Councilman McGuigan was then elected President of City Council by a unanimous roll call vote of those present. Councilman McGuigan was then called forward to receive the gavel with a round of applause. Council President McGuigan thanked everyone for their vote of confidence.

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

Council President McGuigan then called for the nomination and election of a President

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Pro-Tempore for the year 2020. Councilman Gerety nominated Councilwoman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Dill and carried. Councilwoman Johnston was then elected President Pro-Tempore for the year 2020 by a unanimous vote of those present. Council President McGuigan offered his congratulations to Councilwoman Johnston

## **Members of City Council Address the Public**

City Councilman Owen thanked everyone for their support and will work to the best of his ability for the City. Also, he thanked his family and friends for their support. City Council President McGuigan mentioned that he looks forward to working with him.

City Councilwoman Johnston thanked City Council for her appointment in August and thanked everyone for voting for her in November. She added that she is honored, takes the position very seriously, and the City will be a priority for her.

Councilman D'Adamo congratulated Mayor Glasser, Council President McGuigan, Councilman Owen and Councilwoman Johnston. He thanked everyone for attending this evening. Councilman D'Adamo gave recognition to the police, firefighters, emergency management and harbor master. He continued that the boards and commissions will have appointments tonight and thanked all of them for their services and hard work. Councilman D'Adamo thanked the employees, Shore Medical Center and all the businesses of the City.

Councilman Dill welcomed and congratulated Mayor Glasser, Council President McGuigan, Councilman Owen and Councilwoman Johnston. Councilman Dill opined that the last decade has been the most successful for the City, and he looks forward to the challenges of the new decade. He stated that the real work is done by the police, fire, office of emergency management and all the employees including the administration and public works. He extended his thanks and appreciation for all the volunteers that are truly the backbone of the City. Councilman Dill thanked everyone for attending this evening.

Councilman Toto congratulated Mayor Glasser, Council President McGuigan, Councilwoman Johnston and Councilman Owen. He thanked the Mayor and City Council for their guidance and communication to guide the City in the right direction. He thanked the police, fire, emergency management and all the employees for their commitment and hard work. Councilman Toto thanked his wife for her support.

Councilman Gerety thanked everyone especially the volunteers for their commitment and hard work. He stated that Somers Point is truly blessed as a great place to live and a great place to raise a family. Councilman Gerety thanked everyone for attending this evening.

Council President McGuigan thanked his wife for her support. He stated that he is very honored to be re-elected and honored that he was elected as Council President again. He thanked all the

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firefighters, the members of the police department, emergency management, the employees of the City with special appreciation to Deputy City Clerk Heath, City Clerk Samuelsen and the City Administrator, Wes Swain, who makes everything work. Additionally, Council President McGuigan wished Councilman Owen a happy birthday.

City Councilman Owen thanked his uncle, Senator Gormley, his mom, brother, his wife, daughters and family.

Mayor Glasser congratulated everyone on their election and congratulated Council President McGuigan regarding his election as Council President and is honored to sit next to him. Additionally, he congratulated Councilman Owen and Councilwoman Johnston on their election. Mayor Glasser thanked everyone for voting for him allowing him to do the job he loves in this great City. Additionally, he thanked his wife, Diane, and his family for all their support. Mayor Glasser appreciates everyone working together to keep the City in the right direction. Mayor Glasser extended his appreciation to the City Hall staff and thanked Police Chief Somers and the Police Department for their protection. He expressed his gratitude to the Department of Public Works, emergency management, all volunteers and the firefighters. He thanked everyone for working together for the betterment for the City. Mayor Glasser noted the dignitaries that were in attendance and thanked everyone for attending the meeting this evening. Mayor Glasser offered God's blessings to all and to watch over Somers Point.

**Flag Salute and Roll Call**

City Council President McGuigan led the audience in the salute to the U. S. Flag.

**Invocation**

Police Chaplain Louis Strugala offered the invocation.

**Poet Laureate**

Poet Laureate, Erin Castaldi, recited a poem to the Governing Body and the public. Council President McGuigan thanked Ms. Castaldi.

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**Resolutions:**

Councilman Dill motioned to open Public Portion, seconded Councilman Gerety and carried. Hearing nothing from the public, the Public Portion was duly closed.

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**No. 1-2020**

M/S – Gerety/Dill

Adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of those present.

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**No. 1 of 2020**

**Subject: Appointment of Municipal Solicitor**

**Introduced by: Councilman Toto**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Somers Point has identified a need for a Municipal Solicitor for 2020; 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. Thomas G. Smith, Esq., be and hereby is appointed as Municipal Solicitor for the City of Somers Point for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, 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 Thomas G. Smith, Esq., 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. 40A:11-5.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

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**Proclamations:**

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

**No. 1 of 2020**

**Subject: Appointing Historic Preservation Commission**

**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 Somers Point Historical Commission currently consists of seven regular members and two alternate members; and

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**WHEREAS**, it is the jurisdiction of the Mayor to make said appointments to the Commission; 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 Tara McGinnis to a full two-year term as a Class A member, said term expiring December 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., wishes to reappoint Greg DiSabatino as a Class C member said term expiring December 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., wishes to reappoint Lois Gregory as Alternate No. 1 member, said term expiring December 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., wishes to reappoint Natalie Bailey as Alternate No. 2 member, said term expiring December 31, 2021; 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:

<b>CLASS A</b>	<b>EXPIRATION OF TERM</b>
Tara McGinnis - Regular Member	December 31, 2021
<b>CLASS B</b>	
Donna Mohr - Regular Member	December 31, 2020
Levi Fox – Regular Member	December 31, 2020
<b>CLASS C</b>	
William Reinert - Regular Member	December 31, 2020
Marian McVeigh - Regular Member	December 31, 2020
Greg DiSabatino – Reg. Member	December 31, 2021
Patricia Pierson – Regular Member	December 31, 2020

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**ALTERNATES**

Lois Gregory (Alt. No. 1)  
Natalie Bailey (Alt. No. 2)

December 31, 2021  
December 31, 2021

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**No. 2 of 2020**

**Subject:      Appointing Planning Board Members**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with NJSA 40:55D-23-1, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., hereby re-appoints Robert Green in the Class IV category with a term expiring December 31, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with NJSA 40:55D-23-1, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., hereby re-appoints Paul Striefsky in the Class IV category with a term expiring December 31, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with NJSA 40:55D-23-1, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., hereby re-appoints Michael R. Sweeney as a Class II member with a term expiring December 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists in the Alternate No.2 category of the Somers Point Planning Board due to the resignation of Al Becker and Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., hereby appoints Jack Shields as Alternate No. 2, with a term expiring December 31, 2022; and

**BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT** the Planning Board as of this date consists of the following members with the expiration of terms noted:

<b>CLASS I</b>	<b>EXPIRATION OF TERM</b>
Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr.	Term of Office
<b>CLASS II</b>	
Michael R. Sweeney	One (1) Year Term 12/31/20
<b>CLASS III</b>	
Howard Dill	One (1) Year Term 12/31/20
<b>CLASS IV</b>	
Robert Green	December 31, 2023
Brian Cotton	December 31, 2020
John Conover	December 31, 2021

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Paul Striefsky	December 31, 2023
David Sharp (Alt. No. 1)	December 31, 2020
Jack Shields (Alt. No. 2)	December 31, 2022

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**No. 3 of 2020**

**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**, vacancies exist due to the expiration of the terms of Linda Keyser and Dale Portnoy, said term expiring December 31, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., hereby re-appoints Linda Keyser and Dale Portnoy to a full three-year term, said term expiring December 31, 2022; 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:

Dale Portnoy	December 31, 2022
Linda Keyser	December 31, 2022
Robert Bender	December 31, 2020
Paul Ludgate	December 31, 2020
Robert Green	December 31, 2020
Bill Reinert	December 31, 2021
Elizabeth "Lisa" Bender,	(Chair) December 31, 2021

Council President recognized and thanked the volunteer members for their efforts.

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**Resolutions:**

**No. 2-2020**

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M/S – Gerety/Dill

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

City Council President McGuigan thanked them exceedingly for all their volunteer efforts.

**No. 2 of 2020**

**Subject: Fire Department Officers**  
**Introduced by: Mayor Glasser, Councilmen McGuigan and Dill**

**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:

<b>CITY FIRE CHIEF</b> (3 Yr. Term – Exp. 12/31/22)	James Somers
<b>DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF</b> (3 Yr. Term – Exp. 12/31/22)	Michael Sweeney
Asst. Chief (1 year) Exp. 12/31/20	Michael Corbo
Asst. Chief (1 year) Exp. 12/31/20	Jay Loder
Captain (1 year) Exp. 12/31/20	Robert Fehn
Captain (1 year) Exp. 12/31/20	Patrick Winkler
Lieutenant (1 year) Exp. 12/31/20	Timothy Welsch
Lieutenant (1 year) Exp.12/31/20	Robert Blaine
Fire Marshall (3 years) Exp. 12/31/22	Robert Blumberg
Asst. Fire Marshall (1 year) Exp. 12/31/20	Graeme Ayers
Safety Officer (1 year) Exp. 12/31/20	Kimball Feinstein
Safety Officer (1 year) Exp. 12/31/20	Michael Iannace

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**No. 3-2020**

M/S – Gerety/Toto

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

Council President McGuigan expressed his gratitude for the long hours they work protecting the citizens during true emergencies.

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**Subject:** Appointments/Harbor Master and Deputy Emergency Management  
**Coordinators**  
**Introduced by:** Mayor Glasser, Councilmen McGuigan and Dill

**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 third day of January 2020, be confirmed at this time by the City Council.

**HARBOR MASTER**

1 Year Term (Expires 12/31/20)

Mike Kedziora

**MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR, OFFICE  
OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

3 Year Term (Expires 12/31/20)

Philip Gaffney

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

1 Year Terms (Expire 12/31/20)

Bill Cabiness  
Roger Tees

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**No. 8-2020**

M/S – Gerety/Dill

The Temporary Budget was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of those present.

*Please see Resolution No. 8 of 2020 (Temporary Budget) attached to the end of this document.*

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**No. 9-2020**

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Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

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City Council President McGuigan appreciates the volunteers for their diligent efforts.

**No. 9 of 2020**

**Subject:                   Zoning Board Appointments**  
**Introduced by:         Councilman McGuigan**

**WHEREAS**, Council wishes to reappoint Paul Huber with a term expiring December 31, 2023;  
and

**WHEREAS**, Council wishes to reappoint Mike Kedziora with said term expiring December 31,  
2023.

**WHEREAS**, Council wishes to appoint Rex Granus to the Alternate No 1 position with said term  
expiring December 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Council wishes to appoint Joe McCarrie to the Alternate No 2 position with said  
term expiring December 31, 2021; and

**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

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New Jersey that the Somers Point Zoning Board of Adjustment is constituted as follows:

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>EXPIRATION OF TERM</b>
David Robbins	Dec. 31, 2020
Joseph Craddock	Dec. 31, 2020
Shawn Rowan	Dec. 31, 2021
Guy Salani	Dec. 31, 2022
Vacant	Dec. 31, 2022
Mike Kedziora	Dec. 31, 2023
Paul Huber	Dec. 31, 2023
<b>Alternates:</b>	
Rex Granus (No. 1)	Dec. 31, 2020
Joe McCarrie (No. 2)	Dec. 31, 2021

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**No. 14-2020**

M/S – Gerety/Toto

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

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**No. 14 of 2020**

**Subject: Class III Planning Board Appointment**  
**Introduced by: Councilman Toto**

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 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, 2020.

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**No. 16-2020**

M/S – Gerety/Toto

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

City Council President McGuigan offered his gratitude for their volunteerism.

**No. 16 of 2020**

**Subject: Recreation Commission Appointments**  
**Introduced By: Councilmen McGuigan and Toto**

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the above appointment is hereby confirmed by the City Council.

**THE RECREATION COMMISSION**, as of this date, consists of the following members with their expiration dates noted:

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>EXPIRATION OF TERM</b>
Donna Shields	December 31, 2021
Paul Huber, Jr.	December 31, 2020
Brandon Adams	December 31, 2021
Dawn Lovenduski	December 31, 2024
Chris Marshall	December 31, 2022
Matt Endicott	December 31, 2023
Michael Stewart	December 31, 2023

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**No. 24-2020**

M/S – Gerety/Toto

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

Council President McGuigan extended his appreciation to these volunteers that has done fabulous work over the years.

**No. 24 of 2020**

**Subject: Resolution Appointing Members to the Economic Development Advisory Commission**

**Introduced by: Councilman McGuigan**

**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**, Somers Point City Council ratified in Chapter 20-3 of the City Code that the Economic Development Advisory Commission shall consist of not less than nine nor more than 12 regular members, all appointed by City Council, and all members shall have a term of office of three calendar years, or such lesser period of time as may be caused by the date of appointment, with terms expiring at 11:59 p.m., December 31 of each calendar year. Appointments shall be staggered such that not less than three appointments expire each year, and each year at least three members are to be appointed to full three-year terms.

**WHEREAS**, City Council wishes to re-appoint Brenda Klock, Sue Seckinger and Levi Fox with a term expiring December 31, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council wishes to appoint John Helbig with a term expiring December 31, 2022

**WHEREAS**, City Council wishes to appoint Dermont Lloyd and John Davidson as Ex Officio members with a term expiring December 31, 2021

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

<u>Term</u>	<u>Regular Members</u>	<u>Expiration of</u>
	Mary Jane Bolden	December 31, 2021
	Glenn Monroe	December 31, 2020
	Greg Sykora	December 31, 2020
	Bob Marshall	December 31, 2020
	Brenda Klock	December 31, 2022
	Sue Seckinger	December 31, 2022
	John Helbig	December 31, 2022
	Levi Fox	December 31, 2022

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Anthony Guldin	December 31, 2021
Vacancy	December 31, 2020

<u>Advisory ExOfficio Member(s)</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>
Dermont Lloyd	December 31, 2021
John Davidson	December 31, 2021

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**No. 26-2020**

M/S – Toto/Dill

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

Council President McGuigan stated that he is proud of the City’s veterans organizations and is honored and proud to support this resolution.

**No. 26 of 2020**

**Subject:                   Sponsoring Various Memorial/Remembrance Services**  
**Introduced By:       Councilmen Dill and Toto**

**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:

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|---------------------------|--|
| Monday - May 25, 2020     | Memorial Day Parade - Shore Road to Patriots Park with ceremony at Patriots Park. - 11:00 am |
| Friday - Sept.11, 2020    | 911 Remembrance Day, Patriots Day at Patriots Park 8:30 am                                   |
| Sunday - Sept.20, 2020    | POW-MIA Recognition Day at Patriots Park - 6:00 pm   |
| Wednesday - Nov. 11, 2020 | Veterans Day - 11 am at Patriots Park  |
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| Saturday - Dec. 5, 2020   | Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day - 1:00 pm at Somers Point Beach                                 |

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**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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**No. 30-2020**

M/S – Gerety/Toto

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

City Council President McGuigan thanked all the volunteers for the efforts.

**No. 30 of 2020**

**Subject: Somers Point Arts Commission**  
**Introduced by: Councilman Gerety**

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

**WHEREAS**, 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, 2020:

Kathleen Arleth  
Karen Sutherland  
Dan Meyers  
Donna J. Mohr  
Christine Toland Ulrich

Vacant  
Lois Hirschman Gregory  
Karen Cleighton  
Artemis Schleigh

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**No. 31-2020**

M/S – Toto/Gerety

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

Council President McGuigan extended his appreciation to all the volunteers.

**No. 31 of 2020**

**Subject: Green Team Advisory Committee**  
**Introduced by: Councilman Toto**

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**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

**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:

<i>1 Year Term Expires on:</i>	<i>Name</i>
December 31, 2020	Robert Green
December 31, 2020	Dale Portnoy
December 31, 2020	Linda M. Keyser
December 31, 2020	William Reinert
December 31, 2020	Robert Bender
December 31, 2020	Elizabeth “Lisa” Bender
December 31, 2020	Paul Ludgate

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**Consent Agenda:**

On the motion of Councilman Dill, seconded of Councilman Toto and carried to approve the Consent Agenda regarding the following resolutions.

**No. 4 of 2020**

**Subject:** Designating Council Meeting Dates  
**Introduced by:** Councilman Sean McGuigan

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**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Somers Point that the dates listed below be designated as the time for regular Council Meetings for the year 2020 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 dates listed below be designated as the time for Work Sessions and Executive Session as needed for the year 2020 and said work sessions and Executive Sessions shall be held immediately subsequent to the completion of the regularly scheduled Council meetings.

**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 the City's website, as well as to furnish local newspapers with a copy of this Resolution not later than January 10, 2020.

**Meeting Dates**

January 9, 2020	Regular Mtg.	June 11, 2020	Regular Mtg.
January 23, 2020	Regular Mtg.	June 25, 2020	Regular Mtg.
February 13, 2020	Regular Mtg.	July 23, 2020	Regular Mtg.
February 27, 2020	Regular Mtg.	August 20, 2020	Regular Mtg.
March 12, 2020	Regular Mtg.	September 10, 2020	Regular Mtg.
March 26, 2020	Regular Mtg.	September 24, 2020	Regular Mtg.
April 9, 2020	Regular Mtg.	October 8, 2020	Regular Mtg.
April 23, 2020	Regular Mtg.	October 22, 2020	Regular Mtg.
May 14, 2020	Regular Mtg.	November 12, 2020	Regular Mtg.
May 28, 2020	Regular Mtg.	December 10, 2020	Regular Mtg.
		December 23, 2020	Regular Mtg.

Mainland Journal  
The Press of Atlantic City  
The Current

Ocean City Sentinel  
Municipal Services Building  
somerspointgov.org

Asbury Park Press

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**No. 5 of 2020**

**Subject: Designating Official Newspapers**  
**Introduced by: Councilman Toto**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the Mainland Journal, Ocean City Sentinel, The Press of Atlantic City, The Asbury Park 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, 2020.

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**Subject: Financial Depositories**  
**Introduced by: Councilmen McGuigan, Dill and Gerety**

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

Ocean First Bank  
Republic 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; Lucy R. Samuelsen, City Clerk; William Swain, City Administrator/ Chief Financial Officer; Jason Frost, Assistant City Administrator 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.
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

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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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**No. 7 of 2020**

**Subject:                   Appointing Certifying Agent**  
**Introduced by:         Councilman Toto**

**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 Lucy R. Samuelsen is hereby designated as said certifying agent to the Civil Service Commission.

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**No. 10 of 2020**

**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 Sean McGuigan**

**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



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**No. 12 of 2020**

**Subject: Appointment of Public Defender**  
**Introduced by: Councilman Toto**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Somers Point wishes to appoint Darrin Lord, Esq. as Municipal Public Defender, effective January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020; 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:

5. Darrin Lord, Esq. be and hereby is appointed as Municipal Public Defender for the City of Somers Point for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.
6. 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.
7. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Darrin Lord, Esq. for the calendar year 2020. Upon execution, a copy of the contract will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.
8. 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.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

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**No. 13 of 2020**

**Subject: Contracting with Municipal Accountant**  
**Introduced by: Councilman Toto**

**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 Leon Costello, RMC, of Ford, Scott & Associates for the calendar year 2020 to conduct the 2019 annual
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3. audit and assist with the preparation of the 2019 Financial Statement, 2019 Debt Statement and 2019 Budget. Upon execution, a copy of the contract will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.
4. 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.
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.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

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**No. 15 of 2020**

**Subject: Authorizing Chief Financial Officer and City Administrator to Pay  
Required Bills  
Introduced by: Councilmen McGuigan, Dill and Gerety**

**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 2020.

**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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**No. 17 of 2020**

**Subject: Adopting Cash Management Plan  
Introduced by: Councilman McGuigan, Dill and Gerety**

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**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 2020.

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**No. 18 of 2020**

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

**Introduced by:   Councilman Dill**

**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:

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1. Glenn Insurance of Absecon, New Jersey be and is hereby appointed Risk Management Consultant for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 in accordance with 40A:11-5; 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.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

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**No. 19 of 2020**

**Subject: Appointment of Tax Appeal Attorney**  
**Introduced by: Councilman Toto**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Somers Point has identified a need for an attorney for Tax Appeal Matters for 2020; 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:

Thomas G. Smith, Esq., be and hereby is appointed as Tax Appeal Attorney for the City of Somers Point for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement in connection with these services, and, upon execution, the agreement will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.

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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.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

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**No. 20 of 2020**

**Subject:                   Appointing Fund Commissioner**  
**Introduced by:         Councilman Toto**

**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

**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 R. Samuelsen to serve as Fund Commissioner and Shelby R. Heath 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 R. Samuelsen as Fund Commissioner and Shelby R. Heath as Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

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**No. 21 of 2020**

**Subject:                   Appointing City Engineer**  
**Introduced by:         Councilman Toto**

**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.

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

1. Greg Schneider of the firm of Kates Schneider Engineering, LLC, hereby is re-appointed as Municipal Engineer for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020; 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 Kates Schneider Engineering, LLC, 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.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

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**No. 22 of 2020**

**Subject: Contracting with Polistina & Associates for Engineering Services  
Regarding Somers Point Sewer Utility**  
**Introduced by: Councilman Toto**

**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 hereby is re-appointed to provide the engineering services necessary in connection with the City of Somers Point Sewer Utility for the year 2020.
- 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.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

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**No. 23 of 2020**

**Subject: Appointment of Bond Counsel**  
**Introduced by: Councilman Toto**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Somers Point has identified a need for Bond Counsel for 2020 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 Daniels Law Offices LLC. hereby is re-appointed as Bond Counsel for the City of Somers Point for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, 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 Daniels Law Offices LLC. 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.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

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**No. 25 of 2020**

**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**  
**Introduced by: Councilmen D’Adamo, McGuigan and Toto**

**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

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representation as the City Council shall from time to time direct, but in any event not for a period to exceed calendar year 2020; 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 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.

The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with 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 2020. The agreement will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.

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.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

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**No. 27 of 2020**

**Subject: Re-appointing Public Agency Compliance Officer**  
**Introduced by: Councilman Toto**

**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.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council hereby re-appoints Municipal Clerk, Lucy R. Samuelsen, to act in this capacity for the City of Somers Point.

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**No. 28 of 2020**

**Subject:                   Setting Interest Rates for Delinquent Taxes**  
**Introduced by:         Councilman McGuigan**

**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:

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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**No. 29 of 2020**

**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**

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**Sewer Utility for Projects Approved and Authorized by The  
Governing Body of the City of Somers Point**  
**Introduced by: Councilmen Dill and Toto**

**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:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby **RESOLVED** by the Somers Point City Council that 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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**No. 32 of 2020**

**Subject: Appointing Planner and Grant Consultant**  
**Introduced by: Councilman Toto**

**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 2020; 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 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.
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 2020. 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.(1)(a)(i) is not required.
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**No. 33 of 2020**

**Subject: Appointing Reverend Louis Strugala – Police Chaplain**  
**Introduced by: Mayor Glasser and Councilmen McGuigan and Dill**

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the City Council of the City of Somers Point to appoint Pastor Louis Strugala as the Police Chaplain for the Somers Point Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Strugala is in good standing as an ordained clergyman with basic training as a chaplain; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Strugala has agreed to serve on as a volunteer in the role of the Police Chaplain without rank, salary, or any other benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Chaplain will report to and be directed by the Chief of Police, his duties shall include, but not be limited to, assisting the department with Death Notices, station house adjustments, confidential counseling of any Police Officer who seeks such counseling, and any other duties that maybe assigned by the Police Chief;

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**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that Pastor Louis Strugala is appointed as the Chaplain of the Somers Point Police Department by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, to serve in that capacity until December 31, 2020.

It is further **RESOLVED** that the City Council of Somers Point conveys their gratitude and appreciation to Pastor Strugala for agreeing to service in this role.

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## **Committee Assignments**

Council President forwarded the committee assignments via email and also shared copies.

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## **Public Portion**

The meeting was opened to the public and hearing nothing from the public, the Public Portion was duly closed.

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## **Oath of Office**

Clerk Samuelsen swore in the Fire Officers that was met with a round of applause.

Clerk Samuelsen swore in the Harbor Master and officers of Office of Emergency Management, which was met with a round of applause.

Mayor Glasser swore in the Police Chaplain that was met with a round of applause.

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Mayor Glasser encouraged everyone to stop by Josie Kelly's for a celebration and welcoming in the New Year. Councilman Gerety happily mentioned that his wife, Margy, who was sitting in audience, is also celebrating her birthday today!

## **Adjournment**

Having no other business, on the motion of Councilman Gerety also requesting everyone sing Happy Birthday to his wife and Councilman Owen, seconded by Councilman Dill and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Afterwards, the audience sang Happy Birthday!

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy R. Samuelsen, RMC  
Municipal Clerk  
Approved: 1/23/2020