

**BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE
EXECUTIVE SESSION / WORKSHOP SESSION / COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA**

**Monday, July 17, 2023
Executive Session 6:30 P.M.
Public Portion 7:00 P.M. (estimate)**

LOCATION: COUNCIL CHAMBERS – POLICE HEADQUARTERS
24 SOUTH BRIDGE STREET, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876

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- 1. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW STATEMENT**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - a. June 5, 2023
 - b. July 5, 2023
- 4. RESOLUTION 23-0717-230 TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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- a. Redevelopment
- b. Personnel

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- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
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 - a. July 5, 2023
- 5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS & NOTICES**
 - a. Supplemental Debt Statement for Ordinance #2715
- 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
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FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,680,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

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9. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

(Motion and 2nd needed and roll call vote to open and close the meeting to the public. Regulations that apply during public meetings also apply during electronic meetings. Comments may be submitted prior to the meeting and maybe summarized during the meeting)

10. CONSENT RESOLUTIONS (ANY ITEMS PULLED OFF CONSENT AGENDA ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A MOTION AND ROLL CALL VOTE)

(RESOLUTIONS 23-0717-231 THRU 23-0717-239)

(Resolutions may be pulled off consent agenda for discussion and roll call vote. Resolutions may be removed or added to the agenda)

- 23-0717-231 APPROVING BLOCK PARTY ROAD CLOSURE APPLICATION – SECOND STREET BETWEEN SOUTH BRIDGE STREET AND CENTER STREET JULY 30, 2023 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
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- 23-0717-233 APPROVING NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S APPLICATION FOR JOHN LAJADA
- 23-0717-234 APPROVING ARTISAN MARKET ON SUNDAY AUGUST 20, 2023 FROM NOON-6:00 P.M. TO INCLUDE ROAD CLOSURE OF DIVISION STREET BETWEEN VETERANS MEMORIAL WEST AND SOUTH STREET AND DIVISON STREET BETWEEN E. MAIN STREET AND SOUTH STREET ALLOWING TRAFFIC FLOW ON SOUTH STREET.
- 23-0717-235 APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE AND SUPERIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION SOMERVILLE PBA LOCAL NO. 147 JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026
- 23-0717-236 AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 TO A CONTRACT TO AMERICAN POOL NEW JERSEY FOR POOL MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS EXTENDING THE POOL SEASON
- 23-0717-237 APPROVING STEPHEN RODZINAK AS A PART-TIME EMPLOYEE AS PLUMBING, FIRE AND BUILDING SUB-CODE INSPECTOR
- 23-0717-238 EXTENDING THE GRACE PERIOD ON MUNICIPAL CHARGES FOR PROPERTY TAXES AND SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TAXES

23-0717-239 APPROVING ROAD CLOSURE OF N. DOUGHTY AVENUE
BETWEEN W. MAIN STREET AND W. HIGH STREET ON
OCTOBER 8, 2023 FOR 150TH CELEBRATION OF
AMOSKEAG STEAMER FROM NOON TO 5:00 P.M.

11. BILLS AND VOUCHERS

12. ADJOURNMENT

KEVIN SLUKA, MUNICIPAL CLERK

Ordinances scheduled for Introduction

ORDINANCE #2714-23-0717

AMENDING CHAPTER 150 STREETS AND SIDEWALKS; ARTICLE I ENTITLED EXCAVATIONS ADDING SECTION 4.1 (I)- FINAL PAVEMENT RESTORATION TIME REQUIREMENTS

§ 150-4 Requirements

All permits issued under this article shall require the applicant to comply with the following:

- (A) All street patch repairs and/or trench restoration must use the infrared paving method pursuant to the most recent standards promulgated by the Borough so as to blend uniformly with the adjacent existing roadway. All backfilling and patching operations of any such excavation project must be supervised by the Borough Engineer or his/her designated representative to ensure compliance with the Borough's standards.
- (B) If blasting is required in the course of any excavation, it shall be done in strict compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.
- (C) Restoration of any street foundation or surface shall not commence until the Borough Engineer or his/her designated representative has determined that settlement of the subsurface is complete and the area properly prepared for restoration.
- (D) Any contractor hired to perform a street excavation in the Borough shall provide proof that it is licensed with the State of New Jersey.
- (E) All materials and work shall be in accordance with Borough regulations, specifications, and details as required by the Borough.

§ 150-4.1 Additional Requirements for 3rd Party contractors and Utility Companies: moratoriums

- (A) After the Borough has paved or repaved any street of the Borough of Somerville, no excavation permit shall be issued for openings, cuts, or excavations in said street for a period of five years from the date of such paving, subject to the exceptions described herein.
- (B) The Borough shall keep a list of all such streets subject to this five-year moratorium, which may be inspected in the Office of the Borough Engineer.
- (C) Prior to the start of any such paving or repaving work, the Borough Engineer shall notify each utility company of said work so any in-progress or contemplated excavations may be completed before paving is started. Such notice shall state that no excavation permit shall be issued for openings, cuts, or excavations in said street for a period of seven years from the date of such paving. The notice shall also provide those applications for excavation permits for work to be done prior to such paving or repaving shall be submitted promptly so that any work may be completed not later than 90 days from the date of such notification.

- (D) During such five-year period, the applicant must restore the street opening. Such restoration must include pavement restoration (milling and repaving) for the full width of the roadway to a distance of 100 feet around the area of the opening. Notwithstanding these requirements, the Borough Engineer may, in his/her sole discretion, waive the requirements of this subsection under the following circumstances:
1. Where necessary, as determined by the Borough Engineer. For example, if there is an excavation on a small cul-de-sac of less than 100 feet in length within the Borough, or if such a distance will unreasonably interfere with an existing utility, the Borough Engineer may use his/her discretion in determining the overall distance of the restoration.
 2. If, in the judgment of the Borough Engineer, an emergency exists that makes it absolutely essential that the road be opened for purposes of a utility repair or replacement.
 3. When the owner(s) of a single-family residential property who actually resides in that property applies for a construction permit to convert from oil heat to gas heat.
- (E) In any circumstance in which the Borough Engineer waives the curb-to-curb and/or 100-foot requirements above, the Borough Engineer shall require that the street opening be patched and restored via infrared pavement repair technology so as to blend uniformly with the adjacent existing roadway.
- (F) For all streets that have not been paved within the last seven years, the applicant must patch and restore the street opening via infrared pavement repair technology so as to blend uniformly with the adjacent existing roadway. If the street opening to be trenched is greater than or equal to 50 linear feet, upon completion of same, the applicant shall restore (milling and repaving) the entire street surface from edge to edge, or curb to curb, for the full length of the excavation to the nearest intersection or as directed by the Town Engineer as described herein.
- (G) All sidewalks, when being restored or replaced as part of the operations hereunder, must also be restored pursuant to the Borough Engineer's standards.
- (H) The street surface shall be restored to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer that it has been restored to its original condition.
- (I) Final pavement restoration time requirements - All excavations including final pavement must occur no later than one hundred eighty (180) days following the temporary pavement restoration. It is common to have a temporary pavement in place for ninety (90) days to determine if the original excavation has settled to the satisfaction of the borough. If the temporary pavement is satisfactory after ninety (90) days final pavement of the roadway must occur 90 days after the temporary settlement. Extension of time maybe authorized as a result of weather conditions. If the original excavation needs to be restored due to settlement failures, the contractor will have an additional ninety (90) for final pavement restoration.

ORDINANCE #2715-23-0717

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,820,000 FOR ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,680,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the "Improvements") are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Somerville, New Jersey (the "Borough") as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$2,820,000, such sum includes the sum of \$140,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2.

In order to finance the cost of the Improvements not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$2,680,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bonds"). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$2,680,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bond Anticipation Notes" or "Notes").

SECTION 3.

(a) The Improvements authorized and the purposes for which obligations are to be issued is for acquisition of various equipment and furniture for Emergency Services Facility, including but not limited to phone system, workstation UPS, audio visual system, conference room system, information technology infrastructure and public safety infrastructure equipment, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the Office of the Clerk.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is \$2,680,000.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is \$2,820,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Borough.

SECTION 4.

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the Borough Council of the Borough at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5.

The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution

in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6.

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the Borough may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 7.70 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$2,680,000 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$50,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 7.

Any funds received from time to time by the Borough as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Borough authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the Borough as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Borough authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8.

The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9.

The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission

(the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 10.

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Borough reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that Borough incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Borough under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$2,680,000.

SECTION 11.

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

ORDINANCE #2716-23-0717

AMENDING ORDINANCE #2668 -22-0307 CHAPTER 45, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE 1, LICENSING; REGULATIONS SECTION 7; FEES SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPHS 1-6

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey amend Chapter 45; Alcoholic Beverages, Section 7 Fees of the Borough Code as codified, be amended in the following manner:

REPLACE: Section 7, Sub section A, Paragraphs 1, 2, 3 & 4 and add paragraphs 5 & 6 to read as follows:

- A. The licenses to be issued in the Borough pursuant to the provisions of the Article and the fees for such licenses which shall be paid in advance upon presentation of the application for a license are as follows:
- 1) Plenary Retail Consumption License year commencing July 1, 2024 Two thousand two hundred forty four dollars (\$2,244.00)
 - 2) Plenary Retail Distribution year commencing July 1, 20224 One thousand nine hundred twenty five dollars (\$1,925)
 - 3) Club License year commencing on July 1, 2024 Two hundred dollars (\$200).
 - 4) Special one (1) day social affairs license sixty dollars (\$60)
 - 5) Catering Permit for one day sixty dollars (\$60) per day
 - 6) Extension of Premise Permit one day forty dollars (\$40) per day.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, as follows:

- 1) That all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
- 2) This ordinance shall effect upon final publication and adoption in the manner provided by law.

The resolutions listed below are in draft form and may be amended prior or during the meeting

RESOLUTION 23-0717-231

APPROVING BLOCK PARTY ROAD CLOSURE APPLICATION – SECOND STREET BETWEEN SOUTH BRIDGE STREET AND CENTER STREET JULY 30, 2023 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey approves Block Party Road Application for Second Street between South Bridge Street and Center Street on July 30, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and DPW shall drop off barricades for use and all emergency service agencies shall receive a copy of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION 23-0717-232

APPROVING A STAND-BY CONTRACT WITH JERSEY RECOVERY ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville has a need for assistance for professional emergency management response and recovery services to assist conducting Preliminary assessments, hazard mitigation, site inspections, FEMA paperwork. Grant applications, project management, disaster recovery and various related tasks following an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville has utilized Jersey Recovery Associates, LLC, PO Box 501 Chester, New Jersey 07930 in response to Tropical Storm Ida and has found their work to be satisfactory.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey approves a stand-by contract with Jersey Recovery Associates to provide emergency management disaster response and recovery services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE Business Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Jersey Recovery Associates, LLC, PO Box 501 Chester, New Jersey 07930.

RESOLUTION 23-0717-233

APPROVING NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S APPLICATION FOR JOHN LAJADA

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby approve John Lajada, pending the approval of background check.

RESOLUTION 23-0717-234

APPROVING ARTISAN MARKET ON SUNDAY AUGUST 20, 2023 FROM NOON-6:00 P.M. TO INCLUDE ROAD CLOSURE OF DIVISION STREET BETWEEN VETERANS MEMORIAL WEST AND SOUTH STREET AND DIVISON STREET BETWEEN E. MAIN STREET AND SOUTH STREET ALLOWING TRAFFIC FLOW ON SOUTH STREET.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville hereby approves an Artisan Market on Sunday August 20, 2023 from noon to 6:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Artisan Market has been held successfully with closure of Division Street between Veterans Memorial West and South Street; and

WHEREAS, Division Street will also be closed between East Main Street and South Street with South Street remaining open and access to the Post Office lot if required.

WHEREAS, Downtown Somerville Alliance shall file an Emergency Action Plan with the Office of Emergency Management.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey approves the Artisan Market on August 20, 2023, from Noon to 6:30 p.m. as established in the preamble of this resolution contingent on an approved Emergency Action Plan.

RESOLUTION 23-0717-235

APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE AND SUPERIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION SOMERVILLE PBA LOCAL NO. 147 JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey approves a Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough of Somerville and Superior Officers Association, Somerville PBA Local 147 from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026.

RESOLUTION 23-0717-236

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 TO A CONTRACT TO AMERICAN POOL NEW JERSEY FOR POOL MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS EXTENDING THE POOL SEASON

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville approved a contract with American Pool on April 3, 2023 via Resolution 23-0403-1128; and

WHEREAS, it is a determined that a change order is required for the Pool Management Operations service and

Change Order #	Reason for Change order	Original Price	New Price
#1	Extension of swim season, season started late due to construction	\$58,500	No net change \$58,500

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby approves Change Order #1 to the contract with American Pool New Jersey, 85 Campus Drive, Edison, New Jersey 08837 at \$58,500 for pool management operations, no net change in contract price.

RESOLUTION 23-0717-237

APPROVING STEPHEN RODZINAK AS A PART-TIME EMPLOYEE AS PLUMBING, FIRE AND BUILDING SUB-CODE INSPECTOR

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville has a need to hire a temporary employee to serve in the position as Plumbing, Fire and Building Subcode, and various positions in the Construction Office; and

WHEREAS, the position shall be an temporary hourly position at a rate of \$55.00 per hour on an as-needed basis; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey authorizes the temporary hiring of Stephen Rodzinak as a Plumbing Fire, Building Subcode Inspector and various roles as required.

RESOLUTION 23-0717-238

EXTENDING THE GRACE PERIOD ON MUNICIPAL CHARGES FOR PROPERTY TAXES AND SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TAXES

WHEREAS, due to a delay in the mailing of property tax and special improvement district tax bills the Borough of Somerville is extending the grace period for the 3rd quarter property tax and special improvement district payments; and

WHEREAS, the grace period for payment without interest on the 3rd quarter of 2023 tax and SID tax payments that are due August 1st is usually 10 days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Somerville hereby grant an additional grace period through and including **August 21, 2023**. Interest on late payments made after August 21, 2023 will be calculated from the due date of August 1, 2023.

RESOLUTION 23-0717-239

APPROVING ROAD CLOSURE OF N. DOUGHTY AVENUE BETWEEN W. MAIN STREET AND W. HIGH STREET ON OCTOBER 8, 2023 FOR 150TH CELEBRATION OF AMOSKEAG STEAMER FROM NOON TO 5:00 P.M.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby approve road closure of N. Doughty Avenue between W. Main Street and W. High Street on October 8, 2023 for the 150th Celebration of Amoskeag Steamer from noon to 5:00 p.m. contingent on an approved Emergency Action Plan.

MINUTES

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW STATEMENT

Kevin Sluka read the Open Public Meeting Law statement.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sullivan, Councilmembers Brady, Vroom, Mitchell, Pitts, and Stravic

Excused: Councilmember Wied

Also Present: Kevin Sluka, Municipal Clerk, Jeremy Solomon, Borough Attorney

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 5, 2023

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brady			X			
Mitchell	X		X			
Pitts			X			
Stravic			X			
Vroom		X	X			
Wied						X

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The mayor said the departmental report is listed on the agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

T. Mitchell - A national poll shows there is a high demand for living in walkable communities like Somerville. New Jersey now has the most protected flood hazard rules in the country. Do not share personal data with door-to-door solicitors. There will be two free programs at the Wallace House this weekend and the County is presenting History on the Green.

R. Vroom - No report tonight.

G. Brady - The mayor and I met with the executive director of the Somerset Medical Center. He was positive about the community and our involvement with the hospital.

G. Stravic - The Environmental Commission met last week. They will be at National Night Out promoting PSE&G's program to inspect homes for energy efficiency. They had a potluck supper at the community garden. They are continuing to work on the street tree replacement program.

R. Pitts - Lepp Pool was closed due to mechanical issues. Please check the website and social media for updates. The spray parks are open daily. Registration deadline for Fall Soccer is on July 31. National Night Out will be held on August 1. Somerville Recreation is hosting a Community Night at Somerset Patriots on August 10.

Mayor Sullivan - The section of Union Avenue in the Van Derveer School area has been posted with 25 mph signs. Now every street in Somerville, including state and county roads, is 25 mph. Please drive accordingly. The grace period for tax payments will be extended to August 21.

DISCUSSION

Police Traffic Safety Update

Dennis Manning, Chief of Police

- We are writing tickets and trying to slow people down.
- We're using a traffic counter, which we got through a grant.
- We're also using a message board and radar.
- We spend time on every complaint with a traffic safety officer
- We received a lot of complaints about speeding on E. Main Street and our officers have spent some time there writing summonses.
- This is happening everywhere, not just in Somerville.

Comments

G. Brady - Additional rumble strips may help.

D. Manning - That is in the works. Anything that alerts someone and helps them refocus is a good thing.

G. Stravic - Can we get a report on the number of calls?

D. Manning - Yes, we can do that.

Mayor Sullivan - Are there particular areas where officers are writing more tickets?

D. Manning - I can give you a breakdown of which intersections have more accidents and where more tickets are being written.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

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Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brady	X		X			
Mitchell			X			
Pitts			X			
Stravic			X			
Vroom		X	X			
Wied						X

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Brady			X			
Mitchell			X			
Pitts		X	X			

Stravic			X			
Vroom	X		X			
Wied						X

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Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brady			X			
Mitchell		X	X			
Pitts			X			
Stravic			X			
Vroom	X		X			
Wied						X

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Open Public Session

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brady			X			
Mitchell		X	X			
Pitts			X			
Stravic			X			
Vroom	X		X			
Wied						X

Public Comments

Joan Seigel - Expressed concerns about grandfathered buildings in the borough. There is a house on E. Cliff Street where the garage is falling apart and there are now rodents and animal feces on my property. Contacted the Board of Health, but this is still an issue.

Mayor Sullivan - Asked K. Sluka to check on the ownership of this property and to follow up with the Board of Health.

Close Public Session

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brady	X		X			
Mitchell			X			
Pitts		X	X			
Stravic			X			
Vroom			X			
Wied						X

Consent Resolutions 23-0717-231 through 23-0717-239 (except for 23-0717-232)

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brady			X			
Mitchell	X		X			
Pitts			X			
Stravic			X			
Vroom		X	X			
Wied						X

23-0717-232 APPROVING A STAND-BY CONTRACT WITH JERSEY RECOVERY ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY SERVICES

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brady	X		X			
Mitchell		X	X			
Pitts			X			
Stravic			X			
Vroom			X			
Wied						X

Discussion

G. Stravic - Asked about the cost.

K. Sluka - This is a stand-by contract with no cost involved. Their fees run about \$140/hr. We're not spending any money right now.

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

Account	PO #	Vendor Name	Amount
3-01-20-100-000-530	23-00083	XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	920.78
3-01-20-100-000-628	23-00081	W.B. MASON CO., INC	259.71
3-01-20-100-000-659	23-00946	TREASURER-STATE OF NEW JERSEY	13,465.00
3-01-20-100-000-728	23-00574	REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP	10,890.00
3-01-20-120-000-515	23-00915	SOMERSET COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE	4,193.71
3-01-20-130-000-600	23-00974	U.S. BANK	1,650.00
3-01-20-130-000-600	23-00975	SOMERSET COUNTY IMPR AUTHORITY	2,612.89
3-01-20-130-000-694	23-00940	JPMONZO MUNICIPAL CONSULTING	50.00
3-01-20-140-000-534	23-00025	COMPUTER SYSTEMS & METHODS	1,810.00
3-01-20-140-000-598	23-00003	VERIZON	131.00
3-01-20-140-000-598	23-00004	VERIZON	109.00
3-01-20-140-000-598	23-00011	VERIZON	119.00
3-01-20-140-000-614	23-00189	CIVIC EYE COLLABORATIVE LLC	376.00
3-01-20-145-000-569	23-00878	MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	797.20
3-01-20-155-000-533	23-00958	RAINONE COUGHLIN MINCHELLO LLC	1,012.50
3-01-20-155-000-533	23-00958	RAINONE COUGHLIN MINCHELLO LLC	465.00

3-01-20-155-000-533	23-00958	RAINONE COUGHLIN MINCHELLO LLC	496.00
3-01-20-155-000-533	23-00958	RAINONE COUGHLIN MINCHELLO LLC	108.50
3-01-21-180-000-605	23-00187	MCNALLY, YAROS,KACZYNSKI,LIME	2,253.50
3-01-21-180-000-605	23-00188	MICHAEL LOMBARDOZZI	238.70
3-01-21-185-000-607	23-00918	CROWN TROPHY	15.00
3-01-22-195-000-628	23-00181	W.B. MASON CO., INC	105.07
3-01-23-220-000-586	23-00055	FLEXFACTS-GRANT BENEFITS SOLUT	56.00
3-01-25-240-000-713	23-00169	ATLANTIC TACTICAL	355.60
3-01-25-240-000-713	23-00903	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	50.23
3-01-25-240-001-533	23-00174	MOTIVATED SECURITY SERVICE INC	2,637.59
3-01-25-265-000-507	23-00036	FIRE & SAFETY SERVICES LTD	16.37
3-01-25-265-000-507	23-00048	PDQ AUTO SUPPLY OF MANVILLE	60.57
3-01-25-265-000-507	23-00048	PDQ AUTO SUPPLY OF MANVILLE	119.94
3-01-25-265-000-507	23-00048	PDQ AUTO SUPPLY OF MANVILLE	13.30
3-01-25-265-000-507	23-00048	PDQ AUTO SUPPLY OF MANVILLE	175.67
3-01-25-265-000-507	23-00901	AUTOMOTIVE ENERGY	218.94
3-01-25-265-000-507	23-00909	AMERICAN TIRE AUTO CARE	171.67
3-01-25-265-000-507	23-00910	AMERICAN TIRE AUTO CARE	2,088.13
3-01-25-265-000-507	23-00938	AMERICAN TIRE AUTO CARE	3,511.87
3-01-25-265-000-557	23-00039	FIREFIGHTER ONE LLC	279.72
3-01-25-265-000-557	23-00050	POST ACE HARDWARE	161.10
3-01-25-265-000-557	23-00860	GRAINGER	219.00
3-01-25-265-000-557	23-00932	ALL HANDS FIRE EQUIPMENT LLC	1,157.96
3-01-25-265-000-560	23-00032	CENTRAL JERSEY NURSERIES	21.84
3-01-25-265-000-560	23-00033	DORELL LOCKSMITHS	93.00
3-01-25-265-000-560	23-00049	POST ACE HARDWARE	607.84
3-01-25-265-000-614	23-00015	VERIZON WIRELESS	55.08
3-01-25-265-000-660	23-00044	M & W COMMUNICATIONS INC	498.00
3-01-25-265-000-690	23-00840	XAVIER ALVAREZ	300.00
3-01-25-265-000-690	23-00840	XAVIER ALVAREZ	300.00
3-01-25-265-000-690	23-00841	JUSTIN BIGELOW	300.00
3-01-25-265-000-690	23-00841	JUSTIN BIGELOW	300.00
3-01-25-265-000-690	23-00842	BRENT HUREVITCH	300.00
3-01-25-265-000-690	23-00842	BRENT HUREVITCH	300.00
3-01-25-265-000-690	23-00842	BRENT HUREVITCH	300.00
3-01-25-265-000-690	23-00843	MICHAEL BIGELOW	300.00
3-01-25-265-000-690	23-00844	ELIZABETH MARIE ISELIN	300.00
3-01-25-265-000-690	23-00844	ELIZABETH MARIE ISELIN	300.00
3-01-25-265-000-690	23-00844	ELIZABETH MARIE ISELIN	300.00
3-01-25-265-000-690	23-00846	ROBERT SOHL	300.00
3-01-25-265-000-690	23-00847	BARRY J. VAN HORN	300.00
3-01-25-265-000-690	23-00922	ELIZABETH MARIE ISELIN	1,200.00
3-01-25-265-000-690	23-00923	GLENN THORNE	600.00
3-01-25-265-000-690	23-00924	XAVIER ALVERADO	900.00
3-01-25-265-000-690	23-00925	ROBERT SOHL	1,200.00
3-01-25-265-000-690	23-00927	ASHLEY BOWDEN	300.00
3-01-25-265-000-697	23-00930	JOSEPH STITLEY	986.00
3-01-25-265-001-628	23-00933	ROBERT LYNN	179.65
3-01-25-265-002-574	23-00101	AMERICAN WATER	12,939.22
3-01-26-290-000-533	23-00406	ADVANCED LANDSCAPING, INC	5,102.50
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00017	VERIZON WIRELESS	38.01
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00109	BATTERIES PLUS BULBS	148.12
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00110	BATTERY & ELECTRIC CO	225.80
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00122	FULLERTON FORD INC	76.30
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00132	NAPA-GENUINE PARTS CO.	19.62
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00132	NAPA-GENUINE PARTS CO.	105.99
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00132	NAPA-GENUINE PARTS CO.	3.57

3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00132	NAPA-GENUINE PARTS CO.	34.56
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00137	POST ACE HARDWARE	443.76
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00962	TRIOUS, INC	5,688.24
3-01-26-290-000-673	23-00151	SIGNS AND SAFETY DEVICES L.L.C	660.00
3-01-26-290-000-674	23-00160	STAVOLA ASPHALT COMPANY	128.57
3-01-26-290-000-674	23-00160	STAVOLA ASPHALT COMPANY	75.00
3-01-26-290-000-674	23-00160	STAVOLA ASPHALT COMPANY	44.58
3-01-26-290-000-674	23-00160	STAVOLA ASPHALT COMPANY	47.94
3-01-26-290-000-687	23-00165	W.B. MASON CO., INC	12.24
3-01-26-290-000-699	23-00126	KENS TREE SERVICE	650.00
3-01-26-290-000-699	23-00126	KENS TREE SERVICE	3,650.00
3-01-26-290-000-699	23-00126	KENS TREE SERVICE	4,050.00
3-01-26-305-000-523	23-00129	LMR DISPOSAL, LLC	27,083.32
3-01-26-305-000-523	23-00129	LMR DISPOSAL, LLC	300.00
3-01-26-305-000-523	23-00129	LMR DISPOSAL, LLC	32,463.98
3-01-26-305-000-523	23-00129	LMR DISPOSAL, LLC	1,257.56
3-01-26-310-000-516	23-00969	POST ACE HARDWARE	17.56
3-01-26-310-000-517	23-00080	W.B. MASON CO., INC	220.58
3-01-26-310-000-517	23-00115	DRARAS, LLC	12.50
3-01-26-310-000-517	23-00897	MOOSE SAFETY SUPPLY,INC	585.00
3-01-27-330-000-533	23-00019	SOMERSET COUNTY HEALTH DEPT	10,301.78
3-01-27-340-000-510	23-00021	ANIMAL CONTROL SOLUTIONS	3,086.00
3-01-28-370-000-697	23-00620	NEAL TOBIN	1,380.00
3-01-28-370-000-697	23-00919	SOMERSET HILLS TENNIS ASSOC	512.00
3-01-28-370-000-699	23-00919	SOMERSET HILLS TENNIS ASSOC	1,344.00
3-01-28-370-000-704	23-00836	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	205.27
3-01-28-370-000-704	23-00876	4IMPRINT, INC	302.03
3-01-28-370-000-704	23-00956	RECREONICS	264.53
3-01-28-370-000-704	23-00971	NEW JERSEY POOL MANAGEMENT	820.42
3-01-28-375-000-533	23-00068	UNITED SITE SERVICES	43.75
3-01-28-375-000-533	23-00068	UNITED SITE SERVICES	43.75
3-01-28-375-000-533	23-00068	UNITED SITE SERVICES	7.29
3-01-28-375-000-533	23-00068	UNITED SITE SERVICES	107.50
3-01-28-375-000-533	23-00068	UNITED SITE SERVICES	43.75
3-01-28-375-000-533	23-00068	UNITED SITE SERVICES	43.75
3-01-28-375-000-533	23-00125	JERSEY JOE'S LAWN SERVICE	8,360.00
3-01-28-375-000-560	23-00056	CENTRAL JERSEY NURSERIES	50.54
3-01-28-375-000-633	23-00754	RAPID PUMP & METER SERVICE COM	1,844.58
3-01-28-375-000-646	23-00851	TRUGREEN LP	174.92
3-01-28-375-000-646	23-00851	TRUGREEN LP	524.76
3-01-28-375-000-648	23-00062	PACE ANALYTICAL SERVICES INC.	181.00
3-01-31-440-000-704	23-00005	VERIZON	1,228.12
3-01-31-440-000-704	23-00006	VERIZON	142.66
3-01-31-440-000-705	23-00002	VERIZON	391.70
3-01-31-440-000-705	23-00007	VERIZON	230.63
3-01-31-440-000-705	23-00008	VERIZON	305.82
3-01-31-440-000-705	23-00013	VERIZON WIRELESS	907.12
3-01-31-440-000-705	23-00015	VERIZON WIRELESS	96.30
3-01-31-460-000-579	23-00156	SOMERSET COUNTY VEHICLE MAINT	11,031.30
3-01-43-490-000-628	23-00060	GTBM INC	972.00
3-05-55-502-000-569	23-00791	MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	1,167.50
3-05-55-502-000-569	23-00791	MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	1,044.00
3-05-55-502-000-635	23-00791	MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	2,040.00
3-09-55-502-000-533	23-00073	IPS GROUP INC	5,346.91
3-09-55-502-000-557	23-00786	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	24.99
3-09-55-502-000-557	23-00786	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	-17.34
3-09-55-502-000-557	23-00786	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	32.00

3-09-55-502-000-560	23-00889	IMPACT POWER TECHNOLOGIES LLC	911.17
C-04-00-002-675-625	23-00823	SOMERSET STATION URBAN RENEWAL	539,592.70
G-02-10-001-000-246	23-00833	TREETOP PRODUCTS INC	5,869.58
G-02-40-001-000-691	21-01862	AA BERMS, LLC	65,439.50
T-13-00-000-000-212	23-00967	COLE & ASSOCIATES LLC	775.00
T-13-00-000-000-235	21-01845	JERSEY RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC	560.00
T-13-00-000-000-235	23-00749	FOLEY, INCORPORATED	165,234.00
T-18-00-000-000-211	23-00913	NJ DEPT OF LABOR & WF DEV	72.82

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brady	X		X			
Mitchell			X			
Pitts			X			
Stravic			X			
Vroom		X	X			
Wied						X

Mayor Sullivan - We will have a 3-week interval until the next meeting on Monday, August 7.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Mitchell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Vroom, all voted favorably.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Sluka, RMC