

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
April 27, 2022 – 6:15 PM

Mayor Fetzer advised that Council has matters to discuss in Executive Session, and requested a motion to adjourn to discuss potential litigation; he further noted that action may be taken by Council upon return to public session and that the public is invited to remain until the Council returns to public session. **UPON MOTION** of Councilman Zakin, seconded by Councilman Clemmensens, carried that the following **Resolution No. 65-2022** be and the same is hereby adopted.

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and,

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Girt, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter(s) to be discussed is potential litigation;
3. It is anticipated at this time that the subject matters will be made public, if and when, confidentiality is no longer necessary. Action may be taken upon return to public session.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Recorded Vote:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensens	X			
Councilman Perry	X			
Councilman Zakin	X			
Council President Anthony	X			
Councilman Downey	X			
Councilwoman Richman	X			

UPON MOTION of Councilman Zakin, seconded by Councilwoman Richman, carried that Council return to public session at 7:05 PM.

Recorded Vote:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensens	X			
Councilman Perry	X			
Councilman Zakin	X			
Council President Anthony	X			
Councilman Downey	X			
Councilwoman Richman	X			

The Regular/Zoom Meeting of the Borough of Sea Girt Council was called to order by Mayor Don Fetzer at 7:15 PM on Wednesday, April 27, 2022. Mayor Fetzer then led those participating in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Municipal Clerk read the compliance statement: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L.1975: adequate notice of this meeting has been given by posting the Notice on the Borough's Bulletin Board and by transmitting the Notice to the Borough's two official newspapers, *The Asbury Park Press* and *The Coast Star*, as required by law.

1. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Mayor Fetzner	X	
Councilman Clemmenssen	X	
Councilman Perry	X	
Councilman Zakin	X	
Council President Anthony	X	
Councilman Downey	X	
Councilwoman Richman	X	

2. PRESENTATION

- West Side Bike Path Committee Update – Susan Blasi spoke on the revitalization and history of the area and the motive for naming the park which was once called Sea Girt Passenger and Freight Depot Station. The renovated area is now named Sea Girt Station Park.
- Sea Girt Conservancy – Strategic Landscape Plan – Rescheduled for June 8th.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

UPON MOTION of Council President Anthony, seconded by Councilman Clemmenssen, carried, that the following Resolutions be and the same are hereby adopted:

- **R-66-2022: Authorizing Refund of Overpaid Second Quarter 2022 Property Taxes For Block 76, Lot 15 also known as 508 Crescent Parkway**

WHEREAS, there has been an overpayment of second quarter 2022 property taxes for the property known as Block 76, Lot 15, also known as 508 Crescent Parkway, by the property owner, Donna Reinhart, and said owner has requested a refund of the overpayment (\$1,907.22).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the refund of overpaid second quarter 2022 property taxes for the property known as Block 76, Lot 15, also known as 508 Crescent Parkway, be and the same is hereby refunded to the owner, Donna Reinhart, in the amount of \$1,907.22.

- **R-67-2022: Division of Mental Health Services Youth Leadership Grant**

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey. In coordination with GCADA, the New Jersey Department of Human Services/Division on Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) has awarded a Youth Leadership Grant to the GCADA Municipal Alliance Program.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of **SEA GIRT**, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore, has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Monmouth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Sea Girt, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of an application for DMHAS Grant funding for the Shore Municipal Alliance for Year One Grant Term 7/1/22 – 3/14/23 in the amount of:
DMHAS Grant Funding \$ 7,277.59
2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

• **R-68-2022: Appoint SLEO I Special Law Enforcement Officer – Justin Skelly**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sea Girt Police Department is in need of the services of a Class I Special Law Enforcement Officers for the period April 29 through December 31, 2022, inclusive; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief of the Sea Girt Police Department recommends Justin Skelly for this position at the rate of \$12.50 per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Justin Skelly be appointed as Class I Special Law Enforcement Officers for the period April 29 through December 31, 2022, inclusive, at the hourly rate noted above for hours worked.

• **R-69-2022: Authorize Special Event Permit request, Annual Sgt. Nutter Run, June 18th.**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sea Girt Borough Council supports the goal of the Sgt. Samuel Nutter Organization to provide aid and assistance to military families; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant has submitted the Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough of Sea Girt as an additional insured with coverage provided at the limits required by the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Girt that the Sgt. Samuel Nutter Organization request to hold the annual Sgt. Nutter Run within the Borough of Sea Girt and at the National Guard Training Center on June 18, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that set-up and clean-up of the area is the responsibility of the event sponsors.

Recorded Vote:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensen	X			
Councilman Perry	X			
Councilman Zakin	X			
Council President Anthony	X			
Councilman Downey	X			
Councilwoman Richman	X			

4. APPROVE MINUTES

- a. **R-70-2022:** Approve Minutes, March 23, 2022 - Virtual Meeting

UPON MOTION of Councilman Perry, seconded by Council President Anthony, carried, that the Minutes of the Virtual Regular Meeting held March 23, 2022 be and the same are hereby approved.

Recorded Vote:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensen	X			
Councilman Perry	X			
Councilman Zakin	X			
Council President Anthony	X			
Councilman Downey	X			
Councilwoman Richman	X			

5. OPEN DISCUSSION (Council is invited to speak on any subject)

Councilman Zakin clarified some irregularities and inconsistency's regarding the Crescent Park Proposal, petitions and Coast Star advertisement. Councilman Zakin further commented he reached out to the founders of the Sea Girt Preservation Society, LLC, who initiated the Crescent Park advertisement to discuss how he could work together to preserve open space, but they refused his invitation to meet.

Council President Anthony invited the public to the Bike Path Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, April 30th at 1:30 PM at the Elementary School followed by the Arbor Day Ceremony at 2:00 pm.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

7. NEW BUSINESS

- **R-71-2022: Introduce 2022 Municipal Budget – Public Hearing Scheduled for June 8, 2022**

UPON MOTION of Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilman Clemmensen, carried, that the following Resolution be and the same is hereby adopted as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements (summary attached) of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget will be published in *The Coast Star* on May 5, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the hearing on said Budget will be held on June 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM, at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Recorded Vote:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensen	X			
Councilman Perry	X			
Councilman Zakin	X			
Council President Anthony	X			
Councilman Downey	X			
Councilwoman Richman	X			

- **R-72-2022: Self-Examination of Budget**

UPON MOTION of Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilwoman Richman, carried, that the following Resolution be and the same is hereby adopted:

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.A.C.* 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Borough of Sea Girt has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2022 budget year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Sea Girt that in accordance with *N.J.A.C.* 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at *N.J.S.A.* 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and *N.J.A.C.* 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of *N.J.S.A.* 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

Recorded Vote:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensens	X			
Councilman Perry	X			
Councilman Zakin	X			
Council President Anthony	X			
Councilman Downey	X			
Councilwoman Richman	X			

A. Ordinances – introduction

1. Ordinance No. 02-2022 – introduction: The Mayor to read the said Ordinance by Title:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SEA GIRT AS TO THE AMOUNTS ESTABLISHED FOR TAPPING FEES (SEWER)

BE IT ORDAINED; by the Governing Body of the Borough of Sea Girt that the following sections and subsections of Chapter Twenty-Four; Section 1.7 amended as follows:

The charge for tapping the sewer main with service lateral to curb and cleanout, including street excavation, shall be as follows including the road opening permit fee described in the Road Opening Permit Ordinance of the Borough of Sea Girt.

a.

Where the length of the connection is 1-12 feet up to six foot depth/\$3,000.00.

b.

Where length of connection is 12' to 36' feet up to six foot depth/\$4,400.00.

c.

These fees would be all inclusive - termination fee, road opening fee, excavation, and infra-red restoration, if deemed necessary by Public Works.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that no Borough Personnel shall enter into any trench, pit or excavation that is not deemed to be safe.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts of ordinance inconsistent with the foregoing are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of the inconsistency.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

UPON MOTION of Councilman Clemmensens, seconded by Council President Anthony, carried, that the said Ordinance 02-2022 be and the same is hereby adopted on first reading, directing the Clerk to post and publish as required by law and setting the date of the public hearing as May 11, 2022.

2. Ordinance No. 03-2022: The Mayor to read the said Ordinance by Title:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SEA GIRT AS TO THE CHARGES FOR TAPPING MAIN (WATER)

BE IT ORDAINED; by the Governing Body of the Borough of Sea Girt as follows:

Section 28 Charges for Tapping Main is revised and amended as follows:

The charge for tapping the water main with service pipe to curb, corporation stop, curb box, curb stop and meter shall be:

1 inch Water Tap short side.....	\$3,200.00
1 inch Water Tap Long Side.....	\$3,800.00
1.5 inch Water Tap Short Side.....	\$3,900.00
1.5 inch Water Tap Long Side.....	\$4,700.00
2 Inch Tap Short Side.....	\$4,800.00
2 inch Water Tap Long Side.....	\$5,400.00
4 inch Sewer Tap Short Side.....	\$3,000.00
4 inch Sewer Tap Long Side.....	\$4,200.00

Cost of meter and equipment:

¾ Inch.....	\$125.00
1"	\$190.00
MXU	\$135.00/PIT \$145
Touchpad.....	\$20.00
Cable Adapter.....	\$20.00
1.5 inch and larger meters by quote only (used in special high flow demand)	

The charge for a water meter and equipment:

1 inch.....	\$365.00
1.5 inch and larger are by quote only	

Included in the above fees are tapping the water main with service pipe to curb, corporation stop, curb box, meter, street excavation, road opening fee and turn on fee.

All customers of water supplied by the Borough shall keep the water pipes and fixtures upon the premises in good repair and shall protect the same from frost and freezing and at his or their own expense the replacement of any water service line from the house to the curb stop shall be at the expense of the property owner.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that no Borough Personnel shall enter into any trench, pit or excavation that is not deemed to be safe.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts of ordinance inconsistent with the foregoing are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of the inconsistency.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

UPON MOTION of Councilman Clemmensens, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried, that the said

Ordinance 03-2022 be and the same is hereby adopted on first reading, directing the Clerk to post and publish as required by law and setting the date of the public hearing as May 11, 2022.

3. Ordinance No. 04-2022 – introduction: The Mayor to read the said Ordinance by Title:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, ARTICLE 7-37 LOADING ZONES AND ARTICLE 7-39, HANDICAPPED PARKING ON STREETS, OF THE, OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SEA GIRT

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Girt has determined that the designation of a ~~loading zone~~ and handicapped parking spot on Ocean Avenue near Beacon Boulevard is necessary to preserve and protect the safety and well-being of the general public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Sea Girt as follows:

SECTION 1. Article 7-37, LOADING ZONES, is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

~~The locations described are hereby designated as Loading Zones. No person shall park a vehicle in these locations during the times indicated other than for the loading or unloading of passengers, goods and materials.~~

Name of Street	Time	Side	Location
Ocean Avenue	24 hours	East side	Beginning at a point 36 feet south of the southern crosswalk marking of Beacon Blvd. south for a distance of 109 feet

SECTION 2. Article 7-39 HANDICAPPED PARKING, is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

7-39.1 Handicapped Parking on Streets.

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-197, the following on street locations are designated as handicapped parking places. Such spaces are for use by persons who have been issued special identification cards or plates or placards by the Motor Vehicle Commission, or a temporary placard issued by the Chief of Police. No other person shall be permitted to park in these spaces. (Ord. No. 567; Ord. No. 861; Ord. No. 13-2010 § 2)

Ocean Avenue	East	1	Beginning at a point 25 feet south of the southern crosswalk marking of Beacon Boulevard and extending to a point 11 feet south thereof, angle parking
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SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

UPON MOTION of Councilman Clemmensen, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried, that the said Ordinance 04-2022 be and the same is hereby adopted on first reading, directing the Clerk to post and publish as required by law and setting the date of the public hearing as May 11, 2022.

4. Ordinance No. 05-2022 – introduction: The Mayor to read the said Ordinance by Title:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER IV, PARAGRAPHS 7-37 DELIVER AND LOADING ZONE, 7-38 TAXI PARKING/RIDE SHARE DROPOFF AND PICKUP ZONE, 4-10.19 TAXI STANDS; RIDE SHARE DROPOFF OR PICKUP ZONE OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SEA GIRT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Girt as follows:

§ 7-37 DELIVERY AND LOADING ZONE

[Ord. No. 12-2018; Ord. No. 15-2018; amended 6-26-2019 by Ord. No. 07-2019; 6-24-2020 by Ord. No. 09-2020; Ord. 08-2021]

The location described in this section is hereby designated as the delivery zone. No person shall park a vehicle in this location during the times indicated other than for the delivery of goods and materials. (Ord. No. 12-2018). During delivery, any delivery vehicle shall have its rear hazard warning flashers engaged (Ord. No. 15-2018), and at least two of its emergency warning triangles placed at the rear of said vehicle, on the east shoulder of First Avenue. Said vehicle shall be temporarily parked as far to the right as practicable so as not to obstruct traffic, but not on the adjacent sidewalk. The vehicle shall remain at this location for only so long as necessary to deliver its goods or materials. The time of deliveries and location are as follows:

Name of Street	Time	Side	Location
First Avenue	9:00 a.m. to 2:00 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 3:00 p.m. Saturday	East side	Beginning at a point 25 feet from the southern crosswalk at Beacon Boulevard south for a distance of 96 feet

(Note: Minimum length for all loading zones is 50 feet. No loading zone may be established in any area where it is prohibited to stand or park by statute. N.J.S.A. 39:4-138.)

§ 7-38 TAXI PARKING/ RIDE SHARE DROPOFF AND PICKUP ZONE

[Ord. No. 739 § h.; New; Ord. No. 06-2013; amended 6-24-2020 by Ord. No. 09-2020]

The locations described are hereby designated as taxi parking/ride share dropoff and pick up zones. No vehicle other than a taxi or a registered ride share vehicle shall be permitted to occupy these locations during the times indicated.

Name of Street	Side(s)	No. of Spaces	Location	Hours
Beacon Boulevard			South side for a distance of 140 feet east from the easterly curblin of First Avenue for taxi and ride share vehicles	Between 3:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight Friday through Sunday, May 15 to September 15
First Avenue	East Side		From the effective date of this ordinance until September 30, 2021 2022. East side of First Avenue, adjacent to Parker House property beginning 25 feet	Friday from 6:00 p.m. through midnight; Saturday 2:00 p.m. through

Name of Street	Side(s)	No. of Spaces	Location	Hours
			south of the north west curb of Beacon Blvd. running 96 feet south. This designated space shall be for the operation of 19 foot taxi vans with right side exit and entrance only.	midnight; Sundays of holiday weekends 2:00 p.m. – midnight.

§ 4-10.19 TAXI STANDS; RIDE SHARE DROPOFF OR PICKUP ZONE

[Ord. No. 13-2009 § 18; Ord. No. 17-2011 § 6; amended 6-24-2020 by Ord. No. 09-2020]

a. No person shall sit, idle, park, or operate in a designated taxi stand/ride share zone for any other purpose except to pick up or discharge passengers. A designated taxi stand may be occupied by a taxi/autocab and driver licensed by the Borough and/or a registered ride share vehicle and driver in accordance with this section. No person shall leave any vehicle unoccupied in any designated taxi stand/ride share zone. The taxi stand/ride share dropoff zone shall be utilized strictly for the discharge of passengers during hours as approved annually by the Borough Council. Therefore no taxi/ride share vehicle shall sit, idle or park in a taxi stand/ride share zone during those hours unless patrons are waiting for transportation. No taxi or ride share vehicle shall sit, idle or park in a taxi stand/ride share zone for longer than 10 minutes. A taxi stand/ride share zone shall allow a person the opportunity to find transportation services in an expeditious, unbiased, nondiscriminatory, and courteous manner.

b. TEMPORARY TAXI STAND/RIDE SHARE DROPOFF OR PICKUP ZONE

1.

In the event of an emergency, or circumstance as described in Subsection b2, the Chief of Police, or highest ranking police officer on duty in his absence, may designate, on a temporary basis not to exceed 24 hours after said emergency or circumstance arises, the location and size of any taxi stand/ride share dropoff or pickup zone in accordance with state law.

2.

The ranking or senior Borough police officer on duty may, in the event the number of people at any location seeking transportation from taxi/autocabs or ride share vehicles creates or may create a safety concern and/or may create a disturbance of the peace, establish a temporary taxi stand/ride share zone at any public location, such temporary taxi stand ride share dropoff or pickup zone to be designated by temporary traffic signs or other traffic devices identifying the temporary taxi stand/ride share dropoff or pickup zone. The provisions of this section applicable to taxi stand/ride share dropoff or pickup zone shall be applicable to temporary taxi standride share dropoff or pickup zone.

3.

In the event that a temporary alternate pickup/dropoff zone is designated consistent with Subsection b1 or 2, the Chief or ranking officer shall report said emergency or circumstance to the Mayor and Council, and the basis for said action no later than 24 hours after doing so.

UPON MOTION of Councilman Clemmenssen, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried, that the said Ordinance 05-2022 be and the same is hereby adopted on first reading, directing the Clerk to post and publish as required by law and setting the date of the public hearing as May 11, 2022.

- **R-73-2022:** Memorandum of Agreement – Chris Willms Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer and Fire Official

Recorded Vote:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensen	X			
Councilman Perry	X			
Councilman Zakin	X			
Council President Anthony	X			
Councilman Downey	X			
Councilwoman Richman	X			

UPON MOTION of Councilman Zakin, seconded by Council President Anthony, carried, that the following Resolution be and the same is hereby adopted:

WHEREAS, The Borough entered into a Shared Services Agreement (“Agreement”) with the Borough of Spring Lake (“Spring Lake”) to provide Spring Lake with Code Enforcement & Assistant Zoning/Code Enforcement services; and

WHEREAS, The Borough agrees to remit Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) of the SSA Payment it receives under the Agreement to Mr. Willms (“SSA Monies to Employee”) in addition to his Base Salary.

Recorded Vote:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensen	X			
Councilman Perry	X			
Councilman Zakin	X			
Council President Anthony	X			
Councilman Downey	X			
Councilwoman Richman	X			

- **R-74-2022:** Authorize the Naming of West Side Bike Path – Sea Girt Station Park

UPON MOTION of Council President Anthony, seconded by Councilman Zakin carried, that the following Resolution be and the same is hereby adopted:

WHEREAS, The Borough of Sea Girt has undergone a significant renovation to the Bike Path to include lighting, irrigation, seating and landscaping; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2022 The Borough Council will hold a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the completion of the project; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Borough Council to designate Block 91, lot 1 as *Sea Girt Station Park* to memorialize the train activity and “Station-Sea Girt,” that once was located in this area; and

WHEREAS, the Sea Girt West Side Bike Path Committee has made recommendation of the naming of this area to the Borough Council Buildings and Grounds Committee by way of Chairwoman, Sue Blasi; now

BE IT RESOLVED, The Borough Council hereby approves the name of The West Side Bike Path and adjoining area known as Block 91, Lot 1 as *Sea Girt Station Park*.

Recorded Vote:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensen	X			
Councilman Perry	X			
Councilman Zakin	X			
Council President Anthony	X			
Councilman Downey	X			
Councilwoman Richman	X			

- **R-75-2022:** Authorize Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Grant for EMS Shared Services

UPON MOTION of Councilman Zakin, seconded by Council President Anthony, carried, that the following Resolution be and the same is hereby adopted.

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$10 million for Shared Services and School District Consolidation Study and Implementation Grants to assist local units with the study, development, and implementation of new shared and regional services; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Belmar, as lead agency and the municipalities of Sea Girt, Manasquan and Lake Como propose to enter into a shared services agreement, but face certain expenses associated with implementation that present a burden to the local units; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this shared services agreement is to provide emergency medical services, which will benefit the residents of all participating local units; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Sea Girt, that the Borough of Sea Girt does hereby join with the Borough of Belmar in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$250,000 to support implementation of this shared service.

Recorded Vote:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensen	X			
Councilman Perry	X			
Councilman Zakin	X			
Council President Anthony	X			
Councilman Downey	X			
Councilwoman Richman	X			

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Clemmensen reported The Lighthouse will be closed until further notice due to maintenance issues; Bulk pickup is May 9th; JCP&L is almost complete repairing all the street lights; Washington Boulevard will be closed on May 1st for the Car Show between 10:00 am -3:30 pm; National Drug Take Back Program is April 30th - drop off medications to the Police Department, please remove labels and no needles will be accepted; dogs are allowed on the beach September 16th through May 15th only and must be leashed at all time; please be alert for pedestrian's and children walking; children under 17 should wear helmets; remember to lock your car doors and remove key fobs as well as the doors to your home; Chief Macko alerted the public to the thefts in our area.

Councilman Perry thanked Mrs. Spera for her budget report and the public hearing will be June 8th; Sea Girt Car Show is on April 30th on Washington Boulevard; he read a statement from The Recreation Commission which includes two locations for the Council to consider: one is an alternate position within Crescent Park, moving the court to the east of the original approved location. The court would start at the western edge of the existing parking area. With this orientation, the majority of the court is covering a parking area, with the remainder over a largely cleared space. This location would take down perhaps 1 mature tree, which upon examination no longer appears viable due to invasive vines. The original design would have called for the removal of approximately 12 trees. This option has an extremely minimal impact and could still allow for the head-on parking of 4 cars in the parking area.

The second option is outside of Crescent Park, on Bell Place, across from Sea Girt Elementary, which would utilize the parking area adjacent to the two tennis courts. We realize this concept would need further details and full engineering, especially concerning parking configurations and traffic flow.

Councilman Zakin thanked Sue Blasi for her leadership at the Library.

Councilwoman Richman thanked the volunteers, sponsors, beach staff and DPW for their efforts during the beach cleanup; she read the beach report; she noted that gate guards, beach crew and restroom attendant are needed for the upcoming summer; applications are available on our website. The Shore Community Alliance will have a table available at the Car Show to collect unused medications to support the National Take Back Drug Program.

Councilman Downey introduced himself personally since being elected; he commended Mr. Gant for running a great ship with his staff; he noted the town is run very well and complimented the employees on their efforts; the search for the vacancy in the finance department is ongoing; possible hire of an intern to assist with administrative functions is being considered.

Council President Anthony reported the proposal for repairs to the municipal building is forthcoming; Edgemere Park will soon have a split rail fence installed along the railroad tracks; more plantings will be placed along the path; cardboard mulching project was complete on April 2nd; Sea Girt Conservancy had a cleanup in early April to prepare for tree plantings; she thanked Mrs. Mayer for her contributions to the wonderful Easter Egg Hunt and all the volunteers for a fun event.

Mayor Fetzer commented the ordinances introduced tonight are in line with the cost of services; WTP maintenance is expected to be complete before the summer season; The Planning Board approved the Sitar Site Plan Approval; a transmission is being replaced on a firetruck, mutual aid is available as backup if necessary; drivers are now trained on the new firetruck; PBA negotiations are almost complete; the Library has authorized a strategic plan to move forward with renovation possibly in 2024; a shared service agreement is being negotiated between the Library and the Borough for use of Borough services; the Library has exceeded 1,000 library cards;

George Flynn (3rd grader) is the winner of the logo contest; book club is meeting in person; stuffed animal sleepover was successful.

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Gant commented that bids are being accepted for the Boardwalk Concession; bid is due on May 5th at 11:00 am; the bid packet can be found on our website or at the Borough Hall. DEP has alerted us of vehicle restrictions in the NGTC due to piping plover eggs; we follow these restrictions and take them seriously; Sea Girt Beach is also being monitored for endangered species. Budget presentation will be on June 8th on posted to our website. A general permit was submitted to the DEP for the ocean path at The Terrace for the evasive remediation of the Japanese knotweed; he commented the Borough is working towards a settlement with Fair Share Housing obligations.

Chief Macko reminded the public if they see something suspicious, say something. John DeMillio retires on April 30th after 32 years of service; at the May 11th meeting, we will recognize the officers that were promoted during the pandemic.

10. Resolution No. 76-2022: Pay Bills

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Girt, County of Monmouth that the bills be paid as appearing on the attached bill lists dated March 24, 2022 through April 27, 2022 in the totals as follows:

CURRENT FUND	\$ 921,745.47
WATER/SEWER OPERATING FUND	\$ 13,267.39
BEACH OPERATING FUND	\$ 6,719.78
RECREATION TRUST FUND	\$ 4,880.66
TRUST	\$ 1,022.00
DOG TRUST FUND	\$ 150.13
GENERAL CAPITAL	\$ 13,053.46

Recorded Vote:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Clemmensen	X			
Councilman Perry	X			
Councilman Zakin	X			
Council President Anthony	X			
Councilman Downey	X			
Councilwoman Richman	X			

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ANY SUBJECT (Comments limited to 5 minutes)

The following persons voiced their opinion in opposition of Improvements to Crescent Park Racquet Sports Recreation Area:

- Eileen Laslo, Philadelphia Boulevard;
- Fred Marziano, New York Boulevard;
- Susan Sharp, Stockton Boulevard;
- Sharon Kregg, 613 Brooklyn Boulevard;
- Megan Pacetti, Washington Boulevard;
- Mr. Plaia, Seaside Place;

- Patricia Schaeffer, Neptune Place;
 - Robert Gregg, Boston Boulevard;
 - Karen Loughran, Neptune Place;
 - Neil O'Halloran, Boston Boulevard expressed disappointment in Councilman Zakin's effort put forth trying to find who was behind the advertisements relating to Crescent Park;
 - Unnamed person and address opposes having recreation commission;
 - Marlies Stack, 506 Boston commented impervious coverage changes the town; substantial loss of trees, conserve green space and wildlife;
 - Kim Paterson, New York Boulevard;
 - Frank Sharp, Stockton Boulevard;
 - Neil Scheck, 4th Avenue, Belmar read a letter from Kurt Schoknecht opposing additional paddleball court;
 - Henry Bossett, Chicago Boulevard;
 - James Jade, Seaside Place;
 - Jane Wassmer, Stockton Boulevard;
 - Gerry Ferrante, Second Avenue;
 - Geraldine O'Keefe, Seaside Place;
 - Mrs. Bossett; Chicago Boulevard.
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- Leeann Hoffman, Philadelphia Boulevard gave her observation on Save Crescent Park;
 - Mike Meixsell, Chicago Boulevard addressed a Letter to the Editor regarding toxic chemicals.
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- Herbie Kunz, New York Boulevard *supports* additional paddleball court in Crescent Park.

There being no further business, and **UPON MOTION** of Councilman Clemmensen, seconded by Council President Anthony carried, that the meeting be finally and immediately adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Dawn Harriman

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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS MAY 11, 2022