

BOROUGH OF OCEAN GATE

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 24, 2024

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the Borough of Ocean Gate held on the above date at the Municipal Building, 801 Ocean Gate Avenue, Ocean Gate, N.J.

The Mayor Curtin called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and announced that in compliance with the "OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW" P.L. 1975 C231 notice of this meeting had been advertised in the Star Ledger issue of September 20, 2023 posted in the Municipal Office Building, Adrian Hall and the Ocean Gate Post Office.

Following a salute to the flag roll call was taken with the following members present; Curtin, McGrath, Nicastro, Haug, Cox, Fry, Zieser.

Verification that all members received electronic copies of the following minutes and notes of any errors or omissions: Council Workshop Meeting of June 12, 2024.

A motion was made by Councilman Cox to approve the abovementioned minutes. Second to the motion made by Council President McGrath. All in Favor. Motion Approved.

ORDINANCE 695-24 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REPEAL ORDINANCE 692-24 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEAN GATE, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AFFIXING AND DETERMINING THE SALARIES, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEAN GATE"

A motion was made by Councilman Cox to open the public hearing for ord. 695-24. Second to the motion made by Council President McGrath. All in Favor. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Councilman Cox to close the public hearing for ord. 695-24. Second to the motion made by Councilman Zieser. All in Favor. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Councilman Cox to adopt ord. 695-24. Second to the motion made by Councilman Zieser. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McGrath, Haug, Nicastro, Cox, Fry, Zieser Motion Approved.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Ocean Gate in the County of Ocean and the State of New Jersey as follows:

The following annual salary and wage range of the officials and employees enumerated below shall be as follows:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
Borough Administrator	\$ 1.00	\$ 50,000.00
Administrative Assistant	\$ 1.00	\$ 40,000.00
Senior Administrative Assistant	\$ 1.00	\$ 45,000.00
Chief Financial Officer	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Treasurer	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 72,000.00
Fiscal Officer	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 72,000.00

Finance/Tax Clerk	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Borough Clerk	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
Tax Collector	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Deputy Tax Collector	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Water & Sewer Collector	\$ 1.00	\$ 15,000.00
Tax Assessor	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Chief of Police	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 170,000.00
Lieutenant	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
Sergeant	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
Patrolman	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 105,000.00
Detective	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
Superintendent of Public Works	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Public Works Supervisor	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Recycling Coordinator	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
Animal License Clerk	\$ 1.00	\$ 5,000.00
Assessment Search Officer	\$ 1.00	\$ 5,000.00
Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$ 1.00	\$ 11,000.00
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$ 1.00	\$ 5,000.00
Local Assistance Director-Workfirst NJ	\$ 1.00	\$ 5,000.00
Local Board of Health Secretary	\$ 1.00	\$ 5,000.00
Control Clerk-Ocean Co. Construction Insp.	\$ 1.00	\$ 5,000.00
Tax Search Officer	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Purchasing Agent	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Zoning Officer	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Building Sub-Code Official	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Fire Protection Sub-Code Official	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Construction Official	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 39,000.00
Fire Official	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Fire Inspector	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Flood Plan Manager	\$ 1.00	\$ 15,000.00
Judge Municipal Court	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Municipal Court Administrator	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Mayor	\$ 1.00	\$ 5,000.00
Council Member	\$ 1.00	\$ 2,000.00
Public Defender	\$ 1.00	\$ 7,500.00

SECTION 3. The hourly wage of the employees enumerated below shall be as follows:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
Equipment Operator/Mechanic	\$ 10.00	\$ 25.00
Public Works Laborer	\$ 10.00	\$ 25.00
Public Works/Seasonal	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00
Beach Supervisor	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00
Badge Checkers	\$ 10.00	\$ 17.00
Lifeguards	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00
Tax Clerk	\$ 10.00	\$ 18.00
Clerical	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00
Clerk-Typist	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00
Deputy Court Administrator	\$ 10.00	\$ 17.00
Special Police Officer	\$ 10.00	\$ 22.00

Part-Time Regular Patrolman	\$	10.00	\$	17.00
Boardwalk Guards	\$	10.00	\$	17.00
School Crossing Guard	\$	10.00	\$	17.00
Rental Inspector	\$	10.00	\$	20.00
Deputy Code Enforcement Officer	\$	13.00	\$	20.00
Deputy Zoning Officer	\$	13.00	\$	20.00

All ordinances or parts of ordinances of this municipality inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final passage, approval and publication, as required by law.

A motion was made by Councilman Zieser to waive the \$125.00 Food Vendor fee for E&R Kettle Corn for the event on July 27, 2024. Second to the motion made by Councilwoman Nicastro. All in Favor. Motion Approved.

A motion was made by Councilman Cox to approve the Municipal Office Building as a drop off site to waive the \$125.00 Food Vendor fee for E&R Kettle Corn for the event on July 27, 2024. Second to the motion made by Councilwoman Nicastro. All in Favor. Motion Approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items listed below are considered to be routine by the Borough of Ocean Gate and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

A motion was made by Councilman Cox to approve the Consent Agenda. Second to the motion made by Councilman Zieser. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McGrath, Haug, Nicastro, Cox, Fry, Zieser

RESOLUTION 2024-167 Approval to Submit Grant Application to DOT Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Improvements to Anglesea, Red Bank, and Wildwood Avenues project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of Ocean Gate formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk and Colliers Engineering & Design are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2025-00163 Improvements to Anglesea, Red Bank and Wildwood to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Ocean Gate.

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

RESOLUTION 2024-168 HIRING OF FULL TIME FINANCE CLERK

WHEREAS, there exists a need to hire a Finance Clerk in the Finance Department and the Office of the Tax Collector of the Borough of Ocean Gate; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Finance Committee and the Governing Body, that Emily Lord be hired to the position of Finance Clerk retroactive to July 22, 2024 for a total of 32 hours per week, for a salary of \$32,000.00 annually; and

BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Ocean Gate, hereby hires Emily Lord as Finance Clerk for the salary listed above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the following:

1. Emily Lord, Finance Clerk
2. Kammie Verdolina, Tax Collector
3. Fred Ebenau, CFO
5. Personnel file

RESOLUTION 2024-169 APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF GRACE PERIOD FOR
PAYMENT OF TAXES DUE ON AUGUST 1, 2024

WHEREAS, due to a delay in receiving the certified tax from Ocean County for the year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the third quarter billing is usually due on August 1, with a 10-day grace period; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 1994, C 72 requires a minimum of 25 days from the date of the mailing of tax bills before an account is considered delinquent,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council, of the Borough of Ocean Gate, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey that the grace period for the payment of third quarter taxes is hereby extended to August 30, 2024, after which the normal interest rate will be charged back to the statutory due date of August 1, 2024.

RESOLUTION 2024-170 AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Councilman Cox to approve the Payment of Bills. Second to the motion made by Councilwoman Nicastro. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McGrath, Haug, Nicastro, Cox, Fry, Zieser. Motion Approved.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has carefully examined all vouchers presented to the Borough for payment of claims; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration of said vouchers, the Borough Council has approved the payment of same; and

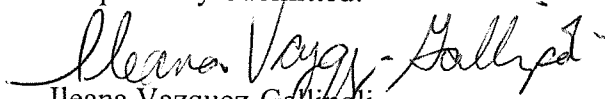
WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the bill list has been audited and is in order for payment and funds totaling \$1,219,715.13 available in the respective accounts as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Ocean Gate, County of Ocean, as follows:

1. The said approved 2024 vouchers amounting to the sum of \$1,219,715.13 the same are hereby authorized to be paid on July 24, 2024.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard the Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Fry. Second to the motion made by Councilman Zieser. All in Favor. Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted:


Ileana Vazquez-Gallipoli