

MARCH 6, 2023  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD, NJ

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held remotely, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor M. James Maley, Jr. called the meeting to order, with Commissioner Robert Lewandowski present and Commissioner Morgan Robinson present

Mayor Maley read the Sunshine Notice stating that the Borough has complied with provisions of the Sunshine Law by adopting before January 10 of this year, a resolution prescribing the dates, times and locations of all regular meetings of the Commission. Mayor Maley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Commissioners made a motion to approve the following reports Tax Collector, Municipal Court and Zoning Official.

The Commissioners made a motion to approve the February 6, 2023 minutes.

**The Commissioners called for the Second Reading and Public Hearing of**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1756**

***With no comments Commissioner Lewandowski moved the public hearing closed and the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading which was seconded and approved by the call of the roll:***

**APPROPRIATING \$666,609.11 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE ACT  
FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE**

**WHEREAS**, The Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provides funding to Municipalities, and a permitted use of such funds is investing in water and sewer infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, Improvements are necessary to the Sewer Infrastructure System to benefit residents within the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of utilizing a portion of the ARA funds to invest in the improvements to Sewer Infrastructure; and

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Borough Commissioners of the Borough of Collingswood, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, (not less than 2/3 of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

SECTION 1. The Borough Commissioners of the Borough of Collingswood hereby authorizes the following Sewer Capital improvements:

A. Improvements to Sewer Infrastructure	\$ 666,609.11
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The useful life of this equipment is at least five (5) years. No Supplemental Debt Statement is required since there is no authorization of any debt within this Capital Ordinance. The gross debt of the Municipality as defined by law is not increased by this ordinance, and no obligation in the matter of bonds or notes are authorized by this ordinance.

SECTION 2. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. This Capital Ordinance shall take effect immediately after publication following the final adoption as provided by law.

***Mayor Maley opened the ordinance for public comment.***

***With no comments Mayor Maley moved the public hearing closed and the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading which was seconded and approved by the call of the roll:***

**Aye: M. James Maley, Jr.**  
**Aye: Robert Lewandowski**  
**Aye: Morgan Robinson**

**The Commissioners called for the Second Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance 1757**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD AMENDING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE 287**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners (“Commissioners”) for the Borough of Collingswood (“Borough”) adopted Ordinance 1730 on February 7, 2022, which has been codified at Section 287-1 et seq. of the municipal code and which provides for the installation, maintenance and regulation of Electric Vehicle Supply/Service Equipment (“EVSE”); and

**WHEREAS**, since the adoption of the referenced ordinance the Borough has installed two public EVSE charging stations to provide for the charging of electric vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners wish to amend the Ordinance § 287-1 et seq. to provide usage and parking requirements for the use of the EVSE by the general public for the newly installed EVSE and for any additional EVSE installed by the Borough.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Collingswood, County of Camden, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. § 287-6 C. entitled “EVSE parking” shall be amended as follows:
  - The first paragraph of Subsection (3) shall be amended to add the designation “(i)” at the beginning of the first sentence.
  - Two new subsections designated as “(ii)” and “(iii)” shall be added and will provide as follows:
    - (ii) electric vehicles utilizing any designated public EVSE parking space shall pay a usage fee of \$1.50 for the first three hours and, thereafter, \$3.00 for each hour or any part thereof.
    - (iii) for any electric vehicles parked in any designated public parking space that are not utilizing the EVSE for charging shall subject the owner of the electric vehicle to the same penalties for the illegal parking of vehicles as established in the municipal code.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law.

**Mayor Maley opened the ordinance to the public:**

***With no comments Commissioner Lewandowski moved the public hearing closed and the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading which was seconded and approved by the call of the roll:***

**Aye: M. James Maley, Jr.**  
**Aye: Robert Lewandowski**  
**Aye: Morgan Robinson**

**The Commissioners called for the First Reading of Ordinance 1759**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE TRAFFIC DIRECTION AT LOT 15, BLOCK 96.01 AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWING OF UNAUTHORIZED OR ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.49 provides that a municipality may make, amend, repeal and enforce ordinances to regulate vehicular and pedestrian traffic and the parking of vehicles in parking places which are open to the public, including regulating internal traffic directions, and may take such other action as may reasonably be required to preserve and safeguard public health, safety, morals and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 39:4-197 provides that a municipality may make an ordinance regulating the entrances to and from parking yards which are open to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.49 provides that a municipality may regulate, by ordinance, the removal of motor vehicles from private or public property; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner of property identified as Lot 15, Block 96.01 at the tax maps of the Borough of Collingswood, more commonly known as 664-668 Haddon Avenue, which is currently being

operated as a Wawa convenience store and additional retail space (the "Property") has authorized the Collingswood Police Department to issue complaints for parking violations and to tow any unauthorized or abandoned motor vehicles from the Property; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the Property has authorized the Collingswood Police Department to issue complaints for violations of all traffic and parking ordinances on the Property, including the requirements of this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in order to safeguard the health and welfare of the public, the municipality desires to regulate the direction of ingress, egress and vehicular traffic at the Property; and

WHEREAS, Section 293 of the Municipal Code for the Borough of Collingswood regulates vehicles in traffic in the Borough of Collingswood; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate the direction of ingress, egress and vehicular traffic at the Property, authorize the Collingswood Police Department to enforce this ordinance and all traffic and parking regulations on the Property, and to lawfully tow unauthorized or abandon motor vehicles from the Property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the Borough of Collingswood that the following Chapters of the Borough Code be amended and supplemented as follows:

**I. Chapter 293 Vehicles and Traffic shall be amended as follows:  
Add new Section – 293-42.5 Parking Regulation for Lot 15, Block 96.01**

- A.** The provisions of Subtitle 1 of Title 39 of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated and all parking ordinances of the Borough of Collingswood shall apply to the land and building and specifically including the parking lot, all of which is identified as Lot 15, Block 96.01 on the tax maps of the Borough of Collingswood, more commonly known as 664-668 Haddon Avenue, including all surrounding areas, roadways, including semipublic and private roads, driveways, parkways, parking areas and any open space intended for use by members of the public, tenants, invitees, agents, representatives or employees.
- B.** It shall be unlawful for the owners or operators of any automobile or other motor vehicle subject to the provisions of Subtitle 1 of Title 39 of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated and all parking ordinances of the Borough of Collingswood to park any automobile or other motor vehicle which is disabled, stolen, abandoned, or involved in suspected criminal activity in any area of the parking lot and surrounding property at 664-668 Haddon Avenue.
- C.** All vehicular ingress to the parking lot and surrounding area at 664-668 Haddon Avenue shall be from Haddon Avenue and all vehicular egress from the property shall be from the rear of the property exiting toward Atlantic Avenue.
- D.** All vehicular traffic proceeding through the parking lot at 664-668 Haddon Avenue shall be one way, flowing from Haddon Avenue toward Atlantic Avenue.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law.

***Mayor Maley moved the ordinance be approved on first reading, published, and the second reading and public hearing to be held on April 3, 2023 which was seconded and approved by the following call of the roll:***

***Aye: M. James Maley, Jr.  
Aye: Robert Lewandowski  
Aye: Morgan Robinson***

***The Following Resolutions were Approved without a Dissenting Vote***

Brian Herman as Municipal Court Judge for the Borough of Collingswood

Appointing William Ortiz, Jr. as a Special Law Enforcement Officer Class II

Appointing John Longo, Jr. as Special Law Enforcement Officer Class I

Appointing Jessica McNulty as a Part-Time Youth Library Assistant for the Collingswood Public Library

Appointing Meredith Howell as an Alternate Member of the Collingswood Historic Board

Reappointing Patrick Snoke as a Full-Time Member of the Collingswood Historic Board

Reappointing Meggie Crnic as an Alternate Member of the Collingswood Historic Board

Authorizing the Sale of a Municipal Vehicle 2007 Seagrave Ladder Truck to the City of Camden

Authorizing Acceptance of the 2023 Safe and Secure Grant

Authorizing an Extension for the 2022-2023 Municipal Alliance DMHAS Youth Leadership Grants

Authorizing Application for the Sustainable Jersey® Grant funded by PSEG

Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with the County of Camden – Senior Community Center Electrical Upgrades

Approving a Contract Amendment with Thriven Design for the Dept. of Public Works Project

Authorizing to Advertise to Bid for the Construction of the New Department of Public Works Facility

Authorizing Negotiations for the Sale of the Property Located at 641 Haddon Avenue

Affirming the Borough of Collingswood's Civil Rights Policy Signing of Group Affidavit

Introducing and Approving the 2023 Municipal Budget

Approving the Payment of Bills in General, Water and Sewer Accounts

**Commissioner Robinson**, announced the Get Up Collingswood Volunteer Event. Commissioner said that there will be many local groups looking for volunteers. The event will be held the evening of March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Scottish Rite. Commissioner Robinson added that if anyone has an interest in being involved in the town organizations and events Get Up Collingswood is where up can come to get information.

**Commissioner Lewandowski** announced the Green Day Festival and Hazardous Waste Collection Dates.

### **Mayor Maley**

Mayor Maley opened the meeting to the public.

Eleanor Dill, Browning Rd. expressed her concerns that the ages Coventa Incineration plant may be burning industrial liquid waste. Ms. Dill expressed her environmental concerns about the area the incinerator plane is located. Ms. Dill listed three main issues she would like the Commissioners to look at. Ms. Dill asked the Commissioners to let the Camden County Commissioners know that Collingswood does not support a multi -year contract with Coventa. Ms. Dill would like the town to support a zero-waste coordinator to back efforts to shrink our waste stream. Lastly, Ms. Dill requested that the Commissioners also let the County Commissioners know that Collingswood would like “for incineration only” to be removed from the Bid Specs and we should consider other avenues for disposal of waste.

Wayne Rossi, 114 E Palmer Ave. stated he is in agreement with Ms. Dill. Mr. Rossi expressed his support of zero waste and his concern of the health of children in the area due to air quality. Mr. Rossi said he supports the request that the Commissioners informing Camden County that Collingswood will not support a multiyear contract with Covanta. Mr. Rossi asked for the status on the Community Choice Energy Aggregation Program. Commissioner Lewandowski explained the we are in communications with the energy consultant. Commissioner Lewandowski referred to the ordinance that was adopted by petition but in hard markers which we can not get that price below the tariff price. The original ordinance passed by the commissioners know the markets are fluid and are

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thinking was getting something is better than nothing. Commissioner Lewandowski explained the BPU recently released a new tariff price. Our consultant is looking at the new tariff and other numbers to determine the viability of going to market at this time. Commissioner Lewandowski said he expects to get feedback in late April.

With no comments, Mayor Maley moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 PM, which was seconded

Adopted: 4-3-2023