

November 9, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal, New Jersey was held on November 9, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. This meeting was conducted via Teleconference.

Mayor Cohen led the salute to the flag.

It was stated that in conjunction with the "Open Public Meeting Law", p.l. 1975 ch. 231, a notice required by this statute has been satisfied as per a resolution passed on December 9, 1997 at 5:05 P.M. at Borough Hall at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Borough of Deal, and Monmouth County, New Jersey.

Present: Mayor Cohen, Commissioner Ades (left at 9:28 A.M.) & Commissioner Simhon

Also Present: Paul Fernicola, Borough Attorney

It was moved by Commissioner Simhon, seconded by Commissioner Ades, and carried unanimously that the minutes of the previous meeting held on October 12, 2023 be approved as recorded.

### **ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING**

Ordinance 1276 to amend Chapter II Administrative was introduced on October 12, 2023 and the public hearing is scheduled for today, November 9, 2023. Mayor Cohen moved to open the meeting for public comment on Ordinance #1276, seconded by Commissioner Simhon and approved. Mayor Cohen invited public comment.

Barbara Coffey, 85 Norwood Avenue, asked how a 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendor on outside employment works.

Police Chief/Acting Administrator Ronen Neuman explained it protects the town against lawsuits, and it is under a contract with the outside vendor.

There were no other comments, and the floor was closed to public comments.

Commissioner Ades moved to adopt Ordinance 1276, seconded by Commissioner Simhon.

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

### **ORDINANCE 1276**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II OF  
"REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF  
THE BOROUGH OF DEAL, 1982",  
ADMINISTRATIVE

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF DEAL HEREBY  
ORDAIN:

Section 1. That Chapter II, Administrative, of the “Revised General Ordinance of the Borough of Deal, 1982 be and it hereby is amended in the following particulars:

Section 2. Subsection 2-25.5 **Number of Officers** is amended as follows:

2-25.5 Number of Officers

a. The number of officers in each rank shall be determined by the Chief of Police and confirmed by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal. The number of uniformed officers shall be of sufficient number to preserve and maintain the peace and good order of the Borough at all times of the year.

b. The following number of Superior Officers have been established as follows:

Maximum of one (1) Captain  
Maximum of two (2) Lieutenants  
Maximum of six (6) Sergeants

Section 3. Subsection 2-25.16 **Hours of Employment** is amended as follows:

2-25.16 Hours of Employment.

The hours of employment for members of the Police Department shall work a (12) hour daily schedule and shall be evaluated annually on December 1st of each year. The Borough shall have the right to change the standard workweek schedule, work shifts, starting and stopping times, etc., at its sole discretion, as the Borough determines is necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the Deal Police Department.

Section 4. Subsection 2-25.17.a **Salaries, Paid Holidays, and Longevity** is amended as follows:

2-25.17 Salaries, Paid Holidays and Longevity.

a. *Salaries.* Effective November 13, 2023 and thereafter all Deal Police Department salaries shall be pursuant to appropriate collective bargaining agreements.

Section 5. Subsection 2-25.18 shall be rescinded in its entirety.

Section 6. Subsection 2-25.21 **Outside Employment** is amended as follows:

The following shall apply to outside employment of off-duty Borough of Deal Police personnel by a contractor or third party for services:

a. All requests for outside employment of Deal Police shall be through the Chief of Police, or his or her designee. Payment for these services from the contractor or third party shall be made to Jobs for Blue a third-party vendor who handles all off duty employment.

b. This subsection shall only apply to Borough of Deal Police personnel.

c. The rate of compensation of off-duty Deal Police personnel will be billed at eighty dollars (\$80.00) per hour per officer. The minimum charge payable for such services shall be equal to a minimum of four (4) hours for each officer contracted for with the Borough. A cancellation fee equal to such minimum charge per officer shall be due and payable to Jobs for Blue where the request for such service is cancelled on less than 12-hour notice. (Ord. No. 1103)

d. Jobs for Blue shall charge the contractor or third party an administrative fee, an amount above the rate set for the police personnel, in order to cover expenses incurred by the Borough resulting from off-duty employment. This rate shall be billed at ten dollars (\$10.00) per hour per officer. (Ord. No. 1103)

e. Scheduling of off-duty employment, which is police-related, will be arranged by Jobs for Blue. Police personnel will have the option to work these police-related jobs, and all employment of off-duty Police Officers will be voluntary except for an emergency.

f. All payments to police personnel shall be made through payroll in accordance with the schedule set. The Borough of Deal will not make payments to officers employed by another agency.

g. All off-duty police-related work is not to be considered regular police duty.

h. Whenever off-duty police personnel are assigned to any police-related job, such as traffic control, security, crowd control, etc., he or she shall, for the purpose of his or her pension, be entitled to all benefits that he or she would be normally entitled to while on-duty.

i. A Police Officer is required to be present at the site for the protection of the public except when on an approved break and when the job mandates. This should be with approval of the Chief of Police or his or her designee.

j. The Borough may choose to utilize a secondary service to administrate and perform the above actions related to the off-duty employment process. These actions include but are not limited to: Communicating with said person or company to schedule off-duty "jobs", Scheduling the Officers for the said jobs, Invoicing person or company and receiving escrow and or payments from person or company in a manner set forth by the secondary service provider. The secondary service provider may charge an additional fee for services that is above and in addition to the fee structure stated above and utilize business type collection rules as set forth in the contract/agreement between the Borough and the secondary service provider. (Ord. No. 1154)

k. The secondary service provider will reimburse the Borough via ACH or other funds transfer methods, according to the fees set forth in this ordinance, due to the Borough and Officer, in a timely manner, usually coinciding with payroll periods for "jobs" that the officers have performed or were scheduled for in that period, in accordance with the above listed rules of

employment between the Borough and person(s) or company seeking services.

Section 5. If any part of this Ordinance shall be deemed invalid such part shall be deemed severable and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining part of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Any Ordinance or portions thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and superseded.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with Law.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

The following Resolutions were discussed and enacted:

Commissioner Simhon offers the following Resolution:

#### **Resolution 23-144**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Deal and the Deal Sephardic Network have been party to a lease dated July 13, 2015 as amended on February 2022 as it relates to the DSN Building located at Block 28 Lot 1; and

WHEREAS, the Deal Sephardic Network now has a need for a storage unit during the off-season to store outdoor furniture; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Deal allows for temporary storage to be used in the conduct of business if so necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal wishes to enter into a lease arrangement for storage space with the Deal Sephardic Network within Block 28 Lot 1 for a period of November 9, 2023 through May 15, 2024, for a cost of \$2,500.00 to be paid to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the Borough of Deal and Deal Sephardic Network have jointly negotiated and agreed to the terms of the attached lease.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal that the Borough of Deal enter into a lease arrangement for storage space within Block 28 Lot 1 for a period of November 9, 2023-May 15, 2024 for a cost of \$2,500.00 to be paid to the Borough.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution authorizes the Mayor and Acting Administrator to execute the enclosed lease on behalf of the Borough.

Seconded by Mayor Cohen

Roll Call: Ayes 2; Cohen & Simhon  
Abstain 1; Ades

Commissioner Simhon offers the following Resolution:

**Resolution 23-145**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 permits the Borough of Deal to award an emergency contract when the performance required affects the public health, safety or welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has determined that there is a collapsed storm sewer pipe located at 255 Ocean Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has requested the services of Sewer Rat Trenchless Solutions LLC, Ocean NJ to mobilize, excavate, remove, and install a new 8" PVC SDR-35 pipe at a cost of \$17,750.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal that Sewer Rat Trenchless Solutions LLC, be approved to repair the damaged storm sewer pipe at a cost of \$17,750.00.

Seconded by Commissioner Ades

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Simhon offers the following Resolution:

**Resolution 23-146**

WHEREAS, the Deal Public Works Department building sustained substantial damage due to a fire that occurred on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at said facility; and

WHEREAS, due to the fire, four (4) of the club cars were damaged and considered totaled; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Deal, now has need to purchase four (4) new club cars utilized by the sanitation, public works, and the sewer departments; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Deal is a member of the OMNIA Partners Public Sector Cooperative Purchasing Program Partnership; and

WHEREAS, Vic Gerard Golf Cars is a supplier of club cars under the OMNIA Partners Cooperative under Contract EV2671-01; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Deal intends to enter into contract with Vic Gerard Golf Cars through this resolution and properly executed contract; and

WHEREAS, the actual cost for the purchase of club cars is \$176,000.00, at \$44,000 per club car.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal, that Vic Gerard Golf Cars be awarded the contract for the purchase of four (4) club cars, under the OMNIA Partners Cooperative, for an amount of \$44,000 per club car, for a total of \$176,000.00.

Seconded by Commissioner Ades

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Ades offers the following Resolution:

**Resolution 23-147**

WHEREAS, the Borough's Finance and Tax Departments require software maintenance and support for its automated finance system (the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, the system is proprietary to Edmunds & Associates, Inc. ("Edmunds"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough had previously purchased the system; and

WHEREAS, Edmunds has provided software maintenance and support for the system since the time of purchase; and

WHEREAS, Edmunds has offered the Services for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, at a cost of \$14,552.41; and

WHEREAS, these services are exempt for public bidding, as support or maintenance of existing proprietary computer hardware and software, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1)(dd); and

WHEREAS, this Board is permitted by law to authorize a contract without publicly advertised competition if the contract is under the bid threshold of \$17,500.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal, that Edmunds GovTech is hereby awarded the contact to provide services for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, at a cost of \$14,552.41.

Seconded by Commissioner Simhon

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Ades offers the following Resolution:

**Resolution 23-148**

WHEREAS, the 2023 Best Practices Inventory Questionnaire is required to receive the Municipality's final 5% of State funding; and

WHEREAS, the Acting Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer have completed the Inventory and have provided the Board of Commissioners with a copy of said document; and

WHEREAS, a review of this Inventory has been discussed at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners on November 9, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners that the 2023 Best Practice Inventory results were discussed and be filed as required with the State of New Jersey.

Seconded by Commissioner Simhon

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Ades offers the following Resolution:

**Resolution 23-149**

WHEREAS, Christopher Conti, has applied for the position of Probationary Patrolman with the Deal Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Conti has successfully completed training as a Special Class II Police Officer graduating from the Monmouth County Police Academy in June, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Conti has successfully completed his associate's degree from Brookdale Community College.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Christopher Conti be hereby appointed as a Probationary Patrolman in the Police Department of the Borough of Deal, New Jersey, effective December 1, 2023 at an annual base salary of \$69,022.00 paid semi-monthly be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this approval is granted subject to the provisions of the statutes of New Jersey and the Ordinance establishing the police department in the Borough of Deal and the rules and regulations governing the Police Department.

Seconded by Commissioner Simhon

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Ades offers the following Resolution:

**Resolution 23-150**

WHEREAS, William Hayes, has applied for the position of Probationary Patrolman with the Deal Police Department; and

WHEREAS, William Hayes has successfully completed training as a Special Class II Police Officer graduating from the Monmouth County Police Academy in May, 2023; and

WHEREAS, William Hayes has successfully completed his bachelor's degree from Temple University.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that William Hayes be hereby appointed as a Probationary Patrolman in the Police Department of the Borough of Deal, New Jersey, effective December 1, 2023, at an annual base salary of \$53,400.00 paid semi-monthly be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this approval is granted subject to the provisions of the statutes of New Jersey and the Ordinance establishing the police department in the Borough of Deal and the rules and regulations governing the Police Department.

Seconded by Commissioner Simhon

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Ades offers the following Resolution:

**Resolution 23-151**

WHEREAS, Borough Ordinance 4-9 permits the appointment of Special Police Officers; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Ronen Neuman has recommended the appointment of Alexis J. Peralta as a Class II Special Police Officer in the Borough of Deal.

WHEREAS, Alexis J. Peralta has completed his course of instruction at the Monmouth County Police Academy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Alexis J. Peralta, having successfully completed his course of instruction, be appointed as a Class II Special Police Officer for a term of (1) one-year, commencing December 1, 2023, unless removed from office by the Chief of Police before the end of the one-year term. Alexis J. Peralta is to be assigned his duties by the Chief of Police consistent with the laws of the State of New Jersey and the Ordinance of the Borough of Deal.



Seconded by Commissioner Simhon

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Ades offers the following Resolution:

**Resolution 23-152**

WHEREAS, Borough Ordinance 4-9 permits the appointment of Special Police Officers; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Ronen Neuman has recommended the appointment of Martin Giancarli as a Class II Special Police Officer in the Borough of Deal.

WHEREAS, Martin Giancarli will be attending his course of instruction at the Monmouth County Police Academy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal that Martin Giancarli be and is hereby appointed to take the January 2024 Course at the Monmouth County Police Academy for Class II Special Police Officers.

Seconded by Commissioner Simhon

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Ades offers the following Resolution:

**Resolution 23-153**

WHEREAS, Borough Ordinance 4-9 permits the appointment of Special Police Officers; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Ronen Neuman has recommended the appointment of Ryan Kurczeski as a Class II Special Police Officer in the Borough of Deal.

WHEREAS, Ryan Kurczeski will be attending his course of instruction at the Monmouth County Police Academy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal that Ryan Kurczeski be and is hereby appointed to take the January 2024 Course at the Monmouth County Police Academy for Class II Special Police Officers.

Seconded by Commissioner Simhon

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Ades offers the following Resolution:

**Resolution 23-154**

WHEREAS, Borough Ordinance 4-9 permits the appointment of Special Police Officers; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Ronen Neuman has recommended the appointment of Travis Warnock as a Class II Special Police Officer in the Borough of Deal.

WHEREAS, Travis Warnock will be attending his course of instruction at the Monmouth County Police Academy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal that Travis Warnock be and is hereby appointed to take the January 2024 Course at the Monmouth County Police Academy for Class II Special Police Officers.

Seconded by Commissioner Simhon

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Ades offers the following Resolution:

**Resolution 23-155**

WHEREAS, Borough Ordinance 4-9 permits the appointment of Special Police Officers; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Ronen Neuman has recommended the appointment of John DeSteno as a Class II Special Police Officer in the Borough of Deal.

WHEREAS, John DeSteno will be attending his course of instruction at the Monmouth County Police Academy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal that John DeSteno be and is hereby appointed to take the January 2024 Course at the Monmouth County Police Academy for Class II Special Police Officers.

Seconded by Commissioner Simhon

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Ades offers the following Resolution:

**Resolution 23-156**

WHEREAS, Chapter IV Police Department of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Deal provides for Rules and Regulations for the Police Department in Section 5; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 specifies that such Rules and Regulations may be amended from time to time as approved by Resolution by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, revisions to the Rules and Regulations have been developed by the Chief of Police and reviewed and approved by legal and police professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal that the revised Rules and Regulations of the Deal Police Department of the Borough of Deal recorded on this date be approved for use by the Police Department.

Seconded by Commissioner Simhon

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Simhon offers the following Resolution:

**Resolution 23-157**

WHEREAS, Row A. Associates were awarded the bid for the gift shop at the Deal Casino for 2023; and

WHEREAS, said contract allowed for said contract to be renewed for four (4) additional one year terms; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal wish to extend said contract for the term of 2024 at a price of \$1,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal that Row A. Associates be awarded the gift shop concession for the 2024 season at the Deal Casino at a cost of \$1,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract for the future years be determined at the close of business each year at the bid price of 2025: \$1,000.00, 2026: \$1,000.00, and 2027: \$1,000.00 as stated in said contract.

Seconded by Commissioner Ades

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Ades offers the following Resolution:

**Resolution 23-158**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Deal has received notice of an award of \$40,760.00 from NJ Department of Law & Public Safety-Body-Worn Camera Grant Program Grants Program and wishes to amend the 2023 Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 in the sum of \$40,760.00.

Which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated  
with Prior Written Consent of the Director of the  
Division of Local Government Services:

State and Federal Revenues Off-set with  
Appropriations:

Body-Worn Camera Grant Program \$ 40,760.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of.....\$ 40,760.00  
be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(a) Operations Excluded from CAPS

State and Federal Programs Off-Set by  
Revenues:

Body-Worn Camera Grant Program \$ 40,760.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance Officer will file the Budget Amendment Certification Form and resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

Seconded by Commissioner Simhon

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Simhon offers the following Resolution:

**Resolution 23-159**

WHEREAS, the safety and security of residents and visitors is one of the top priorities of the Borough and its religious institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Deal and Deal Police Department wish to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the synagogues within the Borough to ensure safety; and

WHEREAS, the synagogue presently has installed a security video system to aid in the safety and security of its members, staff, and property with real-time video feed and the ability to access video recordings; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this agreement is to allow for the Deal Police to monitor the surveillance cameras and door access systems within the synagogue in the event of an emergency at or within the synagogue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the synagogues within the Borough.

Seconded by Commissioner Ades

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

**PROCLAMATION**

**RECOGNIZING DEAL GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB  
125 YEARS IN THE BOROUGH OF DEAL**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Deal is proud to pay tribute to Deal Golf and Country Club, on the occasion of its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for being founded in 1898 and incorporated in June of 1899; and

WHEREAS, the great story of Deal Golf and Country Club began in 1898 where it was founded by George Washington Young and a pioneer group establishing the first golf course at the jersey shore, which contained nine holes; and

WHEREAS, those original nine holes with minor changes are still played on today as the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup> holes; and

WHEREAS, Deal Golf and Country Club expanded its golf facilities in 1899 measuring 6,495 yards and was considered the second longest course in the country at that time; and

WHEREAS, the Club had many prominent members which included Robert Todd Lincoln (son of President Abraham Lincoln), Colonel George Harvey (editor of

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Harper's Weekly), William C. "Will" Durant (founder of General Motors), and honorary members, Presidents Benjamin Harrison and William McKinley; and

WHEREAS, well into its second century Deal Golf and Country Club still preserves its traditions and high standards of excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Samuel Cohen, Mayor of the Borough of Deal along with my fellow Board of Commissioners, do hereby congratulate Deal Golf and Country Club on their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

A report of the monthly activities, time, and sick use for the Police Department for the month of October was received from Chief Ronen Neuman.

A report of the Building Department for the month of October was received from the Building Department.

A report of the disbursement checks for the Municipal Court for the month of October was received from Krystle Reiner.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received from JCP&L notifying that their petition to increase charging rates on electricity was amended, and the NJ Administrative Office will hold a hearing on the petition on November 14, 2023 at 4:30 pm.

A letter was received from JCP&L notifying that their petition for net deferred costs included in its COVID-19 regulatory asset will have their hearing on November 30, 2023 at 4:30pm.

A letter was received from the Monmouth County Department of Human Services spreading the word about important services they provide.

Local Finance Notice 2023-19 was received providing information on the 2024 Municipal and County Budget Cap information.

Notification was received from Long Branch about Municipal Land Use Law Ordinance 0-31-23 in changing the overlay zone permitting use and operation of non-profit institutions of higher learning.

Notification was received from Allenhurst about the adoption of Ordinance 2023-21 regarding their agreement with Fair Share Housing Center and Power Station.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Commissioner Ades stated that we need to do work at Deal Casino and repair the roofs.

Mayor Cohen responded we already have it in the works to fix the roofs at the Casino.

Ronen Neuman, Police Chief/Acting Administrator, stated they are currently getting quotes from outside contractors. As well, he mentioned how the Army Corps of Engineers is trying to get funding to replenish the beach because it is a health and safety hazard currently.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to discuss.

### **RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS**

Commissioner Ades offers the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal, New Jersey that the following bills reported by the finance committee be ordered paid and vouchers drawn for the amount of \$2,832,523.26 for the October 31, 2023 bills report and \$720,300.76 for the November 15, 2023 bills report.

Seconded by Commissioner Simhon

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Cohen opened the session for public comment.

No communications were received 24 hours prior to the meeting to be read during the public comment.

Mary Anne Cronheim, 88 Monmouth Drive, asked for an update on how the license readers are working.

Ronen Neuman, Police Chief/Acting Administrator, responded they are working great and they are trying to get more.

Don Greenberg from Surf Rider Foundation asked for the status of stairs on Neptune Ave.

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Paul Fernicola, Borough Attorney, responded the subdivision was approved, there were amendments that were needed to be done, and the borough is working to get it completed now, as the subdivision was not finalized until the summer.

Raina Grossman, 5 Poplar Avenue, asked if the borough can get new tables and chairs at the lunch-in.

Mayor Cohen responded we will look into it.

Barbara Coffey, 85 Norwood Avenue, asked about Jerrey Shore Beach Rentals agreement with the Borough.

Mayor Cohen responded that agreement was cancelled prior to the 2023 Beach Season.

Barbara Coffey, 85 Norwood Avenue, stated she saw someone operating a go-kart on the beach, and wants to know the ordinance.

Ronen Neuman, Police Chief/Acting Administrator, responded he will look at the ordinance.

Christine Best, Short Hills, NJ, asked why the meetings were at 9am and not in person. As well, asked if there was an issue with the ocean this year that it was yellow or green on some days. Lastly, she asked if the town is planning on placing 5G polls on the beach.

Commissioner Simhon stated if she notices to water being green or yellow during the 2024 season to contact borough hall to notify them about it.

Mayor Cohen stated the borough will not allow cell towers on the beach.

There were no other comments, and the floor was closed to public comments.

Mayor Cohen offers the following Resolution:

**Resolution 23-160**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 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; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss material that fall under contractual and personnel matters; and



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WHEREAS, Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal hereby exclude the public from this meeting.

Seconded by Commissioner Simhon

Roll Call: Ayes 2; Cohen & Simhon  
Absent 1: Ades

The Board of Commissioners entered into closed session to discuss contractual and personnel matters at 9:45 A.M.

The Commissioners returned to open session at 10:04 A.M.

There being no further business or comments, it was moved by Commissioner Simhon and seconded by Mayor Cohen that the meeting be adjourned at 10:05 A.M.

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Clerk