

Setting the Record Straight Surf City

The last few weeks there has been erroneous information put before the public. The Republican candidates for Surf City Council welcome this opportunity to provide the following information:

CLAIM: Democrat candidates Jack & Lydia Bashwiner assert that the Borough CFO, Attorney, and Department heads do not attend Borough Council meetings.

FACT: For those of you that have attended council meetings you know that, almost always without fail, our Department heads (CFO, Administrator/Clerk, Chief of Police, and Public Works Superintendent) are present at the meetings and are often-times called upon to answer questions. Having our attorney attend means an hourly rate, portal to portal. Unless necessary, we don't require the attorney's presence for that reason.

CLAIM: The Borough of Surf City "only contributes \$25,000 to our Volunteer Fire and EMS Company".

FACT: A monetary contribution of \$25,000 is given to the Surf City Fire and EMS Company but to further assist with the services they provide, Surf City has provided ambulances, fuel and insurances. Approximately \$40,000 per year is contributed to the Length of Service Awards programs for qualifying members. The combination of these contributions total approximately \$120,000 annually. Furthermore, in 2016 a state-of-the-art engine was purchased for just over \$740,000. (Approximately \$760,000 less the sale of two older engines to offset some costs.)

CLAIM: Surf City is in debt.

FACT: By law, bonds must be issued for capital projects as it authorizes the project and the expenditure of funds. As a result of careful spending throughout many years, Surf City can, and does, borrow from itself to fund capital projects. These monies must still be accounted for and that's what you see on the "Annual Debt Statement". In other words, the money is authorized to spend but debt bonds remain unissued. Further evidence that Surf City is not borrowing money is the lack of debt service (interest paid to borrow money). On the other hand, the Bashwiners served their former community of Verona, where in fact, they have accumulated real debt in excess of \$40,000,000!

Councilman Peter M Hartney

- 27-year resident of Surf City
- Married with 2 adult children, 2 adult stepchildren and 2 grandsons
- Councilman, Borough of Surf City
 - Chairman of the Beach Fees/Beach Replenishment Committee
 - Beach fees cover approximately 98% of beach operating cost
 - Advocates/works with US Army Corp of Engineers on LBI Coastal Storm Risk Management Program (Beach Replenishment)
 - Chairman, Environment and Public Issues Committee
 - In partnership with ReClam the Bay began summer education program
 - Lead Surf City participation in annual Barnegat Bay Blitz since inception
 - Participated in JC NERR resilience study and current Resilience LBI study
 - Chairman, Municipal Land Use Board
- Community service
 - President, past Chief and currently Captain of the Surf City Volunteer Fire CO. & EMS
 - Volunteer Police and Municipal Court translator in Spanish and Portuguese
 - Citizen member of the Ocean County Mental Health Board
 - Chairman, Ocean County Board of Social Services
- Employment/Occupation
 - Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Beachwood
 - Adjunct Assistant Professor, OCC School of Business and Social Science
 - Teaching Introduction to Anthropology, Cultural Anthropology and Introduction to Sociology
- Education
 - Bachelor of Science in Biology, Siena College, Loudonville, NY
 - Master of Arts in Theology with a concentration in ethics, Washington Theological Union
 - Advance Graduate Certificate of Studies in Latino Theology, United Lutheran Seminary

Councilwoman Jackie Siciliano

- 25+ year resident of Surf City
- Married to Ted Siciliano, DC with 1 adult son
- Councilwoman for Surf City since July 2013
- Chairwoman, Surf City Streets & Roads
 - Surf City Committees: Finance, Water & Sewer, and Sanitation
- Surf City – past member Board of Health
- Surf City – past member Land Use Board
- Surf City Taxpayers Association member
- Community service
 - Minister of Hospitality & Eucharistic Minister, St. Thomas of Villanova Church, Surf City
 - Past LBI PTA President, Treasurer, & Volunteer
 - Long Beach Island Education Foundation, past volunteer
 - Get LBI Running 5K to benefit the Surf Volunteer Fire and EMS Company, past volunteer
- Employment/Occupation
 - Office Manager, Manahawkin Chiropractic
- Education
 - Bachelor of Arts in Education, University of Kentucky with emphasis in Community & Therapeutic Recreation

