

**FEBRUARY 13, 2020
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Cape May Point was called to order by Mayor Moffatt at 6:00 PM. The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by the Mayor who then led those present in the flag salute. Mayor Moffatt, Commissioner Mullock and Commissioner vanHeeswyk answered roll call. Also in attendance: Administrator Steve O'Connor, Clerk Elaine Wallace, and Solicitor Brock Russell.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Mullock asked public works employee Anthony Famiano to stand so he could be recognized for his great work, his involvement in the community and desire to further his training. Mr. Famiano has obtained his NJ Firefighter 2 certification, will be testing for his CDL and plans to take the state public works supervisory certification courses. Mr. Mullock announced he has promoted Anthony to the title of Supervisor of Parks and Recreation. Holding a supervisory title is one of the requirements to take the state courses. Mr. Mullock also recognized David Gray who, before becoming a full-time public work employee, was a lifeguard in the Point for 8 years. Lastly, Mr. Mullock touched on the way the Borough is connected to the events of the world at-large citing recent killings of environmentalists protecting the monarch butterfly habitat in Mexico and the spreading coronavirus. In addition, the Borough must work on sustainability and flood mitigation in light of climate change and ocean rise.

Commissioner vanHeeswyk agreed the Borough needs to be aware of ocean rise and flooding hazards. In line with that, the Borough may need to look getting the flood and zoning ordinances more fully aligned. Finally, she read portions of a recent notice of violation letter from the zoning officer to demonstrate how zoning issues are handled properly in the course of business.

Mayor Moffatt reported on a meeting with Atlantic City Electric, which required him to leave the work session a little early. The meeting was to discuss tree trimming and vegetation management. He asked people to let him know of spots that need attention. He will forward those concerns to Atlantic City Electric so they can address any safety concerns as necessary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 7, 2020 Work Session
January 7, 2020 Closed Session
January 9, 2020 Regular Meeting
January 28, 2020 Work Session
January 28, 2020 Closed Session

*Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt
Roll call: all in favor*

PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Connie Campanella asked for an explanation of the ordinance being introduced. Clerk Wallace explained it is an annual ordinance that allows the Borough to bank the portion of the cap limit that it did not use this year. The banked funds are available to be used if additional funds are necessary in the next 2 years.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION/PUBLICATION:

- 01-2020 Calendar Year 2020 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)
Second Reading, Public Hearing and Consideration for Adoption – March 12, 2020
Motions: Mullock, vanHeeswyk
Roll call: all in favor

RESOLUTIONS:

- 36-20 Award of Professional Services Contract for Borough Engineer – Bruce Graham
Motions: Mullock, vanHeeswyk
Roll call: all in favor
- 37-20 Approval of Change Order No. 1 for Ocean, Pavilion & Central Avenues Drainage Road Project
Motions: Mullock, vanHeeswyk
Roll call: all in favor
- 38-20 Authorizing Issuance of a Petty Change Bank for the Beach Director
Motions: Moffatt, vanHeeswyk
Roll call: all in favor
- 39-20 Authorizing Issuance of a Petty Change Bank for the Shared Municipal Court
Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt
Roll call: all in favor
- 40-20 Authorizing Issuance of a Petty Change Bank and a Petty Cash Bank for the Clerk’s Office
Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt
Roll call: all in favor
- 41-20 Tonnage Grant Application 2019
Motions: Moffatt, Mullock
Roll call: all in favor
- 42-20 Authorizing Special Event Permits to Cape May Point Taxpayers’ Association
Motions: Moffatt, Mullock
Roll call: all in favor
- 43-20 Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment

Decisions under Title VII of the civil Rights Act of 1964”

Motions: Moffatt, vanHeeswyk

Roll call: all in favor

44-20 Introduction of the 2020 Municipal Budget

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

45-20 Approval of Bill List

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING: None

PUBLIC PORTION:

Dan Simmler asked if there was a schedule of what will happen next with historic preservation. Commissioner vanHeeswyk explained the matter is in review by the Planning Board. Once that board has come to a consensus, it will make a recommendation to the governing body. Mr. Simmler asked Commissioner Mullock for clarification on a comment made by him regarding an agreement with the St. Mary’s. Mr. Mullock explained there have been discussions about the future of the building after being notified they Sisters plan to tear it down in 2022 and nothing has been decided or resolved at this time.

Commissioner Mullock thanked the people of Cape May Point who have generously contributed to the Harriet Tubman Museum whose grand opening is scheduled for Juneteenth. So far, the museum has raised over \$500,000 in monetary and in-kind contributions and was recently listed as one of the top 10 most anticipated museum openings in 2020 among a host of multi-million-dollar projects. While researching for the project, 2 written documents of slaves escaping across the Delaware and entering Cape May Point were found. Mr. Mullock was amazed by the connection of some of the Borough’s historic buildings to the history of slavery and the underground railroad.

Jeff Sowers asked if the Borough knew what work is being done on Sunset by Verizon and if it had anything to do with 5G in the Borough. Clerk Wallace advised that only AT&T has applied for permits for small cell antennas within the Borough. No one had knowledge of the work Verizon was doing.

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm on motion of Commissioner vanHeeswyk, seconded by Mayor Moffatt.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted:

Elaine L. Wallace, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Commissioner Mullock

Commissioner vanHeeswyk

Mayor Moffatt