

**OCTOBER 8, 2020**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Cape May Point was called to order by Clerk Wallace at 6:00 PM. The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by the Clerk who then led those present in the flag salute. Mayor Moffatt, Commissioner Mullock and Commissioner vanHeeswyk answered roll call. Also in attendance: Administrator Ed Grant, Clerk Elaine Wallace, and Solicitor Brock Russell. This meeting was held via teleconference under local operation guidance from the NJDCA, pursuant to P.L. 2020, c. 11.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

Commissioner Mullock met with the Borough Engineer this month to go over the upcoming Yale Avenue water/sewer and road project as well as the Emergency Services Building proposal. He is hoping to get in on the next round of FEMA grants for the latter project. Sister McCarthy recently released information about St. Mary's. As many people know, Mr. Mullock has been working in confidence with the sister over the last 2 years. He has previously stated he was working on a non-profit environmental and nature center proposal. He couldn't provide information beyond that because of confidentiality of the situation. Mr. Mullock went on to report on the Public Works season and year end work being done. Lastly, Mr. Mullock commented on the candidate forum held the past Saturday evening, stating he was very proud of the 4 people who are running and felt very fortunate to have such high-quality people running for office. He thanked Mayor Moffatt and Commissioner vanHeeswyk for working with him over the last 7 years and being able to accomplish so much. He commended Catherine Busch for her outstanding work for the Borough and on the Environmental Commission as its Chair. He expressed his admiration for Mary Kelly. He believed the citizens of Cape May Point will have a difficult choice to make and hoped they give the new leadership the cooperation and support the position deserves.

Commissioner vanHeeswyk thanked Commissioner Mullock for his kind words. She felt the forum held Saturday night was positive overall and all the candidates did well.

Mayor Moffatt thanked Commissioners vanHeeswyk and Mullock. He announced Chris Meyerink has been hired as Assistant Code Enforcement and should prove to be a valuable asset to the community. He and Brady will be working to perform the rental fire inspections that were postponed due to COVID-19. In addition, they will be following up on making sure all rental properties have the necessary permit. Dr. Moffatt also announced the Census has been extended, and encouraged everyone to be sure to respond, including second homeowners. For information on how to register a second home, go to [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov). Finally, Mayor Moffatt shared some statistics for the 2020 beach season: 114,798 visitors to our beaches, 6 rescues and 2 major medical issues. He commended the Beach Patrol on a job well done.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

Grant Projects Status: The closeout documents for Ocean/Central/Pavilion have been assembled for submission to NJDOT for final reimbursement. There are punch list items still remaining on the Pearl/Brainard road project. The County Open Space reimbursement payment for Lake Lily was received.

Sustainable Jersey: Mr. Grant is working on an energy audit grant application, the last one being done in 2011. He is hoping to get it together with a good turnaround. The Borough received permission from Sustainable Jersey for an extension on the raingarden grant with permission to spend the remaining funds on compost bins and plant markers for Lake Lily. The Borough has already ordered those items to exhaust the grant funds remaining. Once this is closed out, the Borough will be able to apply for additional Sustainable Jersey grants. In concert with the Green Team and grant consultant, the Borough is looking into the possibility of getting funds to put solar panels at the pump station and barn. The pump station generates a lot of electric demand.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

August 25, 2020 Work Session

September 10, 2020 Regular Meeting

*Motion to adopt: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt*

*Roll call: all in favor*

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION/PUBLICATION:** *Scheduled for Second Reading and Public Hearing – Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm*

10-2020 An Ordinance Amending Borough Code Chapter 150 (“Zoning”), Article II (“Definitions”) and Article III (“Prohibited Uses”), to Make Swimming Pools a Prohibited Use in All Zones

*Motion to adopt: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt*

*Roll call: all in favor*

11-2020 An Ordinance Amending the Borough Code by Adding New Chapter 108 (“Maintenance Requirements for Existing Nonconforming Swimming Pools and Spas”)

*Motion to adopt: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt*

*Roll call: all in favor*

12-2020 An Ordinance Amending Borough Code Chapter 113 (“Nuisances; Public Health”) to Add New Article II (“Prohibitions against Bamboo”)

*Motion to adopt: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt*

*Roll call: all in favor*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

114-20 Approval of Bill List

*Motion to adopt: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt*

*Roll call: all in favor*

**ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:**

09-2020 An Ordinance Appropriating \$26,944.95 from the Capital Surplus Fund

*Motion to Open Public Hearing: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt*

*Roll call: all in favor*

Helen Chezem asked if there would be any chance for additional public input prior to engineering being done on the proposed new emergency services works building. Commissioner Mullock asserted that there has already been a lot of input, but everyone will get another chance for comments as was done with regard to the previous proposal for a public works facility on the water tower site. A plan will be created based on previous input and then submit them. The Commissioners and Planning Board, as well as the public, will have opportunities to review. He anticipates an approach similar to that used when funds were requested from County Open Space for the Lake Lily project. Ms. Chezem would like to see dumpsters included in the new construction so they can be moved from their current location. They are a nuisance and noise problem that never ends, unlike construction sites. She would also like to see raised solar panels that would allow vehicles and equipment to be parked under them incorporated into the plans.

When no one else wished to speak, the public hearing was closed.

*Motion to adopt: vanHeeswyk, Mullock*

*Roll call: all in favor*

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Catherine Busch alerted everyone to the fact a spotted lantern fly was spotted in Cape May Point State Park earlier in the day. The Environmental Commission will discuss how to educate the public about them and what we should be doing about them. She also thanked Commissioner Mullock for his kind words.

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm on motion of Commissioner vanHeeswyk, seconded by Mayor Moffatt.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted:

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Elaine L. Wallace, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk

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Commissioner Mullock

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Commissioner vanHeeswyk

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Mayor Moffatt