

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2021
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 Mayor who then led those present in the flag salute. Mayor Moffatt, Commissioner Busch and Commissioner vanHeeswyk answered roll call. Also in attendance: Administrator Ed Grant, Clerk Elaine Wallace, and Solicitor Ed Grant.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Busch sent a letter to property owners on Yale Avenue advising all curbs and sidewalks would be removed, except for those in front of the Post Office and Fire House, in compliance with the Master Plan and in preparation for the upcoming paving project. Public Works will be performing this work, which is estimated to save \$100,000 on the construction bid. An ordinance is being introduced to appropriate an additional \$130,000 in capital funds for the bid. If the tentative schedule is followed, construction is expected to begin in early November. Lastly, she reported 3rd quarter water/sewer bills will be mailed in mid-October and will be due December 1st. The full annual schedule will be posted on the Water-Sewer page of the Borough website.

Commissioner vanHeeswyk reported Cape May Point was one of only 3 Cape May County municipalities to increase in population. The Borough's population increased 5% from 191 in 2010 to 205 in 2020.

Mayor Moffatt thanked Bill Oat and Chris Garrison for another wonderful beach season. Dr. Moffatt also announced Dr. Michael Van Clef will be giving a Zoom presentation on October 19th at 6 pm on invasive plants, particularly bamboo. More information will be available on the website and sent via email notification.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Grant and Mayor Moffatt will be meeting with Fire Company representatives to go over their concerns and projects. In addition, he and Solicitor Amenhauser will be meeting with representatives from West Cape May and Cape May City to discuss court shared services. Lastly, Mr. Grant reported on the Historic Preservation Survey conducted by committee on behalf of the Borough. Informational and response cards were included with tax bills to allow all property owners the opportunity to participate, not just registered voters. The process was conducted by the committee, with no Commissioner involvement. The cards were drafted by staff and approved by the Borough Solicitor. The process has been reported on at most meetings, was posted on the website and sent via email to all subscribers. The survey clearly stated a majority of property owners would have to vote "yes" in order for the Borough to move forward. The response deadline was August 31st. Votes were tallied and audited. The final tally was 186 affirmative responses, only 27% of total property owners. The committee concluded there was insufficient support to move forward.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 12, 2021

August 24, 2021

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION/PUBLICATION:

09-2021 Appropriating \$130,000 from Capital Improvement Fund for Yale Avenue
Second Reading/Public Hearing/Adoption – September 28, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Motions: Busch, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

RESOLUTIONS:

103-21 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Cape May County
Municipal Utilities Authority for Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services

Motions: Busch, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

104-21 Cancellation of Unexpended Grant Funds Receivable and Appropriation
Balances

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

105-21 Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for Yale Avenue Reconstruction Project

Motions: Busch, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

106-21 Approval of Bill List

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

07-2021 Ordinance Amending Chapter 146 "Water and Sewer Utility" of the Borough of
Cape May Point Municipal Code

Motions to Open Public Hearing: Busch, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

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

Motions to Adopt: Busch, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

PUBLIC PORTION:

Borough Solicitor John Amenhauser reported he reviewed correspondence regarding wording of the explanatory statements for "yes" and "no" votes included in the Historic Preservation Survey. Those objections were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Amenhauser determined the explanatory statements were clearly worded as to the result of a yes or no vote and no further action was necessary.

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm on motion of Commissioner vanHeeswyk, seconded by Mayor Moffatt.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted:

Elaine L. Wallace, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Commissioner Busch

Mayor Moffatt

Commissioner vanHeeswyk