

MAY 24, 2022
WORK SESSION MINUTES

The Work Session of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Cape May Point was called to order by Clerk Wallace at 12:00 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 John Amenhauser.

COMMISSIONERS' DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS)

Commissioner Busch reported Yale Avenue is on schedule. The contractor will work late the next two days to complete laying the first course of asphalt prior to Memorial Day weekend. No work will be done Friday through Monday due to the holiday. This will allow people to park on the street and put out trash and bulk trash. Commissioner Busch reminded everyone of items NOT included as bulk trash. Public Works will be doing a final raking of the wrack line along the beaches later in the week so the beaches are prepared before the holiday. The Borough waits as long as possible as part of its wildlife management plan to allow birds to feeding in the wrack line. Public Works is also laying beach mats at St. Peter's beach and will be putting more in at the Coral Avenue ramp. Lastly, she reported Public Works planted new trees and shrubs at Lake Lily and Pavilion Circle with more to be planted as they are available.

Mayor Moffatt reported the beach programs are progressing for the season, there may be some changes. He also reported Cape May County has the highest incidents of COVID cases in the state, with a few in Cape May Point. While Borough Hall will remain open, masks are required to enter the building. Lastly, the Borough is waiting for word from the County on the traffic calming projects.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Grant reported he is also waiting to hear from the County on a speed monitor to be placed on Lighthouse Avenue. He has also been working on JIF requirements including best practices for safety meetings and implementing a consent form for treatment of minors in case of emergency, which has been approved by the Borough and JIF solicitors.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None

RESOLUTIONS:

67-22 Refund of COAH Development Fee Overpayment – Walter Renovations, LLC

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt
Roll call: all in favor

68-22 Approval of Bill List

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt
Roll call: all in favor

PUBLIC PORTION:

Barb Bassett thanked the Commissioners their support of the environment and commended them for removing the invasive trees and replacing them with native trees at Lake Lily and Pavilion Circle.

Jim Imbriaco asked if the Borough was waiting for a specific update on Cape Avenue traffic calming. Administrator Grant answered the Borough requests updates on a regular basis but knows the County is committed to the project and is hoping to proceed in the fall.

Hope Luken said she heard the person who enforces trash regulations has attended school and will be ticketing for trash violations, rather than giving gentle reminders as in the past. Mayor Moffatt emphatically stated the rumors are untrue. Commissioner vanHeeswyk stated the Borough's code allows for a warning before a ticket would be issued. Administrator Grant confirmed that nothing has changed in the enforcement process. Commissioner Busch asked why the time for putting out the cans is Sunday at 3 pm instead of 12 pm, when most people leave. Mrs. vanHeeswyk stated it has been moved earlier to 3 pm from 7 pm in the past to make it easier for people, particularly in the winter when it's dark at 7 pm, and figuring most people stay as long as possible on the weekend.

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 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