

MAY 9, 2019
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Cape May Point was called to order by Mayor Moffat 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.

PRESENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON PLANTINGS AT BOROUGH HALL RAIN GARDEN FOR GOVERNING BODY APPROVAL:

Catherine Busch, Environmental Commissioner Chair, presented the plan designed by Rutgers Cooperative Extension and approved by the Environmental Commission. The rain garden is a project of the Green Team and the Borough has been awarded a Sustainable Jersey grant in the amount of \$2,000 to help with the project. Rutgers supplied the list of plants and the general layout of the rain garden. Much of the work will be done by students and interns beginning in July. The Borough will handle planting in the fall, possibly with assistance Rutgers. Rutgers Cooperative Extension is interested in doing other projects here in the future. The Water Resources Department will give seminars and give advice to property owners on how they can do plantings and gardens on their own property. Ms. Busch is hoping to have them come later this year. Commissioner vanHeeswyk made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mullock, to approve the plan. The motion was unanimously carried on roll call vote.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Mullock advised the bulkhead project is progressing on schedule, although the expansion portion will take a little longer. The bulkhead will be topped with a wooden cap that will be the only part that needs to be replaced, probably every 25 years. The final step of installation is putting in "dead men" and tie-in rods to hold the bulkhead in place. The next steps are bidding the pathway and landscaping. The Ocean, Pavilion and Central drainage and road project was bid this week and will be awarded later on the agenda. The low bid was roughly \$65,000 lower than the engineer's estimate. Lastly, he reported Public Works is working on the beach entrances, including fill and concrete on Alexander.

Commissioner vanHeeswyk reported she has spoken to the author of the article on Philly.com about St. Peter's by the Sea, which stated the building was probably the kindergarten from the centennial fair, and he has agreed to modify it. Mrs. vanHeeswyk was concerned that misinformation could make future searches more difficult.

Mayor Moffatt reminded everyone beach tags are on sale each day between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. all through May, except Memorial Day. He announced the County Engineer has agreed to work on traffic calming projects on County roads within the

Borough this fall. Dr. Moffatt thanked Emelia Oleson for another great spring beach cleanup. Lastly, he commented on real estate signs creeping toward the road. If they are in the right-of-way, the borough can remove them.

Commissioner Mullock showed the draft of the bike path map being produced by Cape Island Connections. The map shows routes through Cape May Point, Cape May City and West Cape May. He thanked everyone who worked on the project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 23, 2019 Work Session

April 9, 2019 Work Session

April 11, 2019 Regular Meeting

Motions: Moffatt, vanHeeswyk

Roll call: all in favor

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION/PUBLICATION: None

RESOLUTIONS:

61-19 Resolution to Close a Portion of Yale Avenue on Saturday, July 6, 2019

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

62-19 Authorizing a Special Event Permit to Cape May Point Civic Club, Inc.

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

63-19 Award of Contract for Ocean, Pavilion & Central Avenues Drainage & Road Project

Motions: Mullock, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

64-19 2019 Salary Resolution

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

65-19 Approval of Bill List

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

66-19 Authorizing the Borough to Enter into Discussions Regarding the Saint Mary's By the Sea Retreat House

Motions: Mullock, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

03-2019 Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements in and by the Borough of Cape May Point, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,703,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,503,000 Bonds or Note of the Borough to Finance Part

of the Cost Thereof
(Supplemental Debt Statement - 0.463%)

Motion to open public hearing: vanHeeswyk, Mullock

Roll call: all in favor

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

Motion to adopt: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT received/filed on motion of Moffatt, seconded by vanHeeswyk
PLANNING BOARD

Eileen Leming, Alternate #2 – 2-year term expiring April 8, 2021

PUBLIC PORTION:

Helen Chezem asked if the governor’s comments about open beaches will have an effect on the Borough or its ability to sell beach tags. Commissioner vanHeeswyk gave an overview of the Borough’s efforts with regard to Municipal Public Access Plan that has been ongoing since 2009. The law does not prohibit charging for access to the beach.

Sandy Allison thanked the Borough for the recent water information mailing. She found it wonderful, informative and eye-catching and felt more people were likely to read it than the reports. She also stated she was disappointed Alexander Avenue wasn’t included in the recent traffic calming discussions. She was advised the project is only for County roads.

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm on motion of Commissioner vanHeeswyk, seconded by Commissioner Mullock.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted:

Elaine L. Wallace, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Commissioner Mullock

Commissioner vanHeeswyk

Mayor Moffatt