

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2019  
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

The Work Session of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Cape May Point was called to order by Deputy Mayor vanHeeswyk at 12:00 PM. The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by the Deputy Mayor who then led those present in the flag salute. Commissioner Mullock and Commissioner vanHeeswyk answered roll call. Mayor Moffatt was absent. Also in attendance: Administrator Steve O'Connor, Clerk Elaine Wallace, and Solicitor Brock Russell.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Lake Lily: The concrete work for the parking space and bench pads will be done by the end of the week. The contractor for the porous pave walkway wants to do the groundwork next week so the porous pave contractor can come in the weekend of Oct. 5 and 6, which the Borough approved. The landscaping bids were opened earlier in the day and the lowest bid was \$133,075. The figure was much higher than anticipated, but all four bids were very close. As a result, Commissioner Mullock doesn't think rebidding it would generate savings and would greatly delay the project, so he recommended awarding the bid. He feels it's worth the extra expense of doing the porous paving since it was overwhelming supported by the Borough, Environmental Commission, and the public that attended the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting about the project. There is money in the capital surplus that has been saved on other projects that can be used to make up the difference. Clerk Wallace said formal action can't be taken until the Borough has the certification of funds from the CFO. Mr. Mullock showed photos of the colors available for the porous walkway. After some discussion, the consensus was to choose brown. Commissioner Mullock met earlier in the day with West Cape May, Cape May and our Public Works department to discuss an insufficient chlorine reading in the water system. The situation has been remedied and no bacteria was detected. Unrelated to these recent tests, the Borough has changed the lab it uses for water testing.

Administrator O'Connor commented on a news article about the NJDEP allowing Stone Harbor to use sand from their dunes to fill the beach instead of pumping sand from the water. Commissioner vanHeeswyk thought they might be allowing it because their dunes don't match the original template and perhaps as some type of compromise since Stone Harbor is suing the Army Corp because of sand in the inlets.

**COMMISSIONERS' DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS)**

Fig Tree in Borough Right-of-Way: Commissioner vanHeeswyk suggested the discussion be held off until Mayor Moffatt is present. Her concern is that the tree is in the Borough's right-of-way and over a pipe to Lighthouse pond. She doesn't want Borough infrastructure to be damaged.

Commissioner vanHeeswyk thanked Emelia Oleson for a great beach cleanup. She outdid herself organizing the project which had a record 74 participants. Mrs. vanHeeswyk reported on a webinar given by NJDEP seeking input on rulemaking for public access to waterways as a result of recently adopted legislation. The Borough

submitted its MPAP in 2011 and is one of only 20 municipalities to have done so. The State has never approved any of those plans. One of the things they are considering is requiring updated MPAPs whenever there is construction, building near dunes, and especially pertinent to the Borough, is beach maintenance and replenishment. Lastly, she reported she is attending a FEMA meeting on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> about the coastal map restudy. They are looking to adopt new maps by 2022. Her concern is the base flood elevation changing and adversely affecting people who have built within the last few years and their flood insurance premiums. She also announced Gary Miller is going to be another Borough representative to the Coastal Coalition.

**REVIEW OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

94-19 Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Right-of-Way Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

*Motion to Introduce: vanHeeswyk, Mullock*

*Roll call: all those present in favor*

95-19 Approval of Bill List

*Motion to Introduce: vanHeeswyk, Mullock*

*Roll call: all those present in favor*

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Helen Chezem asked if the Borough could get stickers for the top of the recycling cans saying not to put recycling in plastic bags. Catherine Busch suggested waiting until the County updates their stickers instead of duplicating work. Public Works Supervisor Bill Gibson will speak with the County's recycling coordinator to see if they are close to printing. If not, he can have a roll of stickers made at a reasonable cost. Ms. Chezem asked if there is any indication whether Whilldin and Coral beaches will be closed again next year. Bill Gibson explained those beached were never open to swimming until recent years. The annual beach survey won't be done until next spring, but when asked if sand could be moved to allow swimming, Dr. Farrell said the possibility was unlikely.

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 12:42 pm on motion of Commissioner Mullock, seconded by Commissioner vanHeeswyk.

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