

**FEBRUARY 25, 2020
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

The Work Session of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Cape May Point was called to order by Mayor Moffatt 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 Mullock and Commissioner vanHeeswyk answered roll call. Also in attendance: Administrator Steve O'Connor, Clerk Elaine Wallace, and Solicitor Brock Russell.

RIGHT-OF-WAY APPLICATION – AT&T: Joya Pieri and Sean O'Mara of Jacobs Consulting and Donna Kimzey-Strike of AT&T joined the Board to discuss the placement of a 5G antenna on Lighthouse Avenue. The Board was hoping for a different location that was still workable. The AT&T representatives explained there are many restrictions on which poles can be used due to regulations of the pole owners and due to performance issues. Mr. O'Mara explained the purpose of the new antenna isn't necessarily to increase coverage, but to off-load existing coverage over the rf spectrum. The equipment proposed does not make noise of any kind, there would be no fans running in the box. Commissioner vanHeeswyk suggested they consider placing the antenna near the entrance and parking area of the state park. It would be out of the way and there are no other services to interfere. Mr. O'Mara stated the process of getting approval from Atlantic City Electric has been very long and changing would take a substantial amount of time, but they could investigate other options. The proposed pole location is the optimal location for the rf need and other options probably won't meet their needs. Administrator O'Connor suggested they visit the site with Bill Gibson so they could look into the possibility of using it. The Borough would be happy to assist with expediting the process with Atlantic City Electric, if necessary. The Borough will wait to hear from Ms. Pieri.

Bill Gibson returned later in the meeting and reported the AT&T representatives had many reasons why they didn't think the new location would work. Mr. Gibson told them to explore at least one other option then get back to the Borough. One of the representatives mentioned that the cupola on the building might be a possibility. Solicitor Russell advised there could be complications down the road if maintenance of the building would require temporary relocation of the services. It is something to keep in mind.

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON COUNTY ROADS: Borough Engineer Bruce Graham passed out a report on the ongoing discussions with the County Engineer's office. He would like to get a consensus of where the commissioners stand on the suggestions so he can get back to the County with recommendations. The following summarizes the various locations:

Cape Avenue – The Borough moved away from supporting installing islands in favor of using at least 2 speed tables to reduce speeding. Whether they would be at

intersections or mid-block was not finalized. Mayor Moffatt suggested ones with integrated crosswalks so roadway painting wouldn't be necessary. That would be more expensive and would need county approval. If the cost of installing a speed table were around \$5,000, Commissioner Mullock suggested asking the County if the Borough could install them in critical areas, or get the County to do the project quicker if the Borough would be willing to pay the cost of the tables. Commissioner vanHeeswyk was in favor of deciding what the Borough wants now and pushing the County to get it done.

Lighthouse and Coral Avenue Intersection: Everyone was in favor of the existing plan which includes installing curbing and making the turn radius sharper. Two driveways would still go through the curbing, but the on-street parking would be eliminated. There was concern about how long it will take for the county to do the project. Commissioner Mullock suggested Public Works take immediate action to put in temporary measures. Mr. Graham suggested putting in temporary flexible posts and removing some of the asphalt in the shoulder of the road to help in the meantime.

Coral Avenue: There was also discussion of installing a speed table, more stop signs or other traffic calming strategies along Coral Avenue. The Borough Engineer suspected none of the intersections would meet the criteria necessary for him to certify stop signs. Commissioner vanHeeswyk suggested creating pathways between points of interest and using signage to try to calm traffic or possibly creating one-way streets. Mr. Graham said the Borough would have to look at the entire traffic pattern before making one-way streets. In addition, crosswalks and warning signs can be installed at each intersection.

Cedar and Alexander: This intersection is not on county roads. Mr. Graham saw only the need for a stop bar painted on Cedar.

Lighthouse Avenue: The Board considered putting speed tables on Lighthouse and Mr. Graham advised the County will do either speed tables or an island, but not both. He felt that 2 speed tables should be considered, possibly near Coral and between the two East Lake Drives. Commissioner vanHeeswyk suggesting having one at Seagrove as well, for a total of three.

Cape/Pavilion Intersections: The County recommends bump out, curbs and sidewalk, as well as narrowing the turn radii. Mayor Moffatt was opposed to sidewalks and the Borough's Master Plan discourages them. However, he liked the bump outs and found the one at E. Lake works great.

Ocean/Pavilion Intersection: The County recommends a tighter turn radius. Engineer Graham feels a sloped curb would also be good in that area to keep traffic from cutting the corner.

The Board entertained public comments on the traffic calming measures.

Catherine Busch suggested painting crosswalk at the first intersection on Coral Avenue from Lighthouse Avenue because she's seen cars drive through the stop sign because they don't see it. She also asked about the intersection with Lighthouse and E. Lake Drive, and was advised a bump out is already planned there similar to Lighthouse/Coral.

Jim Hull appreciated the discussions and hopes the improvements at Coral and Lighthouse will be done in the near future. He's been parking a car at the intersection for 5 years to try to slow traffic. He feels it needs a physical barrier to slow traffic, the striping isn't enough. He also didn't understand why there aren't more stop signs on Coral. Bruce Graham explained that he can't certify the intersections meet the required standards so they can't be put in. Mr. Hull also asked if a temporary measure could be done until the County gets the project done. Commissioner Mullock asked Public Works Supervisor Bill Gibson to handle the Lighthouse intersections at Coral and E. Lake right away. The engineer will provide a plan so Mr. Gibson can remove asphalt in the shoulder area.

Jeff Sowers really liked Commissioner Mullock's idea of doing speed tables at the Borough's cost, even if just as a test case. Mr. Graham will speak to the County to see if it would be possible.

Judy Hull was concerned that with the shoulder removed, people on bikes would have to be in the street more. She suggested an opening in the curb to allow bikes to get out of the traffic lane.

Mike Neary supported Judy Hull's concerns about bicycles being forced into the roadway and curbing being unforgiving. Bruce Graham will ask the county to look into those concerns. Mr. Neary also advised there are portable speed tables the Borough might be able to try. The Borough will look into it.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT None

COMMISSIONERS' DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS)

Mayor Moffatt reported Atlantic City Electric has begun inspecting all the properties he forwarded with concerns about trees near electrical lines. Any situations that need immediate attention will receive it, other will wait until the regular maintenance schedule to be trimmed. Service lines from the poles to homes are the responsibility of the homeowner, but they can contact Atlantic City Electric to have service temporarily turned off so someone can trim around it.

RESOLUTIONS:

46-20 Approval of Bill List

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

PUBLIC PORTION:

Jeff Sowers provided each commissioner with a chart of what signs are at each beach entrance. He suggested having a single sign incorporating all the various regulations so all the information is posted at each beach and they look harmonious. All commissioners were in favor of the idea. Commissioner Mullock will look into it.

Connie Campanella asked, on behalf of a Taxpayers Association member, if the damage to lawns due to road work will be repaired once the project is completed. Commissioner Mullock confirmed it will be done once the final paving is finished.

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 1:39 pm on motion of Commissioner Mullock, seconded by Mayor Moffatt.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted:

Elaine L. Wallace, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Commissioner Mullock

Commissioner vanHeeswyk

Mayor Moffatt