

**NOVEMBER 11, 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 Clerk 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' REPORTS:

Commissioner vanHeeswyk reported meteorologists Dan Skeldon and Jim Eberwine spoke at the recent Coastal Coalition meeting and they are predicting an early winter with increased nor'easter-type storms. She wanted people to be aware of the possibility in case they need to turn off water or secure items around their homes ahead of time.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Grant is working on 2022 grant strategy, finishing up the employee cyber training, and on the terms of the existing police contract in light of the switch to the county dispatching system. Also, the County Engineer has advised him the plans have been completed and contract documents are being compiled for the traffic calming projects. Although the utility companies haven't yet responded on the necessary poles needing to be moved, he anticipates a spring bid and work schedule. Lastly \$160,000 for the resurfacing of Harvard Avenue.

Jim Imbriaco asked how much of an issue moving the utility poles will be. Mr. Grant was not certain, but said the County Engineer didn't make it sound insurmountable. Mr. Imbriaco wondered if the County was aware of the urgency the community feels about getting the traffic calming work completed. Mr. Grant assured him the County is sensitive to the community's desires. If the movement of the poles becomes an issue, he will ask the County to break the project into 2 phases.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October 14, 2021 Regular Meeting and Closed Session

October 26, 2021 Work Session

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION/PUBLICATION: None

RESOLUTIONS:

117-21 Authorizing the Transfer of Funds

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

- 118-21 Amending the Borough of Cape May Point Cafeteria Plan under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as Amended
Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt
Roll call: all in favor
- 119-21 Authorizing Water Bill Adjustment in Accordance with Chapter 146-17.d “Water Leakage Policy” of the code of the Borough of Cape May Point
Motions: Busch, vanHeeswyk
Roll call: all in favor
- 120-21 Approval of Bill List
Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt
Roll call: all in favor

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

- 10-2021 Amending Chapter 50 (“Beaches”), Section 8 (“Fees”) of the Code of the Borough of Cape May Point to Increase Seasonal Beach Tags Fees
Motion to open public hearing: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt
Roll call: all in favor

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

Motion to adopt: Moffatt, vanHeeswyk
Roll call: all in favor

PUBLIC PORTION:

Jim Imbriaco asked if the beach tag increases are to fund salaries. Mr. Grant answered in the affirmative explaining the minimum wage will continue to increase yearly through 2024.

Sandy Allison reported Cape May is thinking about cracking down on electric golf carts and wondered if Cape May Point has given it any thought. She felt the number of such vehicles has been increasing and she has seen young children being allowed to drive them around town which she felt was a safety issue. Ms. Allison raised concerns about the lack of police enforcement of parking violations. She asked if the Borough was planning to permanently eliminate the second work session of the month. Mayor Moffatt felt the Borough didn’t need a second work session each month. Commissioner Busch felt the work session 2 days before the regular meeting was always a duplication and unnecessary. Clerk Wallace explained that the change was made due to COVID and it has worked well combining into 2 meetings per month during which all business is handled. Lastly, Ms. Allison asked why only trees at Mr. Mullock’s house were removed along Yale. Commissioner Busch explained he asked the Borough for permission to remove them prior to the road work being done. No such request was made by any other homeowner. The Borough hasn’t yet decided if more trees need to be removed or not.

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm on motion of Commissioner vanHeeswyk, seconded by Mayor Moffatt.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Wallace, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Accepted:

Commissioner Busch

Mayor Moffatt

Commissioner vanHeeswyk