

MARCH 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 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, Solicitor John Amenhauser, Auditor Mike Garcia, and CFO Jim Craft. This meeting was held electronically via Zoom under local operation guidance from the NJDCA pursuant to P.L. 2020, c.11.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Busch reported the preliminary work on Yale Avenue has begun and various notices have been sent out to the general public and impacted property owners. She also reported on several recent water and sewer leaks in the Borough. In addition, she and Bill Gibson toured the beaches and entrances in preparation for the summer season. There are some ideas for the Cape and Alexander entrances, which will take some time, planning, permitting, and funding before they can be realized. Lastly, Ms. Busch reported Emelia Oleson will be transitioning out after 20 years of doing the Clean Communities program for Cape May Point. This year's spring beach cleanup will be held April 24th and will be done by Bob Mullock and his family. She thanked Emelia for her years of service, as well as Commissioner vanHeeswyk who has been assisting in recent years. As the Commissioner in charge of Clean Communities, Ms. Busch will be the contact person going forward.

Commissioner vanHeeswyk had no report.

Mayor Moffatt thanked Isabelle Neary and Paul Massanari for the work they've done on the mayor's monarch pledge, which he looks forward to signing soon. He also announced that Beach Patrol Chief Bill Oat is working hard to get the junior lifeguard program up and going for this summer.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Grant reported he has been doing JIF and MEL training, as well as working on the employee manual. He is also beginning the search for electric vehicles for the beach tag program. He has also been working on the request for removal of trees and sidewalks along Yale Avenue with the borough attorney and the commissioners individually. Once proposals are provided, the borough can take action on as it sees fit at an upcoming meeting.

2021 BUDGET

Presentation by Auditor Mike Garcia

Auditor Garcia provided a slide show and reviewed the highlights of the budget which will result in a 1.7 cent tax increase. The budget was below both the spending cap and the tax levy cap.

CAP ORDINANCE SECOND READING / PUBLIC HEARING

02-2021 Calendar Year 2021 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget

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: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

BUDGET RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING

47-21 Read by Title Only and Open Public Hearing on 2021 Municipal Budget

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

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

48-21 Local Unit Self-Examination of Budget

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

49-21 Adoption of 2021 Municipal Budget

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 11, 2021 Regular Meeting

February 23, 2021 Work Session

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION/PUBLICATION: None

RESOLUTIONS:

50-21 Approval of Bill List

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING: None

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Planning Board

Eileen Leming – Class IV – 4-year term expiring 4/8/2025

Mike Keosky – Class IV – 4-year term expiring 4/8/2025

Jeffrey Sowers – Alternate #2 – 2-year term expiring 4/8/2023

Ellen Pfendner Alternate #4 – 2-year term expiring 4/8/2023

PUBLIC PORTION:

Jeff Sowers questioned the expiration date of his Planning Board appointment. Clerk Wallace explained when he moved up to alternate #2 he serves for that position's unexpired term, not the term of his original position.

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 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