

JULY 8, 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. 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 Public Works is doing seasonal work on the beaches and getting town ready for the height of the summer. They are also trimming trees and vegetation where it effects public safety or fire truck access. They are also clearing storm drains, as they normally do before a big storm.

Commissioner vanHeeswyk reported the Borough's audit contained no recommendations, which is a reflection of the great work the Borough staff does, in particular Jim Craft, Marie Hood, Kim Stevenson and Elaine Wallace. She also reported on the Coastal Coalition meeting she attended earlier in the day.

Mayor Moffatt reported beach tag sales had a significant increase, especially in seasonal tags. The populations on the beaches is larger than ever and the people are friendly to everyone. Lastly, he hadn't had parking complaints in the last couple of weeks, but advised anyone with a problem to call the police at 609-884-9500.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Grant has been working on cyber security deadline with JIF. A Toms River, NJ company will perform background checks after speaking with JIF to discover they had made a mistake on the original bid tabulation. The cost would be under the bid threshold, so no resolution is necessary to enter into a contract. Mr. Grant also reported the historic preservation survey is almost ready and will go out with the tax bills. The survey will require yes votes from over 50% of the community, not just those that respond, in order to pass.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Mary Kelly thought it was great the Borough is moving to live meetings at the fire house and again suggested streaming the meetings. During the adoption of Resolution 87-21, Commissioner Busch stated having the regular meetings in person at the fire house and the work session via Zoom will allow the broadest range of people to attend Borough meetings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 10, 2021 Regular Meeting
June 22, 2021 Work Session

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt
Roll call: all in favor

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION/PUBLICATION: None

RESOLUTIONS:

- 86-21 Authorization to Accept the Audit Report for 2020
Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt
Roll call: all in favor
- 87-21 Amending Resolution 24-21 to Update Meeting Locations and Formats
Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt
Roll call: all in favor
- 88-21 Approval of Bill List
Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt
Roll call: all in favor

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING: None

PUBLIC PORTION:

Jim Imbriaco asked for an update on the traffic calming measures. Administrator Grant reported the County has adopted the ordinance funding the projects, so the projects should be on schedule for this fall. Mr. Imbriaco also asked who puts up the American flags and why the ones on Cape don't go all the way to the circle. Mayor Moffatt advised him they are done by volunteers.

Mary Kelly clarified that her main point with Zoom was that all the meetings should be streamed to social media. Ms. Kelly also commented on a recently cleared lot on Cape Avenue and the Borough being listed as one of the most endangered historic places. She thought the essence of the Point is respect for nature and hopes the Borough does everything it can to retain the wonderful features that made the Point special.

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm on motion of Mayor Moffatt, seconded by Commissioner vanHeeswyk.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted:

Elaine L. Wallace, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Commissioner Busch

Mayor Moffatt

Commissioner vanHeeswyk