

**JANUARY 25, 2022
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

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

COMMISSIONERS' DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS)

Commissioner Busch reported on meeting on how the state is preparing to spend federal bipartisan infrastructure funds. At this time, funding is focused on water infrastructure investment, including some categories that may be beneficial to the Borough. She will look closely at these with the administrator, engineer and grant consultant. Ms. Busch also reported on a water quality restoration grant available through NJDEP. The opportunity was brought to her attention by a company that assisted the Environmental Commission with Lake Lily. The company is working on a grant proposal on the Borough's behalf for a lake watershed management plan. If successful in getting the grant, the plan will enable the Borough to qualify for further grant assistance with various types of projects. Ms. Busch also stated, with the freezing temperatures over the previous weeks, there have been numerous water leaks, including 1 or 2 in the Borough's infrastructure. Many of the leaks on private property were houses with outside showers still on or pipes not drained. Bill Gibson and David Carrick are running weekly leak detection reports, investigating and informing property owners and shutting off service when necessary. Running weekly reports and contacting owners or property managers will hopefully prevent people from running up big bills. Finally, on a sad note, she reported the death of Ann Brecker who served as chair of the Planning Board and on the Environmental Commission in the past.

Commissioner vanHeeswyk reported the first budget discussion will be held February 10th, with anticipated introduction March 10th. She advised these are would be great meetings for the public to attend to learn what's going on with taxes.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Grant reported he is working on several interlocal agreements with West Cape May and Cape May City. He will also be meeting with the new engineer and grant consultant to focus on sources of funds and relevant projects.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None

RESOLUTIONS:

26-22 Appointing Class III Member of the Planning Board

Motions: Busch, vanHeeswyk

Roll call: all those present in favor

27-22 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Refund Overpayment of Taxes

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Busch
Roll call: all those present in favor

28-22 Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Busch
Roll call: all those present in favor

29-22 Office of Emergency Management Appointments

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Busch
Roll call: all those present in favor

30-22 Award of Professional Services Contract for Borough Engineer – Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., Dale Foster

Motions: Busch, vanHeeswyk
Roll call: all those present in favor

31-22 Confirmation of Officials for Joint Insurance Fund and Municipal Excess Liability Fund

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Busch
Roll call: all those present in favor

32-22 Approval of Bill List

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Busch
Roll call: all those present in favor

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:

Environmental Commission

Emelia Oleson – Member – 3-year term expiring 1/31/2025

Isabelle Neary - Member – 3-year term expiring 1/31/2025

Paula Massanari - Member – 3-year term expiring 1/31/2025

Elise Geiger – Alternate #2 – 2-year term expiring 1/31/2024

Motions to receive and file: vanHeeswyk, Busch
Roll call: all those present in favor

PUBLIC PORTION:

When no one wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 12:13 pm on motion of Commissioner vanHeeswyk, seconded by Commissioner Busch.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted:

Elaine L. Wallace, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Commissioner Busch

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Mayor Moffatt

Commissioner vanHeeswyk