

**FEBRUARY 10, 2022
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, CFO Jim Craft, and Solicitor John Amenhauser.

BUDGET DISCUSSION WITH CFO JIM CRAFT

CFO Jim Craft and the Commissioners went through the budget worksheets and discussed each department and its proposed appropriations for 2022. As proposed, the budget calls for a tax increase of 1.57 cents or tax levy increase of roughly \$91,000. Commissioner vanHeeswyk thanked Mr. Craft, and said we will continue to see if we can make any additional cuts. Commissioner Busch said she looks forward to fine tuning the figures for water/sewer. Mr. Craft stated that if all goes well we will introduce at the next regular meeting.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner Busch reported that Public Works has been very busy the past few weeks clearing the roads around the clock as we experienced two significant snow events. Colder temperatures also resulted in pipes freezing, both for the borough and some homeowner's outside showers. Separately, Commissioner Busch and Administrator Grant also met with the new Borough Engineer the day prior, with the Yale Avenue repaving project the priority. Finally, the Environmental Commission met February 9 with the meeting focus on what Green Team activities will be done for the Sustainable New Jersey Bronze Certification in the next 18 months.

Commissioner vanHeeswyk discussed changes that are being introduced by FEMA as it relates to flood insurance premiums. NJ Coastal Coalition held a meeting where a participating insurance agent shared their knowledge of the upcoming changes. Rather than using base flood elevation and flood zones, FEMA looks to consider a building's foundation type, cost, frequency of floods and distance to water. FEMA says that rates will be easier for homeowners to understand, and changes will be seen starting in April, 2022. If anyone has questions they can be directed to Lou Belasco, Borough Floodplain Manager.

Mayor Moffatt mentioned that traffic calming in the Borough will now be done in the fall of 2022 rather than during the summer season, and the Mr. Grant will have more to cover in his report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Grant began by saying we will be meeting with our grant consultant in the next few weeks, and we are anxious to sit down and prioritize proposed actions. Regarding traffic calming, the county engineer has informed us that bonding is in place and they

plan to advertise shortly. There were discussions about whether construction could be complete in the summer, but the majority feel like this would best be done in the fall because the project will shut down a portion of Lighthouse Ave. This project is a long time coming and many of us are looking forward to its completion. Mr. Grant then discussed emergency debris removal following storms. As discussed at prior Borough meetings, this would involve Cape May Point joining with four or five other municipalities to sign a joint contract for post-hurricane debris removal. Debris removal through the state contractor has had its shortcomings, but we will continue to work with the State to look at other options. Finally, we have several JIF (Joint Insurance Fund) activities that are underway. We are a participant in JIF, not a client, and while it can be labor intensive we see significant savings in our insurance premiums.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 6, 2022 Regular Meeting

January 25, 2022 Work Session

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

RESOLUTIONS:

33-22 Authorizing Special Event Permit for Cape May Point Taxpayers Association

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all those present in favor

34-22 Authorizing Special Event Permit for Katherine Cline

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all those present in favor

35-22 Reappointing Louis J. Belasco, Jr, as Judge of the Cape May Point Municipal Court

Motions: Moffatt, vanHeeswyk

Roll call: all those present in favor

36-22 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application 2021

Motions: Busch, vanHeeswyk

Roll call: all those present in favor

37-22 Authorizing Special Event Permit for Lance Bailey

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all those present in favor

38-22 Approval of Bill List

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all those present in favor

PUBLIC PORTION:

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm on motion of Commissioner vanHeeswyk, seconded by Commissioner Busch.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted:

Elaine L. Wallace, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Commissioner Busch

Mayor Moffatt

Commissioner vanHeeswyk