

JUNE 9, 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. 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. This meeting was held electronically via Zoom under local operation guidance from the NJDCA pursuant to P.L. 2020, c. 11.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

County Broadband Assessment and Feasibility Study: Clerk Wallace explained the County is conducting a study on broadband service in an effort to obtain grant money to expand broadband in our area. The more people who provide information on their broadband service and experience, the better able the County will be to determine where improvements are needed. The Commissioners agreed to send out the information to its email subscribers and place the link on the Borough website.

Volunteer of the Year for 2021: Mayor Moffatt has recommended Jonathan Westcott as 2021 Volunteer of the Year. Commissioners vanHeeswyk and Busch were both supportive of the nomination based on the great work Mr. Westcott does each year for the Dune Day Plan as well as the other environmental projects he's involved with. Commissioner vanHeeswyk made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Busch, which was unanimously approved to name Jonathan Westcott Volunteer of the Year for 2021.

Commissioner Busch reported the Yale Avenue project is wrapping up. The second layer of paving was completed earlier in the week. The contractor is restoring topsoil and grass seed along properties now and striping will probably be done the following week. She also noted several items on the agenda regarding the resurfacing Harvard Avenue. The Borough hopes to begin work in the fall. Public Works is getting beach equipment in place, including additional beach mats. After receiving a second order of mats, they are now at St. Pete's and Coral Avenue entrances with some also at Lehigh. If the new mats work well, then more will be added next year. The existing Mr. Boardwalk was placed at Stites and Brainard entrance(s). Lastly, Public works will be trimming back trees and shrubs in the rights of way. If someone would prefer to do the work themselves, they may. Ms. Busch will prepare an email notification for distribution.

Commissioner vanHeeswyk explained the purpose behind Resolution 75-22. Energy Tax Receipts used to be paid directly to municipalities. Then, the State took over collection, promising to provide 100% of the funds to the municipalities. Over the years, the State has diverted the funds to other purposes. Proposed legislation will restore, phased in over a 5-year period, 100% of these funds to each municipality.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Mr. Grant reported he and the Clerk are preparing to do harassment training sessions with the beach patrol and beach tag staff so they are aware of the policy and how to report an incident. After receiving complaints about large trailers parked on Borough streets, Mr. Grant has asked Solicitor Amenhauser to look into the matter. The use of large trailers is expanding and navigating around and between them on narrow streets can be challenging. The county OEM has asked municipalities to begin reviewing their Hazard Mitigation Plans annually. This is usually updated every 5 years, but the county would like everyone to review it annually so the 5th year update isn’t as dramatic. The County has also implemented a new computer system. Lastly, Mr. Grant stated Solicitor Amenhauser is researching how the Borough can strengthen regulations and/or increase fines for cutting trees on the dunes.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- April 14, 2022 Regular Meeting
- April 26, 2022 Work Session
- May 12, 2022 Regular Meeting
- May 12, 2022 Closed Session
- May 24, 2022 Work Session

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

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION/PUBLICATION:

- 02-2022 Ordinance Appropriating \$232,700.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund
Second Reading/Public Hearing/Consideration for Adoption – June 28, 2022
Motions: Busch, vanHeeswyk
Roll call: all those present in favor

RESOLUTIONS:

- 69-22 Authorizing the Submission of an Application for a DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant
Motions: vanHeeswyk, Busch
Roll call: all those present in favor
- 70-22 Authorizing Special Event Permit to Cape May Point Civic Club, Inc.
Motions: vanHeeswyk, Busch
Roll call: all those present in favor
- 71-22 Authorizing Special Event Permit for Kristina Parisi-Rogers
Motions: vanHeeswyk, Busch
Roll call: all those present in favor
- 72-22 Authorizing Special Event Permit for John Parker, Jr. and Taylor Tomlinson
Motions: vanHeeswyk, Busch
Roll call: all those present in favor

- 73-22 Resolution Requesting Approval for the Inclusion of Revenue: NJDOT Grant – Harvard Avenue in the Amount of \$160,000.00
Motions: Busch, vanHeeswyk
Roll call: all those present in favor

- 74-22 Authorizing the Borough Engineer to Provide Engineering Services for the Harvard Avenue Reconstruction Project for a Total Cost Not to Exceed \$31,025
Motions: Busch, vanHeeswyk
Roll call: all those present in favor

- 75-22 Urging the Swift Passage of S-330 which Restores Energy Tax Receipts
Motions: vanHeeswyk, Busch
Roll call: all those present in favor

- 76-22 Supporting an Appropriations and Levy Cape Exemption for a Three-Year Period for Increases in Liability, Worker’s Compensation, Cyber Liability, and Property Insurance
Motions: vanHeeswyk, Busch
Roll call: all those present in favor

- 77-22 Approval of Bill List – Amended to remove payment to Ford Scott and Associates in the amount of \$7,600; new total \$158,975.24
Motions to adopt as amended: vanHeeswyk, Busch
Roll call: all those present in favor

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING: None

PUBLIC PORTION:

When no one wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 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