

MAY 23, 2023
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. 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' DISCUSSION/REPORTS:

Cape May County Commissioner Director Len Desiderio Presents ARPA Grant Award: Mr. Desiderio was unable to attend the meeting and will reschedule.

Commissioner Busch explained the Borough was awarded \$400,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds which are being funneled through Cape May County. in the amount of \$400,000. The money will be used to fund 2 extremely important stormwater projects. The first will replace electronic controls in the water building this year, at an estimated cost of \$117,000. The second will be to replace water mains on Lehigh and Ocean Avenues between Lincoln and Yale Avenues will be undertaken in 2024 at an estimated cost of \$467,000. The ARPA grant funds will go a long way toward these projects. Ms. Busch also reported she has contacted US Fish and Wildlife to begin the process of updating the borough's Beach Management Plan, which is a requirement of the recently authorized contract for beach renourishments 4 & 5.

Commissioner vanHeeswyk reported the auditors have begun the 2022 audit. The state has extended the deadline for audit reports to the end of September. Mrs. vanHeeswyk also announced receipt of a settlement check. Clerk Wallace explained the borough received \$17,414.03 as part of a class action lawsuit against Monsanto. The purpose of the settlement is to fund water quality control measures, but Solicitor Amenhauser explained the use of the funds will not be monitored or enforced. Commissioner Busch was in favor of using the funding toward the upcoming water/sewer projects.

Mayor Moffatt thanked Public Works for getting the lifeguard stands together and getting the beaches ready for opening the summer season.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Grant has been working with the auditors. He has also gotten notice the funds for the veterans' memorial project will be probated sometime in July, and he is researching how to approach the project.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 11, 2023 Regular Meeting

Motion: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION AND PUBLICATION: None

RESOLUTIONS:

68-23 Authorizing Execution of a Subrecipient Grant Agreement with the County of Cape May for an American Rescue Plan Act Infrastructure Grant

Motion: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

69-23 Authorizing Special Event Permit – Cape May Point Taxpayers Association

Motion: Moffatt, vanHeeswyk

Roll call: all in favor

70-23 Resolution to Affirm the Borough of Cape May Point’s Civil Rights Policy with Respect to All Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent Contractors, and Members of the Public that Come into Contact with Municipal Employees, Officials and Volunteers

Motion: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

71-23 Approval of Bill List

Motion: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING/ PUBLIC HEARING/ ADOPTION: None

PUBLIC PORTION:

Sandy Allison asked what happened to our cameras at the end of Alexander. Administrator Grant explained it was determined that camera, as well as another, would have more value at different locations for safety and logistics.

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 12:12 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