

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2023
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Cape May Point was called to order by Deputy Clerk Redington at 6:00 PM. The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by the Deputy 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 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 provided an update on several projects. The pole barn construction is now complete and we are able to store more borough equipment inside, prolonging the equipment lifecycle. We are going to begin repaving Harvard and Alexander Avenues in the coming weeks. Letters from the borough informing affected homeowners will be distributed next week.

Commissioner vanHeeswyk reported we have a change in the zoning department. Bruce Britton, the compliance/zoning officer for Cape May will also be working part time for Cape May Point with regular office hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00 pm. Bruce will be replacing John McGraw who is retiring. John will remain as Deputy Zoning Officer through the end of September.

Mayor Moffatt thanked Beach Director Chris Garrison for a successful season. Beach tag revenue increased because of the implementation of commercial tags for rental properties. The Mayor also thanked Chief Ben Swan as well as Melissa Hasse of the Beach Patrol. He closed by saying that the Cape May City Police issued a warning today that the waters in Cape May Point are closed because of Hurricane Lee.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Grant shared that we are currently working on the specifications for the solid waste contract. Also, we have received three bids for the land survey for veteran's memorial's designated location; the lowest bid will be awarded by resolution this evening. We also have a \$25,000 grant for an energy consultant that will be awarded at the next meeting.

We are working on revising the employee manual to ensure we continue to meet the requirement to participate in the Atlantic County JIF (Joint Insurance Fund) which saves the borough a significant amount of money. Today we had a good meeting with the Cape May Point Volunteer Fire Company about the future purchase of a fire truck. Lastly, we have seen an increase in rental permit fees over last year.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 22, 2023 Work Session

Motion: vanHeeswyk, Busch

Roll call: all in favor

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION/PUBLICATION: None

RESOLUTIONS:

- 97-23 Authorizing Shared Services Agreement with the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority for Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services
Motion: Moffatt, vanHeeswyk
Roll call: all in favor

- 98-23 Authorizing a Special Events Permit for Cape May Point Taxpayers Association
Motion: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt
Roll call: all in favor

- 99-23 Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day – October 6, 2023
Motion: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt
Roll call: all in favor

- 100-23 Award of Contract to Kates Schneider Engineering, LLC for Cape May Point Veterans Memorial Property Survey.
Motion: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt
Roll call: all in favor

- 101-23 Approval of Bill List
Motion: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt
Roll call: all in favor

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING: None

PUBLIC PORTION:

Sandy Allison opened by asking if the borough has any ordinances that prohibit open flames. She expressed concerns about wood fire pits being both a fire hazard as well as a nuisance from the smoke. Commissioner vanHeeswyk stated she has been looking at this issue; Solicitor Amenhauser said he is drafting something for review by the Commissioners. Sandy also asked about whether white beach mats could be purchased and installed at Alexander Avenue beach and extended at the Stites Avenue beach. Commissioner Busch stated that she will evaluate the pathways at both locations, but everyone should keep in mind that Alexander Avenue is our emergency vehicle access so a mat would have to withstand a vehicle driving over it.

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 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