

September 26, 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: 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:

Commissioner Busch reminded everyone Dune Day, a Cape May Point Taxpayers sponsored event, will be Saturday, October 7. She will assist with preparations as she had last year. This will include public works removing invasive plants at Coral and Lehigh where natives will be planted on Dune Day. Public Works is also selectively cutting or removing Japanese Black Pines in the foredune areas because they kill bayberry and dune grasses that have been planted previously. Ms. Bush also reported the beaches saw typical erosion from the recent storm, including the loss of about 20' from St. Pete's and some sand at Brainard and Lehigh, but nothing catastrophic that would threaten the dunes. Finally, a resolution is on the agenda to award a contract to Blue Sky Power. The borough received grant funds from the BPU to prepare a community energy plan.

Commissioner vanHeeswyk explained prior to the storm Stew Farrell sent a photo showing an area where it seems like a lot of sand was lost, but it sits just slightly offshore. Dr. Farrell is hoping it will return. Mrs. vanHeeswyk also explained Resolution 102-23 is to approve the update to the MPPI, which earns CRS points.

Mayor Moffatt thanked Bill Gibson for cleaning the storm drains prior to the storms.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None

PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 14, 2023 Regular Meeting
Motion: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt
Roll call: all in favor

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION AND PUBLICATION: None

RESOLUTIONS:

102-23 Approval of 2023 Update to the Atlantic-Cape Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information (MPPI)
Motion: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt
Roll call: all in favor

103-23 Award of Contract to Blue Sky Power, LLC for Energy Consulting Services

Motion: Busch, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

104-23 Authorizing Special Event Permit – Cape May Running LLC

Motion: Moffatt, vanHeeswyk

Roll call: all in favor

105-23 Approval of Bill List

Motion: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING/ PUBLIC HEARING/ ADOPTION:

06-2023 Ordinance Appropriating \$21,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for Engineering Cost Related to Road Improvements Projects

Motion to open public hearing: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

When no one wished to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Motion to adopt: vanHeeswyk, Busch

Roll call: all in favor

PUBLIC PORTION:

Sandy Allison asked the procedure for enforcing dumpsters being covered by contractors and if there is an added penalty for repeat offenders. Mayor Moffatt said if someone sees an uncovered dumpster, they should report it. The code enforcement officer will investigate and issue a notice to comply. If the offender doesn't comply, they would be fined, but there aren't additional fines for subsequent offenses.

When no one wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 12:13 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