

NOVEMBER 14, 2024
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Cape May Point was called to order by Commissioner vanHeeswyk at 6:00 PM. The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by the Commissioner 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 (portion of meeting). This meeting was held electronically via ZOOM under local operation guidance from the NJDCA pursuant to P.L. 2020, c.11.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Commissioner vanHeeswyk reported that required paperwork for the CRS (Community Rating System) Program has been completed. Our preliminary report back from them is that we will continue to be a Class 6 community, and the discount should remain the same for those who benefit from the reduction in flood insurance.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Grant reported that the Borough has begun the budgeting process for 2025. All departments are reviewing the appropriate documents and making plans for next year.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Jim Fraatz asked if there would be any restrictions placed on the lot being sold by the Borough (Resolution 127-24), and what the purchaser can do with the land they buy. Commissioner vanHeeswyk said that there are strict deed restrictions specify that the property must be kept as open space in perpetuity. Nothing can be built on this property and it cannot be combined with an adjacent lot to increase the floor area ratio. Mr. Fraatz asked if this is in the deed and not just the agreement of sale, to which Commissioner vanHeeswyk concurred.

Sandy Alison asked if the trees on the lot be cut down on the lot to create a seating area, or if the owners could create a new path to the beach over the dunes. Commissioner vanHeeswyk said that the lot is to remain open space, and that they cannot make any new paths to the dunes. Ms. Alison asked for the definition of open space, and whether the owners could clear the ivy or other vines. Commissioner vanHeeswyk replied that the lot is to remain as-is, but the owners could remove invasive vines just as the Borough does on Borough-owned land.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October 22, 2024

Motion: Moffatt, Busch

Roll call: all in favor

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION/PUBLICATION:

19-2024 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 54 (“Animals”) of the Code of the Borough of Cape May Point

Motion: Moffatt, Busch

Roll call: all in favor

RESOLUTIONS:

127-24 Authorizing Award of Contract and Sale of Property Owned by the Borough of Cape May Point

Motion: Moffatt, vanHeeswyk

Roll call: Moffatt and vanHeeswyk in favor; Busch against

128-24 Appointing Municipal Housing Liaison

Motion: Moffatt, Busch

Roll call: all in favor

129-24 Authorizing the Transfer of Funds

Motion: Moffatt, Busch

Roll call: all in favor

130-24 Payment of Bills

Motion: Moffatt, Busch

Roll call: all in favor

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING: None

PUBLIC PORTION:

Jim Fraatz asked about the Ordinance for Introduction, and why there was not a copy in the agenda packet. Commissioner vanHeeswyk said that we publish ordinances after they are introduced. A copy will be available on the website and at Borough Hall. Commissioner Busch added that the ordinance is related to the updated stormwater regulations and we had to make changes to comply with pet waste practices.

Mr. Fraatz also asked if there is anything we can do to have Atlantic City Electric (ACE) replace street lights that aren't working because it is unsafe for residents who are walking their dogs at nights. Commissioner vanHeeswyk said that the process should be that customers contact ACE directly. He said he has been contacting them for three months and they have not addressed the problem. Commissioner vanHeeswyk said that he should send an email to Administrator Ed Grant so that he may follow up with ACE on the issue.

Peg Fraatz said that in Pavilion Circle some of the bricks have lifted and created a trip hazard. Commissioner Busch said that Public Works will address them.

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm on motion of Mayor Moffatt, seconded by Commissioner Busch.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Wallace, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Accepted:

Commissioner Busch

Mayor Moffatt

Commissioner vanHeeswyk