

**OCTOBER 14, 2025
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Cape May Point was called to order by Mayor vanHeeswyk at 6:00 PM. Mayor vanHeeswyk read the Open Public Meetings Statement and then led those present in the flag salute. Commissioner Geiger, Mayor vanHeeswyk, and Commissioner Yunghans answered roll call. Also in attendance: Administrator Ed Grant, Clerk Elaine Wallace, and Solicitor Scott DeWeese. This meeting was held electronically via ZOOM under local operation guidance from the NJDCA pursuant to P.L. 2020, c.11.

COMMISSIONERS' DISCUSSION/REPORTS:

2025 Best Practices Inventory: Clerk Wallace reviewed the results of the 2025 Best Practices Inventory. The inventory was completed, certified by the Chief Financial and Chief Administrative Officers, and filed by the Clerk using the State Portal. The Boroughs final score was 38. A minimum score of 32 was required to receive 100% of the final state aid payment. Mayor vanHeeswyk thanked Jim Craft and Elaine Wallace for completing the inventory. There was general discussion on questions that were answered "no" and whether they were feasible for the Borough to consider in the future.

REPORTS:

Commissioner Geiger reported police activity for September included regular patrols, 36 police calls and no criminal matters. Code Enforcement made 8 patrols, covered 54 miles, and included enforcement of construction sites, dumpsters, signs, and trash containers. Ms. Geiger announced that on November 1, the Borough would begin enforcement of the requirement for house numbers on every property that are clearly visible from the street. Compliance will be required by December 15. This is an important safety matter for emergency responders. An ordinance amending the size of the numbers and requiring them to be in contrasting color for ease of reading will be introduced at the next meeting. Lastly, she reported she will be attending a forestry conference and earning CEUs and training for her role as a member of the Borough's Tree Committee.

Mayor vanHeeswyk reported the Table of Equalized Valuations has been received and Cape May Point is at 53.50 percent, which was middle of the pack for 2025. Usually, the score would lead to a revaluation, but the County is not pushing any of the towns to do it. Considering that, and because a revaluation is an expensive undertaking, the Borough wouldn't pursue one. Mrs. vanHeeswyk reported the Borough Planner has provided a 26-page report in response to Fair Share Housing's challenge to the Borough's court-filed plan. The Borough's attorney has filed it with the court. Now the Borough must wait and see.

Commissioner Yunghans announced the Public Works Maintenance Building project has been awarded second place for Project of the Year by the New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers. Ms. Yunghans thanked Dale Foster, Bill Gibson,

and Catherine Busch for their work on the project. Public Works has begun regular fall maintenance projects. They will also be doing some sidewalk removal to meet the master plan effort to reduce impervious surfaces and help stormwater absorption. The Borough experienced some beach erosion at Surf and Pearl beaches during the recent storm, but mostly the Borough fared well. Lastly, she thanked the Taxpayers Association and the volunteers for another successful Dunes and More Day.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Grant reported the last week was hectic trying to organize a Veterans Day dedication of the new memorial project, but ultimately it was cancelled. Instead, one will be held on Memorial Day 2026. This will allow more time to notify family members and have a well-organized ceremony. The memorial committee will also have time to determine the next phases of the project which may be revised to lower costs. There has also been a request for a trust fund for donations to the project. He will research the possibility with the Borough Solicitor and CFO. Mr. Grant is also working on grants and will also begin the 2026 budget process.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 23, 2025

Motion: vanHeeswyk, Yungmans

Roll call: all in favor

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION/PUBLICATION: None

RESOLUTIONS:

110-25 Authorizing Special Event Permit – Cape May Running LLC

Motion: vanHeeswyk, Geiger

Roll call: all in favor

111-25 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority for Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services

Motion: Yungmans, vanHeeswyk

Roll call: all in favor

112-25 Approval of Bill List

Motion: vanHeeswyk, Geiger

Roll call: all in favor

113-25 Authorizing Executive/Closed Session in Accordance with the Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 104-12(b) – Contract Negotiations - Police and Professional Services

Motion: Geiger, vanHeeswyk

Roll call: all in favor

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING: None

PUBLIC PORTION:

Sandy Allison asked if the Public Works Building was completed and whether it will be dedication to someone. Bill Gibson advised the exterior is complete, but interior work is ongoing. The building will be named Cape May Point Public Works with no dedication planned.

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was recessed into closed session at 6:22 pm and reconvened at 7:28 pm on motion of Mayor vanHeeswyk, seconded by Commissioner Geiger.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm on motion of Mayor vanHeeswyk, seconded by Commissioner Yunghans.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted:

Elaine L. Wallace, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Commissioner Geiger

Mayor vanHeeswyk

Commissioner Yunghans