

SEPTEMBER 23, 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 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:

Replacement of Water and Sewer Lines under Certain Circumstances: Commissioner Yunghans explained there is a state mandate requiring all water service lines, including those on private property, to be free from lead and other hazardous materials. The Borough's lines are all compliant, but there are private lines between meters and homes that still have lead or galvanized lines or connections. The borough is proposing an ordinance requiring water and sewer lines to be checked whenever a property is demolished or elevated, either entirely or partially. If water lines have lead or other hazardous materials, they must be replaced. If sewer lines are not PVC, they will have to be replaced. This will help make sure new properties aren't connected to old, non-compliant lines. Commissioner Geiger questioned the language concerning the definition of "partial" demolition or elevation and also who should be responsible for removing and replacing the lines. Clerk Wallace advised the most recent version changes the language to say the property owner and/or their contractor is responsible to remove and replace the lines, based on Ms. Geiger's comments. Solicitor Amenhauser explained partial was included to capture any degree of demolition or elevation to catch the broadest number of properties possible. Bill Gibson concurred the language is broad to keep owners or contractors from skirting the requirement. Mayor vanHeeswyk was in favor of the new requirement, and was glad the Borough was being proactive.

REPORTS:

Commissioner Geiger reported she and the administrator are still busy negotiating the police contract with Cape May.

Mayor vanHeeswyk reminded everyone that the Annual Run for the Fallen will be taking place Thursday, Sept. 25. The runners will stop at the lake across from 740 West Lake Drive. This year two people will be honored at the Cape May Point stop. Captain Thomas Casey, whose mother lived in Cape May Point, and Carl Ware. Mrs. vanHeeswyk encouraged people to attend the ceremony.

Commissioner Yunghans thanked the Public Works team for wrapping up the summer in a wonderful fashion. They are currently doing annual fall maintenance. The Pavilion Circle replacement well project is underway and moving along nicely.

Ms. Yunghans reminded everyone that the bulk trash pickup program has been changed to appointment only. Property owners can call Borough Hall to schedule 2 items per pickup, and 2 pickups per year. She also reminded everyone that hazardous materials are not permitted. Clerk Wallace sent an email notification to all subscribers with detailed information.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Grant continues to work on shared service agreements, grants, and health benefits options. He also reported the veterans memorial project is moving along quickly. The foundations have been poured at the site and the memorial stones would be delivered shortly. Lastly, the Borough will begin working on the Best Practiced Inventory. Commissioner Geiger was happy that the memorial might be done in time to have a Veteran's Day service there.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 9, 2025

Motion: vanHeeswyk, Geiger

Roll call: all in favor

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION/PUBLICATION:

09-2025 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 150 "Zoning" of the Code of the Borough of Cape May Point

Motion: vanHeeswyk, Yunghans

Roll call: all in favor

10-2025 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 146 "Water and Sewer Utility" of the Code of the Borough of Cape May Point

Motion: Yunghans, vanHeeswyk

Roll call: all in favor

RESOLUTIONS:

107-25 Resolution Recognizing October 6, 2025 as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day in Cape May Point

Motion: vanHeeswyk, Yunghans

Roll call: all in favor

108-25 Resolution to Cancel Outstanding Checks

Motion: vanHeeswyk, Geiger

Roll call: all in favor

109-25 Approval of Bill List

Motion: vanHeeswyk, Yunghans

Roll call: all in favor

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING: None

PUBLIC PORTION:

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 12:19 pm on motion of Mayor vanHeeswyk, seconded by Commissioner Geiger.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted:

Elaine L. Wallace, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Commissioner Geiger

Mayor vanHeeswyk

Commissioner Yunghans