

AUGUST 11, 2026
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: Clerk Administrator 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:

Right of Way Regulations: Solicitor Amenhauser presented draft amendments for Chapter 130, Streets and Sidewalks. The first topic was regulation of activities/development in the Borough Right of Way. The draft changes were based on discussion at the previous meeting and a slideshow prepared by Commissioner Geiger. The ordinance would require anyone wishing to do any development in the right of way to enter into an agreement with the Borough and proposals would be taken on a case-by-case basis. As written, the new ordinance would allow vegetation, but any other development such as stone or gravel, would require permission based on a set of parameters. There was also discussion on what an application would cost. The Commissioners settled on a fee of \$100 to cover administrative costs. Mr. Amenhauser will amend his draft to include a fee for residential applications and recirculate the draft.

The second section of Ch. 130 for amendment involved street opening regulations with regard to performance and maintenance bonds. Recent changes had unintended consequences resulting in the need for further amendment. Currently the code requires a \$50,000 performance bond that must remain in place for 1 year after restoration as a maintenance bond. It was suggested the performance bond be converted into a maintenance bond in the amount of \$5,000, or higher if determined by the engineer.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT:

Commissioner Geiger reported there were 109 calls for service in July, 81 parking summonses, an 43 traffic enforcements – all up from 2025. Code Enforcement did 11 patrols, logging 84 miles, with the majority being trash violations in addition to ongoing bamboo enforcement. Beach tag sales were even to 2025 figures for the same period. The big news with the Fire Department was the delivery of the new fire truck scheduled for Friday.

Commissioner Yunghans reported Public Works is performing usual maintenance. Cape May City released a press release regarding a hack of their water system in late July. There was no safety concern with the water or any interference with the customer base. The issue was loss of remote access to system monitoring, so the plant switched to manual controls until the matter was resolved. Ms. Yunghans

also reported the Borough is still looking for the best path forward on Pavilion Circle irrigation and has been in contact with hydrologists and well drillers in its search for a solution. A second challenge with the irrigation is that it knocks out the electrical lines for lighting in the park. She and Bill Gibson are looking at changing the systems and making the lighting dark skies compliant. Lastly, she is looking at developing “watch your step” signs so people are aware that there may be some unevenness of the walkways at the beach entrances due to natural shifting of sand and dunes.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 28, 2026

Motion: vanHeeswyk, Geiger

Roll call: all in favor

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION/PUBLICATION: None

RESOLUTIONS:

101-26 Authorizing Special Event Permit – Caroline Mitchell

Motion: vanHeeswyk, Yunghans

Roll call: all in favor

102-26 Authorizing Special Event Permit – Kimberly Gnall

Motion: vanHeeswyk, Geiger

Roll call: all in favor

103-26 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 6:23 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