SEPTEMBER 12, 2017
WORK SESSION MINUTES

The Work Session of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Cape May Point was called to order by Mayor Moffatt at 1:00 PM. The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by the Mayor who then led those present in the flag salute. Mayor Moffatt and Commissioner vanHeeswyk answered roll call. Commissioner Mullock was absent. Also in attendance: Administrator Steve O’Connor and Clerk Elaine Wallace.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Ocean, Pearl, and Stites Reconstruction: The Engineer plans to advertise the project at the end of September, with the bid opening scheduled for mid-October. Work should begin in November and be completed by the end of December.

One-way Traffic around St. Pete’s: Public Works should have the new signs and street markings completed by mid-October.

Lake Lily Project: Previously, the DEP advised the Borough it would have to pay an additional $27,000 in CAFRA application fees. However, the DEP has determined no CAFRA permit is required, just a flood hazard area permit. The Borough Engineer believes this application fee should be $3,000.

COMMISSIONERS’ DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS)

Review of 2017 Best Practices Worksheet: The Board reviewed the worksheet and will once again qualify for 100% of its State Aid allotment.

Commissioner vanHeeswyk read aloud correspondence from Christine Kostyrka Doobinin from Cherry Hill regarding her daughter Edie and her elation at finding the USS Edie at Triangle Park. She also expressed her love of the peace and natural beauty of Cape May Point.

RESOLUTIONS:

94-17 Resolution in Favor of Department of State Managed J-1 Visa, Summer Work Travel Program
Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt
Roll call: all those present in favor

95-17 Resolution Urging the State Legislature to Extend the 2% Cap on Police and Fire Arbitration Contract Award
Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt
Roll call: all those present in favor

96-17 Approval of Bill List
Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt
Roll call: all those present in favor
REVIEW OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA: The Clerk reviewed the agenda items for September 21st. Commissioner vanHeeswyk advised the public that, beginning October 5th, the most recently adopted flood insurance rate maps will be used by insurance companies in determining flood insurance rates.

PUBLIC PORTION:
Emelia Oleson reminded everyone of the fall beach cleanup. Volunteers will meet behind Borough Hall at 8:30 am Saturday, Sept. 16th. Coffee, pastries and water will be provided. She suggested participants wear comfortable shoes, sunscreen and hats. Exit Zero will be publishing a full-page ad and it will also be listed in the current events section of the Cape May Star & Wave.

Catherine Busch reported the Green Team application has met its second deadline. If Sustainable Jersey approves everything completed to date, the Borough will be certified. If not, there will be one more chance to meet the requirements for this year. She commended Steve O’Connor, Barbara Bassett, Connie Campanella, Isabelle Neary and Emelia Oleson for their great contributions to the effort. She also reported the new “Our Environment” page on the Borough website is now live. Although the ERI has not been approved yet, Sustainable Jersey may award points based on the date the Planning Board will have the hearing on it. The Green Team spent a portion of its Sustainable Jersey grant on consultant Michael Crewe who reviewed and edited a portion of the draft ERI. The remainder of the grant will be used for working on a tree protection ordinance over the winter. At the end of the month, the Green team will meet to discuss actions for the coming year and how best to effectuate them. Finally, obtaining certification will qualify the Borough for certain grants and improve its consideration for others. Commissioner vanHeeswyk thanked Catherine Busch and the members of the Green Team on the exceptional amount of work they did. She was thrilled to have residents do the work because it is more specialized and tailored to the town than what would come from a hired consultant.

Isabelle Neary stated the Green Team had expressed interest in being involved in the subcommittee determining the future use of the current Public Works facility but hasn’t heard anything. Administrator O’Connor advised that subcommittee won’t be formed until after a decision is made on whether or not to consolidate the Public Works operations.

Mrs. Neary also asked who replaced the plants at the Cape Avenue entrance, which she felt look 100% better. Connie Campanella advised that Ed Grant did it and they should do well because there is now water there. Mayor Moffatt reported there is a woman who would like to design and donate plantings for the Cape Avenue island. She would also be willing to help with irrigation. Connie Campanella will get in touch with her. Catherine Busch advised the plan will have to be approved by the Environmental Commission per Borough ordinance. Commissioner vanHeeswyk wanted to be sure a process is followed that brings the plans before the Commissioners because, ultimately, the Borough is responsible for all public
property and knows what it can handle as far as maintenance. Catherine Busch said the Environmental Commission has been working on this over the last year. The process worked well when the Friends of Lake Lily proposed the west side lake planting plan. They brought the plan to the EC, who then presented it to the governing body.

Isabelle Neary asked if there was an update on making Lincoln Avenue one-way, saying it is very difficult to pass when there are cars parked on the street. Mayor Moffatt responded that there is no intention of making Lincoln one-way because narrower streets keep speeds down and improve traffic safety. Mrs. Neary also asked if there was any update on paving Sunset Boulevard and the bike lanes. Administrator O’Connor stated there are plans and specifications, but he didn’t see the project being feasible unless it receives Federal funding. It is just too expensive and there are other priorities in the County such as the bridges.

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm on motion of Commissioner vanHeeswyk, seconded by Mayor Moffatt.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Wallace, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Accepted:

Commissioner Mullock

Commissioner vanHeeswyk

Mayor Moffatt