

JULY 26, 2022
WORK SESSION MINUTES

The Work Session of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Cape May Point was called to order by Clerk Wallace at 12:00 PM. The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by the Clerk 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, Clerk Elaine Wallace, and Solicitor John Amenhauser.

COMMISSIONERS' DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS)

2022 Dune Day Plan: Commissioners received copies of Jonathan Wescott's plan for 2022, which incorporated comments from the Environmental Commission, which has recommended it be approved by the Commission. Commissioner Busch explained there will be no planting or seeding at Pearl Avenue because there is an issue with getting past the toe of the dune at high tide. Commissioner vanHeeswyk made a motion to approve the plan. Mayor Moffatt seconded the motion which was approved unanimously on roll call vote.

Maintenance Building and Pole Barn Improvements: Commissioner Busch asked the Commissioners if they had any questions on the engineer's proposals for the public works facilities. The proposals are for designing improvements to include additional storage areas to allow equipment to be stored inside to prolong life expectancy; to provide a safer working environment; replace all windows, doors, and siding on the main building which hasn't had work done on it since 2002 and is in serious need of repair; to replace and upgrade HVAC system. Since the main building is so prominent on one of the entries into the borough, she has asked the engineer to provide a basic exterior design and another that is a little nicer looking, so costs can be compared. Commissioner vanHeeswyk would like to see the Borough reach out to architects willing to offer advice on colors, etc. because this is the chance to make it as beautiful as possible. Commissioner Busch advised the engineering proposal contains an option for an architect's rendering so she's not sure we need to hire another architect to consult, but she welcomed the commissioners to share their ideas. The capital ordinance for the engineer services is up for second reading at the August 11 meeting. The plan is to have the engineering done this year and be able to budget for construction in 2023.

Commissioner Busch reported some equipment issues in Public Works. The Borough's dump truck has been out for repairs since the week before. Currently the Borough is borrowing equipment through shared service agreements with neighboring towns. Also, \$10,000 had been budgeted for a new lawn mower, which is now unavailable due to supply chain issues. Again, Public Works borrowed equipment through a shared services agreement, this time with the State Park. In the end, the Borough purchased the slightly more expensive model used by the State Park.

Commissioner vanHeeswyk reported the tax bills will be mailed this week and there is a resolution on the agenda to extend the grace period through August 25.

Mayor Moffatt reminded everyone the Women's Lifeguard Challenge is Wednesday, July 27 starting at 6:30 at St. Pete's beach.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Grant reported the status of several JIF related projects including cyber training and the 2022 property appraisal. He also reported the County advertised the traffic calming project on July 20 with work to be done in the fall. Mr. Grant will be meeting with the County Engineer to discuss one change the Borough would like made to the plan. If a change is possible, it will be done after the bids are accepted. In prior meetings questions were asked about limiting the number of construction trailers permitted and charging higher fines for tree cutting. Solicitor Amenhauser said the Borough can change the ordinance to limit construction vehicles as they see fit. The Borough's existing fine for cutting trees or vegetation is at the maximum allowable under state statute, but the Commission could amend the ordinance in a way to make sure the maximum is assessed.

QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None

RESOLUTIONS:

88-22 Urging the County of Cape May to Lower the Speed Limit on County Roads within the Borough of Cape May Point

Motions: Moffatt, vanHeeswyk

Roll call: all in favor

89-22 Authorizing the Extension of the Grace Period for the August 2022 Tax Quarter

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

90-22 Approval of Bill List

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

PUBLIC PORTION:

Barb Bassett asked whether the statutory limit for tree cutting is the total that can be assessed or if it could be \$2,000 per tree. Solicitor Amenhauser said the ordinance would have to specify that each tree cut is its own violation.

Sandy Allison asked if the plans for the Public Works building could include landscaping, even if it's something simple, since it's a major entrance to the Borough. She referenced the Lower Township building's landscaping.

Commissioner Busch agreed the Township's facility is attractive, but the proposal is primarily for building necessities. The Borough will have to see what space is available once the building is enlarged before being able to consider possible landscaping. Ms. Allison also asked if the Borough is seeking input from the public

on siding and color. Ms. Busch replied the decision is up to the Commissioners, but they may be open to hearing suggestions.

Jim Imbriaco thanked the Borough for staying on top of the traffic calming measures because they are very important for the safety of the community. He asked what change the Borough is seeking to the plans. Mr. Grant explained handicapped access to Pavilion Circle was added late to the plans at the request of the Marianists. The Commissioners would like to see it moved to the other side of the street instead of in front of Union Chapel. Mr. Imbriaco witnessed a speeding car almost hit children walking to the beach on Brainard. He asked if the Borough would consider putting up 4-way stop signs at the intersections near the beach. Commissioner Busch and Engineer Dale Foster explained the Borough has been through this before and the traffic control manual requires traffic studies to be conducted and volume requirements met before such signs can be installed. Commissioner vanHeeswyk said the County put crosswalks in on Lincoln to help reduce speeds and perhaps that could be done on other street if 4-way stops aren't permitted. Mr. Imbriaco thanked the Borough for looking into the possibility.

Sandy Allison asked the status of her request regarding tires on a vacant property. Administrator Grant forwarded the request to Code Enforcement for action. Ms. Allison asked if the Borough could at least go turn tires over to eliminate the risk of mosquitos breeding in standing water. The Borough can not go onto private property, but the County Mosquito Commission can, so Ms. Allison will call them.

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 12:29 pm on motion of Commissioner vanHeeswyk, seconded by Mayor Moffatt.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted:

Elaine L. Wallace, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Commissioner Busch

Mayor Moffatt

Commissioner vanHeeswyk