

**AUGUST 23, 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 Mayor 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. This meeting was held electronically via Zoom under local operation guidance from the NJDCA pursuant to P.L. 2020, c. 11.

COMMISSIONERS' DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS)

Commissioner Busch thanked Ed Grant for his hard work on shepherding the Yale Avenue Water System project to completion, which will be finalized by resolution 99-22.

Mayor Moffatt read the County MUA guidelines on what can and can't be recycled. He also announced the Police Chief is starting a campaign to educate motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, skateboarders, etc. on the proper behavior on the roads. They have also met with rental agencies asking them to reiterate the importance of following state regulations when on the roadways. As part of this campaign, there has been more police presence in the last few weeks.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Grant has begun the year-end review of the budget. He is working with Triad Associates on multiple projects of interest to look for funding sources. The State Health Benefits program costs will be increasing drastically, and the Borough is looking into other options as a result. The annual exposure review with JIF is 95% complete including the MSI system cleanup.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION AND PUBLICATION:

- 05-2022 Ordinance Appropriating \$31,500.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for Yale Avenue Road Reconstruction
Second Reading/Public Hearing/Consideration for Adoption – 9/8/22 at 6 pm
Motions: Busch, Moffatt
Roll call: all in favor

RESOLUTIONS:

- 98-22 Authorization to Accept the Audit Report for 2021
Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt
Roll call: all in favor
- 99-22 Authorizing Change Order #1 Final and Payment Certificate #3 Final for Yale Avenue Water System Project

Motions: Busch, vanHeeswyk
Roll call: all in favor

100-22 Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property
Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt
Roll call: all in favor

101-22 Approval of Bill List
Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt
Roll call: all in favor

102-22 Authorizing Special Event Permit for Emily Townsend
Motions: Moffatt, vanHeeswyk
Roll call: all in favor

PUBLIC PORTION:

Hope Luken asked what will happen to the extra \$7,000 added to the public works budget since the yard has not reopened. Administrator Grant explained any unexpended money would lapse into surplus after a year.

Sandy Allison asked if the employee handbook is posted online. Posting online is not a requirement, but can be considered by the Borough.

Hope Luken asked if the commissioners would comment on a recent article about the Cape May Point Science Center that quoted Bob Mullock as saying he'd like to hold 10 weddings a year in order to raise funds for the cause. Commissioner vanHeeswyk said it would be a zoning issue, but not until something happens. Then it would require zoning approval. Ms. Luken asked if he'd need to go to the Planning Board for any type of fundraiser. Solicitor Amenhauser clarified that using it for wedding would require zoning application, but "any type of fundraiser" is a very broad term, so he could not answer. Commissioner vanHeeswyk said as long as activities fall within what was being done by the nuns, it would be a continuation of the use. Anything different would require zoning approval which would entail notice to all property owners within 200' and opportunity for the public to speak during the hearing before the Planning Board. Ms. Luken was not opposed to a science center, but felt 10 weddings in a year constitutes a wedding venue 4 doors from her house which has people in the area concerned.

Edward Tokarsky asked what experience was had relevant to the closing of the trash yard now that the summer is over. Commissioner Busch said there were comments, questions, and concerns raised in June, but it is her understanding that most people have made other arrangements and didn't find it as difficult as anticipated. Administrator Grant confirmed that he hasn't gotten any recent comments or complaints in his office.

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 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