

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 24, 2017**

The Work Session of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of West Cape May was called to order by Mayor Kaithern at 7:00pm. The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Mayor Kaithern who then led those present in the flag salute. Mayor Pamela Kaithern and Commissioner Carol Sabo answered roll call. Also in attendance: Municipal Clerk Suzanne Stocker and Solicitor Chris Gillin-Schwartz, Esquire.

**WORK SESSION**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

NFIP Community Rating System:

Nothing new to report. Clerk Stocker suggested sending a second request letter to the property owners who have not yet responded.

Estate of Smith – Betty Robbins Memorial – Donation of a Bandstand:

Mayor Kaithern indicated that the delivery and installation of the pavilion is scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> and will only take a day or two to build.

Verizon Wireless Proposal:

Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz indicated that Verizon has obtained Rich DeLucry, Esquire of Cooper Levenson to represent Verizon's interests. There is expected to be further discussions with the municipalities in the near future.

Review of Properties with Municipal Liens:

Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz is still waiting to discuss questions with title searcher. Records show that the Third Avenue property has a \$2,000 tax lien which totals about \$4,000 with interest and tax sale certificate is owned by an individual who was not previously interested in handing over the certificate. Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz indicated that he could reach out to this person or their representative to discuss a negotiation for this certificate.

Donation of Property to the Borough of West Cape May - Block 2, Lot 5:

Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz is waiting to discuss title searched with title searcher as well as an update from the owner's attorney, John Amenhauser on fee negotiation.

Naming of Street on Honor of Mayor Jack Vasser:

Mayor Kaithern has reached out to the family, but has nothing new to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Sea Grove Avenue – Water Connection Request:

Mayor Kaithern discussed the request letter received from Jon Sachar relative to a request for water connection on Sea Grove Avenue and further discussed her conversation with Dave Carrick, Water/Sewer Supervisor for the Borough of West Cape May. Several moving parts to this request for a water connection, and several other areas involved with the request, including City of Cape May for their water supply, Cape May Point for the water station and property within Lower Township boundaries. In speaking with Dave Carrick, Mayor Kaithern does not believe it to be in the Borough's best interest to move forward with

Mr. Sachar's request. Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz will prepare correspondence to send to Mr. Sachar relative to the Borough's decision.

Review of Revised Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance:

Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz reviewed the proposed draft Ordinance, provided by the NJDEP, which is being required by municipalities to adopt to be in compliance with current flood prevention standards. Clerk Stocker will provide a draft copy to the NJDEP and the Governing Body will review at the next meeting and determine whether they would like to add higher standard language into the Ordinance.

**REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING:** Mayor Kaithern reviewed the Consent Agenda and Non-Consent agenda items.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** On motion of Commissioner Sabo, seconded by Mayor Kaithern, the following Consent Agenda was unanimously approved on roll call vote.

Minutes:

May 10, 2017 – Work Session/Regular Meeting

Ordinances for Introduction and Publication:

NONE

Resolutions:

- 86-17 Release of Unexpended Escrow Fees – Peter Lance
- 87-17 Support of the Greater Cape May Historical Society's Proposal to the World War I Centennial Commission
- 88-17 Authorizing Grant Agreement between Borough of West Cape May and NJDEP – Green Communities Grant, Community Forestry Management Plan
- 89-17 Release of Unexpended Escrow Fees – HDI Associates, Inc.
- 90-17 Bill Payment
- 91-17 Annual Renewal of Liquor License – Sunset Liquors, LLC

**NON-CONSENT AGENDA:**

Ordinances for Second Reading and Public Hearing:

NONE

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

Commissioner Sabo mentioned the upcoming blood drive in July

Mayor Kaithern had nothing to report.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

When no one wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm on motion of Commissioner Sabo, seconded by Mayor Kaithern.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Stocker, RMC  
Municipal Clerk