

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 10, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of West Cape May was called to order by Mayor Kaithern at 7:00 PM. The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Mayor Kaithern who then led those present in the flag salute. Mayor Pamela Kaithern, Deputy Mayor Peter Burke, and Commissioner Carol Sabo answered roll call. Also in attendance: Borough Clerk Elaine Wallace, Deputy Clerk Dianne Rutherford, Engineer Ray Roberts, and Solicitor Frank Corrado.

WORK SESSION

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Ray Roberts reviewed the report for April (attached). The contractor on the USDA project has asked the Board to consider allowing them to work on Stewart, Landis and Third Avenues during the summer. The Board was concerned over the effect on rentals and residents during the summer months, but will consider the request.

OLD BUSINESS

New Fire Truck: Commissioner Sabo advised Triad is still waiting for quote information from the VFC.

Atlantic City Electric Repair Work: There has been no action on the requests made to the different utilities. Solicitor Corrado will write a letter to put the County on notice, since Broadway is a County road and the sidewalks fall under its right-of-way.

Water Loss: Mayor Kaithern asked if there has been any response from Cape May to Solicitor Corrado's most recent letter. The attorney for Cape May told him the City has hired an expert and is working on a response, which should come this week. Mayor Kaithern asked if there was a way to not pay the upcoming bill if it doesn't include the detailed information previously requested and reiterated in the letter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shade Tree Violations: Solicitor Corrado advised the Board that the Borough ordinance and State statute give the Shade Tree Commission the ability to write a summons when someone violates the code. He said the Shade Tree Commission should send a letter stating the amount of the assessment, as determined by the arborist, and that if it isn't paid within a set timeframe a summons would be issued.

The work session concluded at 7:39 PM and the Regular Portion convened at 7:41 PM

PRESENTATIONS OF CERTIFICATES OF RECONGNITION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE: As part of the first Mayors Day of Recognition, Mayor Kaithern presented certificates of recognition to Marvin Moye and Alice Washington. Mr. Moye received his for his volunteer work with Crest Haven Rehabilitation Center and Cape Senior

Center, and Mrs. Washington for her volunteer work at the Et Cetera Shop. Harriet Wilson was also recognized, but was unable to attend the meeting.

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

Minutes: March 27, 2013 Work Session and Regular Meeting

Ordinances for Introduction and Publication: None

Resolutions:

- 73-13 Release of Unexpended Escrow Fees – Ted Anderko
- 74-13 Release of Unexpended Escrow Fees – John T. Wright
- 75-13 Raffle License to Cape May Technical School After Prom
- 76-13 Reappointment of Municipal Clerk Elaine L. Wallace
- 77-13 Bill Payment
- 78-13 Refund of Subsequent Real Estate Taxes Paid, Block 60, Lot 7.08

Proclamation: Arbor Day April 26, 2013

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING: None

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

Commissioner Sabo reported that she and Triad are still waiting for the chief to provide a quote for the new fire truck for which Triad is seeking grant funds.

Deputy Mayor Burke announced Arbor Day festivities will include 200 tree saplings, being provided by the state for a nominal fee. The bulk of the trees will go to the West Cape May Elementary School, with the remainder available at several local businesses. Also, Matt Notch and Shelley Rhoads will be presenting a tree seminar, open to the public, on Saturday, April 27th at 10:30 am at Borough Hall. Lastly, the Shade Tree Commission is working on a grant application due in early May.

Mayor Kaithern had no report.

PUBLIC PORTION: no comments

When no one wished to speak the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM on motion of Commissioner Sabo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Wallace, RMC
Borough Clerk