

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 8, 2015**

The Work Session 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 Chris Eaton, CFO Frank Donato, Auditor Leon Costello, and Solicitor Frank Corrado.

WORK SESSION

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Chris Eaton reviewed the monthly report for April.

OLD BUSINESS

NFIP Community Rating System: Nothing new to report at this time.

Beer Gardens: Mayor Kaithern has received mixed input from the public. Deputy Mayor Burke reported the Shade Tree Commission voted unanimously that it is not appropriate for the park and family/community oriented events.

Farmhouse Ordinance: The Board reviewed the draft ordinance provided by Solicitor Corrado. Mr. Corrado will make a change to clarify that one farm residence is permitted. Commissioner Sabo asked that he look into the state laws regulating dwellings for farm laborers. The purpose of this ordinance is to be sure a farmer doesn't have to get a variance to live on his farm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sidewalk Repair Resulting from Electric Pole Removal: The Board reviewed the minutes regarding this issue. The resident adjacent to the sidewalk said the problem was never resolved when the telephone pole or electric work had been done several years ago. The Mayor asked the engineer to check with the utilities to see if they will work with us to resolve it. Deputy Mayor Burke will call Dale Foster at the County since it's a county road.

The Work Session concluded at 7:20 PM; the Regular Meeting convened at 7:22 PM.

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

497-15 Calendar Year 2015 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations Limit and Establish a Cap Bank (NJSA 40A:4-45.15)

Mayor Kaithern opened the public hearing on this ordinance. When no one wished to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing. On motion of Commissioner Sabo,

seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke, Ordinance 497-15 was adopted on unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2015 BUDGET – RESOLUTION 63-15

63-15 Read by Title Only and Open Public Hearing on 2015 Municipal Budget

On motion of Deputy Mayor Burke, seconded by Commissioner Sabo, the foregoing resolution was adopted unanimously on roll call vote.

Mayor Kaithern opened the public hearing. When no one wished to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

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 25, 2015 Work Session and Regular Meeting
March 25, 2015 Closed Session

Ordinances for Introduction and Publication: None

Resolutions:

- 64-15 Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of a Back Hoe No Longer Needed for Public Use by the Township of Lower to the Borough of West Cape May
- 65-15 Raffle License to Cape May Technical School After Prom
- 66-15 Bill Payment
- 67-15 Scheduling of Closed Session – Litigation: Willow Creek, Water Loss

Proclamation – Arbor Day 2015

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolutions:

- 68-15 Resolution to Amend the Budget

On motion of Mayor Kaithern, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke, the foregoing resolution was adopted unanimously on roll call vote.

- 69-15 Adoption of Municipal Budget for the Year 2015 As Amended

On motion of Mayor Kaithern, seconded by Commissioner Sabo, the foregoing resolution was adopted unanimously on roll call vote.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING: None

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

Commissioner Sabo thanked the financial professionals for their work on the budget. She also announced the Volunteer Fire Company is looking for volunteers. Lastly, she announced the Environmental Commission is hosting a seminar by Pat Sutton entitled "Milkweeds for Monarchs" on Friday, April 17th at 6:30 PM.

Deputy Mayor Burke reported the Shade Tree Commission received a tree donation from a former business. The Shade Tree Commission will present that to the West Cape May Elementary School as part of the Arbor Day celebrations. A date and time for the planting have not been set yet.

Mayor Kaithern had no report.

PUBLIC PORTION: No comments.

When no one wished to speak, the meeting was recessed into closed session at 7:31 PM and reconvened at 7:56 PM on motion of Deputy Mayor Burke, seconded by Commissioner Sabo. No action was taken as a result of closed session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM on motion of Commissioner Sabo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Wallace, RMC
Borough Clerk