

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
October 28, 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 Kaithern, Deputy Mayor Peter Burke and Commissioner Carol Sabo answered roll call. Also in attendance: Deputy Clerk Theresa Entead, and Solicitor Frank Corrado.

WORK SESSION

OLD BUSINESS

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

Tree Preservation Ordinance – Survey and Implementation: Nothing new at this time, waiting on the Shade Tree Commission for input.

Community Business Task Force Report – Minimum Area and Bulk Requirements: It was decided that discussion would be tabled until the next meeting.

Sewer Connection Request – Sixth Avenue/Desatnick:

The Board discussed this request with the applicant present. The Board expressed their gratitude to Mr. Desatnick for his effort to preserve the integrity of the town and also provided explanations as to why they could not agree to move forward with this request. Mr. Desatnick wanted to know if there would be a possibility in the future, after he incurred the expense of a septic system, that he would be required to tap into a sewer line. Mayor Kaithern advised that she did not see that happening as the property is outside of the sewer service area. Mr. Desatnick thanked the board for their time.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 Schedule of Events at Wilbraham Park:

The Board inquired if the Shade Tree approved the dates yet, Deputy Clerk Entead advised they hadn't, the Shade Tree members were to review and approve the dates at their next meeting, pending approval of the Commissioners. All members of the Board approved the dates.

Police Suggestion to Prohibit Parking on One Side of Stevens Street:

Solicitor Corrado suggested, and the Board agreed, to table this for the next meeting so Lt. Leer could attend to provide more input.

At this time, Commissioner Sabo asked to add a new subject for discussion, the chemical Glyphosate and products that contain this chemical. The purpose, to discuss if the Borough and the School have any best practices or literature about the use or non-use of this chemical.

The work session was adjourned at 7:30 PM and the regular meeting convened at 7:37 PM.

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

Minutes: None

Ordinances for Introduction and Publication: None

Resolutions:

- 150-15 Release of Unexpended Escrow Fees – Barbara Hoepf
- 151-15 Cancellation of Certain Grant Receivables and Appropriated Reserves
- 152-15 Shared Services Agreement between West Cape May, Cape May and Cape May Point for the Cape Island Joint Rabies Clinic
- 153-15 Acknowledging Receipt of the Master Plan Reexamination Report
- 154-15 Release of Unexpended Escrow Fees – Gail DeBerardinis
- 155-15 Bill Payment
- 156-16 Scheduling of Closed Session – Police Contract Negotiations & bids for waste services & Willow Creek litigation
- 157-15 To Appoint New Emergency Management Coordinator- Edward Belski

Application:

Application for Permit for Social Affair for Cape May New Jersey State Film Festival for a reception on Friday, November 13th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the West Cape May Fire Hall in connection with the 2015 Film Festival.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution 158-15 Regarding Spelling of Yorke/York Avenue
Mayor Kaithern stated that the costs and fees involved with making changes to maps and other documents was estimated at \$6500.00 so the decision to keep the “e” would save taxpayers money. The Mayor also wanted to point out that no residents would have to make any changes to addresses or documents and asked Solicitor Corrado to confirm. Solicitor Corrado stated that yes that was correct, the post office would recognize York and Yorke as one and the same street and added that as a matter of fact, it will benefit residents, if/when they would go to sell a property because there would be NO historical discrepancy. It will be as it always has been on tax maps and there will be a resolution on file to support that York and York with an e are the same. On motion of Deputy Mayor Burke, seconded by Commissioner Sabo, Resolution 158-15 was adopted unanimously on roll call vote.

Ordinances for Second Reading:

- 505-15 An Ordinance Governing the Treatment of Vicious and Dangerous Dogs

Mayor Kaithern opened the public hearing on the above ordinance. When no one wished to speak the public hearing was closed and Commissioner Sabo made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke, to adopt Ordinance 505-15, which was unanimously approved on roll call vote.

506-15 An Ordinance of the Borough of West Cape May Governing Public Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages

Mayor Kaithern opened the public hearing on the above ordinance. When no one wished to speak the public hearing was closed and Deputy Mayor Burke made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sabo, to adopt Ordinance 506-15, which was unanimously approved on roll call vote.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

Commissioner Sabo reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday. She mentioned having low voter turn-out in past years and just wanted to say how important it is for all citizens to get out there and vote.

Deputy Mayor Burke shared that the Shade Tree Commission and Public Works Manager were able to attend the NJSST Federation seminars and workshop meetings to obtain necessary credits for the Borough to maintain its status with the Federation. He also pointed out the importance of October being Breast Cancer awareness month.

Mayor Kaithern reminded everyone about upcoming fundraisers for the Christmas Parade, and that Flying Fish Studio will be selling sweatshirts, red & green, and \$10 of each sale goes to the Christmas Parade. She also mentioned that she and the Deputy Clerk attended a JIF retreat and an updated book was available to view.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Jim Labrusciano, 127 Myrtle Ave, thanked the commissioners for the opportunity to speak but said it may be a wasted trip because the engineer was not present. He had questions about the road work on Myrtle Ave and he wanted to look at plans. Mr. Labrusciano was advised by the commissioners that he could come in the Borough and view the plans. He asked if the work included doing a curb with 18 inches of sidewalk and said he saw a contractor taking pictures and the contractor said he was going to curb 18 inches from the sidewalk, which didn't make sense to him. Mayor Pam reminded Mr. Labrusciano the poles were discussed at the last meeting and the borough did not want to add the expense or problem of moving the poles to this project. The Commissioners agreed that Borough Engineer Mr. Roberts should be the one to confirm and answer his questions. Mr. Labrusciano accepted this and asked when the next meeting would be held. He was advised by Mayor Kaithern that November 4th would be the next meeting date because offices would be closed the following Wednesday Due to Veterans Day, and asked if he had anything else to discuss. Mr. Labrusciano said he wanted to express his concerns about the Commissioners decision to pass an ordinance to allow consumption of alcoholic beverages and asked if they thought this was promoting drinking and

asking for trouble. Mayor Kaithern asserted that the Borough was not promoting drinking on the property only tastings.

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was recessed into closed session at 8:28 PM and reconvened at 8:42 PM on motion of Commissioner Sabo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM on motion of Commissioner Sabo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Enteadó
Municipal Deputy Clerk