

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 23, 2014**

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: Clerk Elaine Wallace, Deputy Clerk Dianne Rutherford, and Solicitor Frank Corrado.

WORK SESSION

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Local Equipment Sharing: Solicitor Corrado just receive the list of equipment from Cape May Point and will revise the agreement. He should have it ready for next meeting.

Recycling of Electronic Equipment: The County has advised municipalities two companies are willing to collect electronic equipment free of charge so recycling funds will not have to be used to cover the cost at this time. However, this is a fluid market and the policy may change. The board was pleased with this news but is still dissatisfied that the manufacturers are not being required to comply with state law. The board also discussed the possibility of having a drop off location or scheduled pick up of electronic equipment by the borough.

Energy Aggregation: Nothing new at this time.

Construction Noise Ordinance: The Board will review the noise ordinances of neighboring towns provided by the Clerk for discussion at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commercial Recycling: Deputy Mayor Burke said the topic doesn't need to be discussed because the trash contract is being looked at as a whole.

Trash Contract: Solicitor Corrado explained the current contractor, Blue Diamond, is planning to sell its contracts in South Jersey and asked the Borough to sign a novation agreement. Mr. Corrado was not satisfied with the protection granted in the draft agreement. Other municipalities have the similar concerns. The North Wildwood Solicitor has been in contact with Blue Diamond about his concerns. Mr. Corrado will share his concerns with the North Wildwood Solicitor to be included in the discussion with Blue Diamond.

Land Acquisition: Solicitor Corrado advised he is ready to prepare a deed for the land acquisition involving Pauline Levy. The acquisition involving the estate of

Elizabeth Allison Smith has been delayed, but he will try to get it moving forward again.

Mayor Kaithern reviewed the consent agenda items. The work session concluded at 7:28 PM and regular portion convened at 7:31 PM.

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

Minutes: April 9, 2014 Work Session and Regular Meeting
April 9, 2014 Closed Session

Ordinances for Introduction and Publication: None

Resolutions:

- 67-14 Resolution of the Governing Body of the Borough of West Cape May Urging the New Jersey Legislature and the Governor to Accept the Invitation of the Supreme Court to Enact Legislation to Establish a New, More Sensible Approach to Affordable Housing in Our State
- 68-14 Resolution of the Governing Body of the Borough of West Cape May Urging the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing to Promulgate Regulations in Accordance with the Schedule the New Jersey Supreme Court Established on March 14, 2014
- 69-14 Authorizing the Shade Tree Commissioner to Maintain Property on Sunset Boulevard
- 70-14 Authorizing the Environmental Commission to Maintain Property on Third Avenue
- 71-14 **TABLED**
- 72-14 Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing the Sustainable Jersey Grant Application
- 73-14 Bill Payment

Proclamation: Loyalty Day – May 1, 2014

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING: None

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

Commissioner Sabo reported the USDA should be making its announcement on grant awards in May. She and Steve Nelson met with the CFO to discuss the purchase process so they are ready to move forward with the purchase as soon as the announcements are made.

Deputy Mayor Burke reminded everyone Arbor Day is Friday, April 25th. As part of the celebration, the Shade Tree Commission will be having a tree drawing. Also they are presenting a free seminar on Saturday, April 26th.

Mayor Kaithern had no report.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Tom Douglas, 706 Broadway, provided copies of photographs on the road conditions on Landis and Stewart Avenues after a recent rainstorm. He continues to have concerns with drainage on the newly surfaced streets and questioned the quality of the engineering and the construction on the project.

When no one else wished to speak the meeting was recessed into closed session at 7:47 PM and reconvened at 8:44 PM on motion of Commissioner Sabo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke.

Mayor Kaithern announced Mr. Corrado will communicate with the Cape May Solicitor concerning the water loss matter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM on motion of Commissioner Sabo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Wallace, RMC
Borough Clerk