

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 27, 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, and Solicitor Frank Corrado. Auditor Leon Costello joined the meeting at 7:20 PM.

WORK SESSION

OLD BUSINESS

New Fire Truck: No update at this time

Changing Name of Borough Hall Alley: Commissioner Sabo went to the last HPC meeting to discuss informally and it was decided that honoring the Borough's history in connection with the underground railroad is something it might want to consider, but perhaps changing the street was not the way to go about it. The History Committee will put together a history on the underground railroad here and then the board of commissioners can discuss it again.

Atlantic City Electric Repair Work: The Borough is waiting to hear from Engineer Roberts if he has made any progress with the utility companies. Mayor Kaithern spoke to the County but didn't get any sense of urgency from them with regard to the matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

FEMA Maps: Solicitor Corrado reported on correspondence from Frank LoBiondo asking each town to review the proposed maps for any problems they find with relation to their individual towns. Mr. LoBiondo has said that he is having trouble getting support for changes because the ABFE maps haven't been distributed everywhere – just in the areas hit by super storm Sandy. Mr. Corrado didn't see any problem in the West Cape May maps but felt the board should compare existing and proposed flood regulations, preferably on a single map, to determine if the Borough would want something changed or not.

The work session concluded at 7:30 PM and the Regular Portion convened at 7:34 PM

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING:

477-13 Calendar Year 2013 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations Limit and Establish a Cap Bank (NJSA 40A:4-45.14)

Deputy Mayor Burke made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sabo, to open the public hearing on the above ordinance. When no one from the public wished to speak, Commissioner Sabo made a motion to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance

477-13. Deputy Mayor Burke seconded the motion which was carried unanimously on roll call vote.

RESOLUTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON 2013 BUDGET

68-13 Read by Title Only and Open Public Hearing on 2013 Municipal Budget

On motion of Deputy Mayor Burke, seconded by Commissioner Sabo, the above referenced resolution was adopted unanimously on roll call vote. Auditor Costello explained the budget is the same as introduced and has been approved by the State. It calls for a 1.5 cent tax decrease. No one from the public wished to speak and the public hearing was closed. Auditor Costello announced the total estimated tax decrease for West Cape May property owners will be 8 cents, which is a reduction of \$320 on a property assessed at \$400,000. This was the result of a combination of factors including the local budget decrease, and the increase in the Borough's ratables.

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 13, 2013 Work Session and Regular Meeting
 March 13, 2013 Closed Session

Ordinances for Introduction and Publication:

479-13 An Ordinance of the Borough of West Cape May to Amend its Zoning Ordinance under Chapter XXVII of the Code (Floor Area Ratio – Green Building Practices)

Resolutions:

- 69-13 Adoption of the Municipal Budget for the Year 2013
- 70-13 Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Service Agreement Acknowledgement with Atlantic City Electric for Installation of Streetlights on Goldbeaten Alley
- 71-13 Authorizing Shared Services Agreement between the Borough of West Cape May and the Cape May County Health Department
- 72-13 Bill Payment

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

478-13 An Ordinance Replacing the Existing Source Separation and Recycling Policy for the Borough of West Cape May

Commissioner Sabo made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke, to open the public hearing on the above ordinance. When no one from the public wished to speak, Commissioner Sabo made a motion to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance 478-13. Deputy Mayor Burke seconded the motion which was carried unanimously on roll call vote.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

Commissioner Sabo and Deputy Mayor Burke had no reports.

Pam announced the County Health Department will be spraying for mosquitos between April 14 and 19. Pesticide information is available in the clerk's office. She also reminded everyone to eliminate as much standing water as possible to reduce mosquito breeding areas.

PUBLIC PORTION: No comments.

When no one wished to speak the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM on motion of Commissioner Sabo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Wallace, RMC
Borough Clerk