

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 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: Clerk Elaine Wallace, Deputy Clerk Dianne Rutherford, Engineer Ray Roberts, OEM Coordinator Dan Rutherford, and Solicitor Frank Corrado.

WORK SESSION

OLD BUSINESS

New Fire Truck: Nothing new at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Flood Insurance Presentation: Commissioner Sabo advised the person who was going to give the presentation was unable to attend due to a medical emergency. The topic will be rescheduled.

The work session concluded at 7:04 PM and the regular portion convened at 7:08 PM.

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

Minutes: October 9, 2013 Work Session and Regular Meeting
October 9, 2013 Closed Session

Ordinances for Introduction and Publication: None

Resolutions:

- 150-13 Authorizing the Filing of an Application for USDA Funding under the Community Facilities Fire/Rescue Loan & Grant
- 151-13 Closed Session – Pending Litigation: Willow Creek; Potential Litigation: water loss and regional school district
- 152-13 Bill Payment

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING: None

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Commissioner Sabo was glad the fire truck application process is moving along.

Deputy Mayor Burke announced the next Red Cross blood drive will be Wednesday, January 29th from noon to 5 pm.

Mayor Kaithern announced information is available in the clerk's office for anyone interested in volunteering with the marine mammal stranding center. She also announced Atlantic City Electric will be performing hazard reduction work around the power lines in town in a few weeks. The work will be done Monday – Thursday unless there is bad weather. OEM Coordinator Dan Rutherford suggested residents look at the trees around the lines on their property and contact a tree company to clear them if necessary.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Tom Douglas, 706 Broadway, expressed concern that USDA financing on the current sewer project is not good and would cost the ratepayers around \$100 per year. Mayor Kaithern explained the USDA determines the grant vs. loan amounts based on the demographics of the municipality and the long-term low-interest loans they offer are much better than anything the borough could obtain elsewhere. She offered to have the finance professionals for the borough provide accurate information on the matter. Deputy Mayor Burke also explained that the USDA does not negotiate the percentage of loan vs. grant. Mr. Douglas asked why the sewer on Landis had to be replaced. Borough Engineer Ray Roberts explained it was in violation of DEP requirements and had to be replaced.

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was recessed into closed session at 7:25 pm and reconvened at 7:57 pm on motion of Deputy Mayor Burke, seconded by Commissioner Sabo.

Mayor Kaithern reported no action will be taken on the items discussed. The borough solicitor will prepare a letter to Cape May City regarding the water loss matter.

When there was no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM on motion of Commissioner Sabo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Wallace, RMC
Borough Clerk