

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
MAY 23, 2018**

The Work Session of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of West Cape May was called to order by Mayor Sabo at 7:00pm. The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Mayor Sabo who then led those present in the flag salute. Mayor Carol Sabo, Deputy Mayor Burke and Commissioner Francis answered roll call. Also in attendance: Municipal Clerk Suzanne Schumann, Deputy Clerk Theresa Enteadó and Solicitor Chris Gillin-Schwartz.

WORK SESSION

OLD BUSINESS:

NFIP Community Rating System:

Mayor Sabo indicated that CRS Coordinator Lou Belasco has received the list of 22 negative rated properties and will be preparing letters to send out to the property owners. Mr. Belasco is working with Jim Watt from the NJDEP and believes that the Borough should be eligible for some flood insurance rate reductions.

Review of Properties with Municipal Liens:

Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz stated that there is no update on the Third Avenue property. The property which is owned by Old Valley Forge asked for a lien redemption amount which was provided by the Borough's Tax Collector. There has been no communication from the additional property owners. The Governing Body agreed to move forward with the in-rem foreclosure process on these properties. Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz will provide a resolution for the next agenda to move forward with this process on these properties.

Microbreweries and Distilleries:

Clerk Schumann indicated that the Ordinance is being reintroduced on the agenda to include the permission of microbreweries and distilleries in the C-1 district.

Protection of Borough Owned Property:

Mayor Sabo spoke of her meeting with Kerry Pflugh of the NJDEP in which there was a conversation about obtaining protection of properties and possible funding. Mayor Sabo expects to receive additional information from Ms. Pflugh.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of Proposed Ordinance – South Jersey Gas, Use of Public Streets:

Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz reviewed the proposed Ordinance from South Jersey Gas and indicated that the Governing Body had a choice as to the term of the Ordinance. The Governing Body agreed on a 50-year renewal and Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz will provide a final ordinance for introduction at the next meeting.

3 Year Dog Licenses:

Mayor Sabo received correspondence from the New Jersey Department of Health relative to the option for municipalities to offer a 3-year dog license. Clerk Schumann indicated that the Borough does not have a computer program to generate licenses and therefore, to offer a 3-year license would require additional administrative work from the Clerk's office.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Chris Isenhardt, 139 Stimpson Lane – expressed concerns with speeding dump trucks on Stimpson Lane.

William Mortimer, 700 Park Boulevard, concerned with speeding on Park Boulevard and lack of police enforcement.

Mayor Sabo indicated that the Borough is in the process of purchasing a mobile speed sign which will be able to collect data for review by the police department.

William Mortimer, 700 Park Boulevard, is attending the meeting and speaking on behalf of an elderly neighbor who is having problem with visibility pulling in and out of her driveway as a result of overgrown trees on the neighbor's property and the borough right-of-way.

Clerk Schumann indicated that Code Enforcement is working on this matter which was received by the Clerk's Office last week. The Borough's Department of Public Works will also be notified to take a look at the right-of-way area.

William Mortimer, 700 Park Boulevard, asked if a 4-way stop or speed humps could be installed at the Leaming Avenue and Park Boulevard intersection. Mr. Mortimer indicated that he would come to the June 13th meeting to further discuss these requests with the Borough's Engineer.

Mayor Sabo indicated that speed bumps create a noise issue and are a liability to the Borough.

REGULAR MEETING

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

Minutes:

May 9, 2018 – Work Session and Regular Meeting

May 9, 2018 – Closed Session

Ordinances for Introduction and Publication:

539-18 An Ordinance Amending Section 27 of the Borough Code Regarding Permitted Uses in the Commercial Districts

Resolutions:

106-18 Adopting the Form of the New Jersey Tort Claims Act Questionnaire Required to be Utilized by Claimants for the Filing of Notices of Tort Claim Against the Borough of West Cape May in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, N.J.S.A. 59:8-6 and Designating Qual-Lynx as the Agent for the Borough of West Cape May to Provide the Questionnaire to all of the Claimants and to Receive the Completed Questionnaire from the Claimants

107-18 Authorization to Accept a Subgrant Award of the Federal Fiscal Year 2017 of the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety

108-18 Bill Payment

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Ordinances for Second Reading and Public Hearing:

542-18 An Ordinance Amending Section 6 of the Borough Code Regarding Alcoholic Beverage Control

Mayor Sabo opened the public hearing. When no one wished to speak, the public hearing was closed and Commissioner Francis made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke, to adopt Ordinance 542-18. The motion was carried unanimously on roll call vote.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Francis had nothing to report.

Deputy Mayor Burke had nothing to report.

Mayor Sabo spoke of the Small Town Mayor's Conference which she attended with the Governor's Office which discussed school funding and open space. Mayor Sabo indicated that the Governor was very receptive and respectful with the conversations.

PUBLIC PORTION

Margaret Oleksiak, 165 Stimpson Lane, expressed concerns with speeding, noisy dump trucks on Stimpson Lane since mid-March. Ms. Oleksiak asked if there was an alternate route that the trucks could be re-routed to.

Charles Oleksiak, 165 Stimpson Lane, expressed the same concerns as Ms. Oleksiak and is concerned with the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists on the street.

Mayor Sabo mentioned a recent conversation with the County Engineer's Office requesting all roads be 25mph throughout the Borough and the Engineer's response that "traffic regulates speed". Mayor Sabo indicated that she will discuss these concerns with the Police Chief.

When no one wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm on motion by Commissioner Francis, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Schumann, RMC
Municipal Clerk