

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING  
October 14, 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: Clerk Elaine Wallace, Deputy Clerk Theresa Enteadó, Engineer Ray Roberts, and Solicitor Frank Corrado.

**WORK SESSION**

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Ray Roberts reviewed the report for October 2015

**NEW BUSINESS**

Correcting Name of Yorke/York Avenue: Mayor Kaithern invited the public to give their input on the spelling of Yorke Avenue.

Whit Knopf, 125 ½ Yorke Avenue, questioned why the street sign has to change, stating he hasn't heard a good reason why the street sign has to match the tax map. He felt the change in the spelling on the street sign is an aggravation for residents. The Board members explained they are not trying to aggravate the public, just correct an error. Solicitor Corrado explained the Borough can name the street what it likes, but it makes sense for it to reflect the history as delineated by the County Clerk.

Colleen Bolger, 127 Yorke Avenue, appreciated what the Solicitor said. She has posted in several online locations and many people feel York is historical because the sign has been that way for a very long time. Since it's discretionary, she would like it to be York.

Joann Paskar, 153 Yorke Avenue, spoke against Yorke, stating she doesn't like change. She expressed concern that mail would not be delivered because of the change in spelling.

Charlotte Anderson, 129 Yorke Avenue, would like to go with history and go back to Yorke. She has received mail with Yorke and York and has had no problem getting deliveries.

Once everyone who wished to be heard had a chance to speak, Mayor Kaithern explained that no action would take place until the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting to allow the board time to consider the public input.

Zoning Officer Recommendation re Stairs and Landings: The Board was not in favor of allowing stairs or landings in the setback, instead, preferring people to go before the Planning Zoning Board for a case by case determination.

## OLD BUSINESS

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

Tree Preservation Ordinance – Survey and Implementation: Nothing new at this time.

Prohibition against Alcohol on Public Property: Frank Corrado had drafted an ordinance to allow tastings in the Back Yard Park. The Shade Tree Commission was still not interested in allowing in Wilbraham Park. Carol Sabo asked how the enforcement would work to keep people from drinking any wine or beer they purchase at the park. Mr. Corrado explained it would be enforced by the police.

Potentially Dangerous Dog Ordinance: Commissioner Sabo had a chance to review and is not opposed. The ordinance follows the state statute, which is cumbersome.

2015 Best Practices: The Clerk and Chief Financial Officer prepared the documents, and the Borough qualifies for full state funding.

Community Business Task Force Report - Signs: The Board discussed the recommendations on signs. The Task Force is interested in offering an incentive to people who use “preferred material”. The Board was in favor of an incentive, but wasn’t certain what the incentive should be. They also were in favor of adding vinyl and internally lit signs as well as others to the list of prohibited signs. The board did not see the necessity to change the ordinance stating the Borough will try to the best of its ability to comply with preferred signs. The Borough was also in favor of repeating the preferred sign language after 27-27.4(j)(2). Lastly, based on input from the engineer and attorney, the Board was not in favor of compiling a booklet of preferred signs.

The work session was adjourned and the regular meeting convened at 8:22 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: September 23, 2015 Work Session and Regular Meeting  
September 23, 2015 Closed Session

### Ordinances for Introduction and Publication:

- 504-15 An Ordinance Amending Section 27-27.15 of the West Cape May Borough Code Governing Outdoor Dining Standards  
*Scheduled for Second Reading and Public Hearing November 25, 2015*
- 505-15 An Ordinance Governing the Treatment of Vicious and Dangerous Dogs  
*Scheduled for Second Reading and Public Hearing October 28, 2015*
- 506-15 An Ordinance Amending the West Cape May Ordinance Governing Public Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages  
*Scheduled for Second Reading and Public Hearing October 28, 2015*

Resolutions:

- 146-15 Resolution Regarding Trick or Treat Night
- 147-15 Raffle License to Center for Community Arts
- 148-15 Bill Payment
- 149-15 Scheduling of Closed Session – Negotiations: Police Contract

**NON-CONSENT AGENDA:**

Ordinance for Second Reading:

- 503-15 Ordinance Amending Chapter 14 Trailers and Trailer Camps of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of West Cape May

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

**COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:**

Commissioner Sabo announced the Volunteer Fire Company is expecting delivery of the new fire truck in December, but not in time for parade.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Chad DeSatnick and Martina Patzold, 289 Sixth Avenue, asked the Board to consider allowing them to connect to the existing sewer line that ends right before their property. They are hoping to avoid having to install a septic system due to cost and the fact they would like to do some organic farming on their land. They understand their property is outside the sewer service area and they applaud the borough on its diligence on limiting development and would be willing to deed restrict their property to avoid future development of it. Mayor Kaithern explained the Borough's sewer service area has been approved by the County and the State and what he's requesting would require an application to the NJDEP to make a revision to that plan. Mr. DeSatnick would like the Board to broach that with the NJDEP. Solicitor Corrado stated more information would need to be collected before any decision could be made. Mayor Kaithern will reach out to the DEP.

Jim Labrusciano, 127 Myrtle Avenue, had questions based on a newspaper article about discussions the Board had on the Task Force parking recommendations. He was very concerned about some of the items discussed. The Board explained they were only discussing recommendations made by the Community Business Task Force and no decisions were made as a result. The Board will continue to discuss the recommendations in the report and welcome public input at all its meetings. After the entire report is reviewed, Mayor Kaithern hopes to hire professional consultants to help refine the ideas and possibly make some changes.

Alan Mitchell, 113 Myrtle Avenue, expressed concern over people buying alcohol at Sunset Liquor and then drinking in Wilbraham Park. He felt there isn't enough police enforcement. He said he saw evidence of a homeless person living in the park this

summer. Mayor Kaithern expressed concern that this wasn't reported to the police of the Borough sooner. Mr. Mitchell also asked about safety on Myrtle Avenue with the new design, in particular he suggested placing a barricade at the end of the parking lane with a one-way sign to alert people that the street is one-way. Engineer Roberts said he'd look at the signage, but that it would have to comply with highway guidelines.

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was recessed into closed session at 9:45 PM and reconvened at 10:02 PM on motion of Commissioner Sabo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 PM on motion of Commissioner Sabo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Wallace, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk