

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 27, 2017**

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

WORK SESSION - OLD BUSINESS:

NFIP Community Rating System:

Nothing new to report.

Verizon Wireless Proposal:

Nothing new to report.

Review of Properties with Municipal Liens:

Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz is waiting on responses from the property owners in which he sent letters to and is still waiting for information from the attorney relative to the Third Avenue project.

Dark Skies - Downward Facing Lights:

Nothing new to report.

Water Quality Accountability:

Nothing new to report.

Speed Hump – Traffic Calming:

Nothing new to report.

Treatment Works Applications – Administrative Fees:

Nothing new to report.

WORK SESSION - NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

PUBLIC PORTION:

Suzanne Haggerty, 212 Broadway – Suggested that a resolution be done in recognition of Mayor Kaithern's service to the community over the years. Ms. Haggerty described Mayor Kaithern as dedicated, intelligent, thoughtful, conscience and also that Mayor Kaithern always went above and beyond and acted without self-interest with her decisions.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING: Mayor Kaithern reviewed the Consent Agenda and Non-Consent agenda items.

In regards to Resolution 168-17, Commissioner Sabo indicated that the former Deputy Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Elias, who served the Borough for four (4) years, has moved on and looks forward to having Mr. Vitola step in and help with Code Enforcement.

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

Minutes:

December 13, 2017 – Work Session/Regular Meeting

Ordinances for Introduction and Publication:

NONE

Resolutions:

168-17 Appointment of Deputy Code Enforcement Officer – Justin Vitola
169-17 Social Affairs Permit – Cherry Tree, Inc. d/b/a Washington Inn
170-17 Bill Payment

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions:

NONE

Ordinances for Second Reading and Public Hearing:

530-17 An Ordinance Amending Section 27-36 of the Borough Code
Regarding Landscaping and Vegetation

Mayor Kaithern opened the public hearing. When no one wished to speak, the public hearing was closed and Commissioner Sabo made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke, to adopt Ordinance 530-17. The motion was carried unanimously on roll call vote.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Sabo spoke of the January 12th movie and craft night being held by the Environmental Commission. This event will be held from 6pm-8pm. Commissioner Sabo thanked Mayor Kaithern for her service and her good stewardship of West Cape May.

Deputy Mayor Burke reminded everyone of the January 25th blood drive at borough hall, which will take place from 12pm-5pm. Deputy Mayor Burke echoed Commissioner Sabo's comments and thanked Mayor Kaithern for her service.

Mayor Kaithern had nothing to report.

PUBLIC PORTION

John Schmidt, Gloucester City – Spoke briefly of his background in government and his familiarities with West Cape May and many other municipalities. Mr. Schmidt thanked Mayor Kaithern for her service in local government. Mr. Schmidt pointed out that the Borough's newly elected official was not present for the meeting. Mr. Schmidt also wished everyone a Happy New Year, Happy Holidays and a Safe 2018.

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm on motion of Commissioner Sabo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Schumann, RMC
Municipal Clerk