

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 24, 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, Engineer Ray Roberts, and Solicitor Frank Corrado.

WORK SESSION

OLD BUSINESS

New Fire Truck: Commissioner Sabo advised the grant writer is on vacation this week but is still waiting for quotes from the Volunteer Fire Company.

Atlantic City Electric Repair Work: Mayor Kaithern spoke to Ronnie Town of Atlantic Electric who confirmed the issue is for Verizon to handle. Ms. Town has taken a different route to a solution with Verizon and hopes to have action by next week.

USDA Summer Work Schedule: The Board members received mercantile information on the areas affected by construction – 2 in each area of work to be done. After some discussion, the board agreed to allow the contractor to work on Third and Stewart/Landis during the summer. However, they are to be asked to complete Stewart/Landis prior to the start of the Farmers Market. Deputy Mayor Burke felt there were going to be complaints from property owners that are renting and from the renters themselves because of the inconvenience of the construction.

NEW BUSINESS:

County Tax Appeals: Solicitor Corrado reported he will be appearing before the County Tax Board, with the Borough's Tax Assessor, for 5 tax appeals on Monday, April 29th.

The work session concluded at 7:19 PM and the Regular Portion convened at 7:21 PM

MAYORS DAY OF RECOGNITION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE: Mayor Kaithern read and presented a Certificate of Recognition to Harriett Wilson for her volunteer work with VITA – Volunteers in Tax Assistance.

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

Minutes: April 10, 2013 Work Session and Regular Meeting

Ordinances for Introduction and Publication: None

Resolutions:

- 79-13 Authorize Special Events Permit to Cape May Film Festival – Film Camp
- 80-13 Refund of Legal Interest Real Estate Taxes Paid for Block 60, Lot 7.08
- 81-13 Bill Payment

Proclamation: Loyalty Day May 2, 2013

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING: None

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

Commissioner Sabo reported no significant progress on the fire truck grant application. She also reported she had attended mandatory Planning Board training, which was informative.

Deputy Mayor Burke reminded everyone of Arbor Day events sponsored by the Shade Tree, including a seminar at Borough Hall on Saturday 27th presented by Top Notch Tree Care and Shelley Rhoads about tree damage and maintenance, particularly in light of storms like Sandy.

Mayor Kaithern announced the Farmers Market will begin in 62 days. The mission of the market is to incubate local businesses and recognize agricultural output and handmade items. West Cape May also received the Tree City USA status for 2012, thanks to the Shade Tree Commission. She also reported on the County League of Municipalities meeting where FEMA's draft ABFE maps were discussed and trees and shrubs are contributing factors to reducing the effects of storm surges and flooding. Mrs. Kaithern reported the County and its consulting firm will come back to West Cape May for another discussion after revisions to the plan, based on the last meeting, are ready. Lastly, she encouraged everyone to attend the Cape May Garden Club's flower show at convention hall on April 30th.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Harriett Wilson, 437 Third Avenue, asked when the Environmental Commission would be having its Sunset Boulevard cleanup day. Commissioner Sabo will check on the status of this event. Ms. Wilson also advised the Borough of a house on Third Avenue that has a lot of construction debris that has been in the street for a few weeks. The Borough will look into this matter.

When no one wished to speak the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM on motion of Commissioner Sabo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Wallace, RMC
Borough Clerk