

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 12, 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

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Ray Roberts reviewed the June report (attached).

OLD BUSINESS

New Fire Truck: Commissioner Sabo announced the pre-application paperwork has been submitted to USDA and we are awaiting a response.

Proposed Amendments to Right to Farm Rules: Solicitor Corrado, Mayor Kaithern and Commissioner Sabo attended a presentation made by Susan Payne of the SADC at the County Administration Building. Solicitor Corrado advised that once the proposed amendments are published in the *New Jersey Register*, the Borough should review them and submit comments, as was done in 2012.

County Open Space Application: Deputy Mayor Burke reported he did not submit an application for 2013 due to lack of support of the idea presented at the last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Option of Payment Plans for New Sewer Hook-ups: The Borough has received a handful of requests to allow payment plans for sewer connection plans. Solicitor Corrado will look into the permissibility. If it is possible, then the Borough would have to adopt an ordinance. The Borough also looked to see if there were any grant/loan programs, but only found one for water, not sewer.

Community-Business Task Force – Resolution 44-13: Mayor Kaithern would like to appoint Ellie McDevitt as a seventh member of the Task Force. Resolution 106-13 was added to the consent agenda.

FEMA Flood Maps: Mayor Kaithern announced FEMA representatives will be hosting a public informational session at Cape May Convention Hall on Saturday June 15th.

The work session concluded at 7:27 PM and the regular portion convened at 7:27 PM

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

Resolution #100-13 was removed from the consent agenda because it was memorializing an action that was taken at the May 22, 2013 meeting.

Minutes: May 22, 2013 Work Session and Regular Meeting
May 22, 2013 Closed Session

Ordinances for Introduction and Publication: None

Resolutions:

- 92-13 Opposing A-2756 Increasing Workers Compensation Benefits for Surviving Spouses of Police Officers and Firefighters
- 93-13 Opposing A-1196 Workers Compensation for First Responders, Presumption that Illness is Work Related
- 101-13 Annual Renewal of Liquor License for the Year 2013-2014
- 102-13 Raffle License to West Cape May Volunteer Fire Company
- 103-13 Bill Payment
- 104-13 Closed Session – Potential Litigation
- 105-13 Acknowledging Contract with Hess Corporation Electric Generation Supply Services for the South Jersey Power Cooperative
- 106-13 Appointing Ellie McDevitt to the Community-Business Task Force

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING: None

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Commissioner Sabo had nothing more to report.

Deputy Mayor Burke announced the Borough is hosting a blood drive on Monday, July 22nd from noon to 5 PM.

Mayor Kaithern announced the 12th season of the West Cape May Farmers Market will begin Tuesday, June 25th and will host lots of local talent and vendors.

PUBLIC PORTION: No comments

When no one wished to speak the meeting was recessed into closed session at 7:32 PM and reconvened at 8:02 PM on motion of Deputy Mayor Burke, seconded by Commissioner Sabo. No action was taken as a result of closed session.

Mayor Kaithern opened a public portion at the request of latecomers.

Robert Gaskill, 703 Willow Avenue, advised the board he wanted the code enforcement officer to address a problem with the property across the street from him, but the code enforcement officer was out for medical reasons. Mr. Gaskill asserted that it was a big noise nuisance that can't wait. He filed a complaint with the court and a hearing was scheduled for June 20th.

Ann Sermarini, 711 Willow Avenue, has a problem with the same property. She lives next door to the property, which is only 25 feet wide and has a double shed on it. There are two young men running what looks like industrial woodworking equipment outside the shed every day. It's extremely loud and produces piles of sawdust – both of which affect her property. She firmly believes it is commercial activity in her residential neighborhood. One man told the police it's just a hobby for him.

Robert Gaskill explained there is a court order specifying the property can only be used for storage, but the electric service has been upgraded to handle the lathes and chopsaws, etc. The code enforcement office will investigate the matter and the residents were advised they can call the police with noise complaints as necessary. Mr. Gaskill and Ms. Sermarini thanked the board for their time and attention.

When there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM on motion of Deputy Mayor Burke, seconded by Commissioner Sabo.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Wallace, RMC
Borough Clerk