

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 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: Clerk Elaine Wallace, Deputy Clerk Dianne Rutherford, and Solicitor Frank Corrado.

WORK SESSION

Presentation by Commercial Utility Consultants, Inc.: John Fish of Commercial Utility Consultants, Inc. (CUC) gave a presentation on energy aggregation. He gave a history of how aggregation came about and how the borough could pass an ordinance to begin the process of aggregation for the benefits of its residents. The purpose of aggregation is to create a pool of approximately 30,000 customers to allow for the best buying power in order to get the lowest possible rates from energy suppliers. If the borough decides to move forward with the process, it could enter into a contract with CUC through the NJDCA's e-Procurement program to perform. The board will review the documents provided for further consideration.

OLD BUSINESS

New Fire Truck: The borough is still waiting for a response from the funding source.

Proposed Amendments to Right to Farm Rules: Solicitor Corrado is still working on the borough's comments and will have a draft prior to the next meeting.

Option of Payment Plans or New Sewer Hook-ups: Solicitor Corrado advised the borough has the authority to adopt an ordinance to offer a payment plan for sewer connection fees. Interest should be charged to anyone who wants to take advantage of a payment plan, at a rate permitted by state law, with a provision for waiving such fee if financial need is proven. Mr. Corrado will forward a memo to the board outlining the specifics.

Pedestrian/Crosswalk Signage on Broadway: Commissioner Sabo has spoken to County Engineer Dale Foster who has agreed to repaint the crosswalk lines at Central Avenue on Broadway and to place a crosswalk sign in the center line of Broadway. He felt that was the best location because it is the first crosswalk when entering town and is the widest part of Broadway. Deputy Mayor Burke felt there is more concern raised about the crosswalk at Fourth and Broadway, but Mr. Foster has concerns about the width of the road there.

NEW BUSINESS:

NJDOT Grants Available: The board agreed to think about possible projects, but will wait to discuss until the next meeting when the Borough Engineer will be present.

Request for Four-way stop signage: Deputy Mayor Burke received a request from a resident to place signage at the existing 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Fifth and Pacific Avenues. The resident believed it would make it clearer to drivers which intersections are 4-way stops and which are not. The Borough Engineer would have to determine what type of signage is appropriate and permitted.

Regional School Funding Formula: Mayor Kaithern reported on the meeting she attended with the Executive County Superintendent of Schools who explained the statutory process. The Executive County Superintendent set a December 16th deadline for submission of additional feasibility studies. The County Superintendent would have 60 days to conclude his findings.

The work session concluded at 8:13 PM and the regular portion convened at 8:16 PM.

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

Minutes: July 10, 2013 Work Session and Regular Meeting

Ordinances for Introduction and Publication: None

Resolutions:

- 117-13 Authorization to Accept the Audit Report for 2012
- 118-13 Accepting the Corrective Action Plan
- 119-13 Refund of Farmers Market Overpayment – Maria Preston
- 120-13 Authorizing Refund of Macedonia Baptist Church’s Wilbraham Park \$250 Deposit for Clean Up Fee
- 121-13 Bill Payment

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING: None

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Commissioner Sabo announced Gerry Reeves and Tom Douglas were sworn in as honorary members of the Volunteer Fire Company in recognition of the work they’ve been doing to restore the 1920’s pumper.

Deputy Mayor Burke announced the recent blood drive was a success and encouraged everyone to donate if possible because of the nation blood shortage.

Mayor Kaithern shared sentiments prepared by Clara Williams Harris, a lifelong resident of West Cape May who just celebrated her 90th birthday.

PUBLIC PORTION: No comments.

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM on motion of Deputy Mayor Burke, seconded by Commissioner Sabo.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Wallace, RMC
Borough Clerk