

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 28, 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 Stocker, Deputy Clerk Theresa Entead and Solicitor Frank Corrado.

WORK SESSION - OLD BUSINESS:

NFIP Community Rating System:

The Clerk's Office sent out second request notices for property owners who have not yet responded to original letter. All but one certified mail receipts have been returned. Clerk will follow up with Construction Office in upcoming weeks.

Estate of Smith – Betty Robbins Memorial – Donation of a Bandstand:

Mayor Kaithern indicated that the pavilion has been completed. A dedication will be scheduled in the near future.

Verizon Wireless Proposal:

Nothing new to report. Frank gave brief update on what Verizon's intentions are, based on Peter's comment about cell phone service not being good in the area.

Review of Properties with Municipal Liens:

Both the Borough's Environmental Commission and Shade Tree Commission have funding available for purchase. Commissioner Sabo asked if the fees could be split between the Commissions. Clerk Stocker will reach out to both Commissions to advise them of situation and plans. Solicitor Corrado will prepare Deed once time comes.

Donation of Property to the Borough of West Cape May - Block 2, Lot 5:

Nothing new to report.

Review of Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance:

Mayor Kaithern indicated that the first draft Ordinance has minor corrections of spelling errors and formatting changes and the second draft should be reviewed to determine whether Borough would like to add the optional higher standards. The Governing Body did not see any optional higher standards which they would like to include. Mayor questioned Page 8, Section 4.0 – asked Clerk to clarify "Development Permit" being the same as a "Construction Permit".

Construction Office – Contractor's License:

Solicitor Corrado advised that Lower is not willing to waive fee, but property owner can submit a written application for the fees to be waived. Mayor Kaithern indicated that she would endorse the owners petition for a waiver. Solicitor Corrado is unaware of any blanket farm exemptions but will look into the issue further.

Broadway Resurfacing Improvements:

Mayor Kaithern gave update on recent SJG project and repaving of streets. The striping portion is to take place this evening. Mayor Kaithern gave update on County project which

removes the islands, but keeps the decorative paver with a compass design in the middle. Mayor Kaithern further reviewed a letter from County Engineer Dale Foster, asking for the Borough's help to contact property owners who have not yet signed up on the temporary construction easement for the project.

WORK SESSION - NEW BUSINESS:

County of Cape May, Department of Public Works – Highway Safety Program – Center Line Rumble Strips:

Governing Body reviewed the request received by the County and supports the rumble strip project. Clerk Stocker will send an email to County Engineer Dale Foster indicating the Borough's support of the project.

Prohibiting the Release of Helium-Filled Balloons within the Borough of West Cape May:

Deputy Mayor Burke indicated that this topic was put on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Sabo. Solicitor Corrado spoke of group which met in the City of Cape May, asking for the City to enforce this Ordinance. Solicitor Corrado indicated that Cape May Council did not have any discussion on this matter, other than adopting the Ordinance. Mayor Kaithern spoke of website for The Balloon Council, which she will forward to the Clerk for distribution to Deputy Mayor Burke and Commissioner Sabo. Mayor Kaithern asked if this is a problem in West Cape May, or would the Borough be over regulating.

Prohibiting the Release of Doves/Like Birds for Special Events/Celebrations:

Commissioner Sabo expressed concerns with domesticated birds, being raised by humans, being released into the wild during these special events. Commissioner Sabo would like some further research on this topic and report back at a future meeting.

Board of Education – Choice Student Program

Mayor Kaithern is in the process of scheduling meeting with Dr. Savio relative to Choice School funding. Deputy Mayor Burke gave background on accepting students, which is more than the school can fund. Mayor Kaithern will advise once meeting is scheduled.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Tom Halligan - 640 West Drive – Provided Governing Body with petition from property owners on West Drive relative to the deteriorating condition of the street. Mr. Halligan indicated that West Drive was not paved when new gas and water lines were installed and the road is beyond maintenance repair and needs to be reconstructed. Mr. Halligan further expressed concerns with safety of bike riding, walking and carriage traveling in this area of town, specifically the corner of Stevens Street and West Drive being the worst. Mr. Halligan expressed the need to examine the speed limits as each road changes in speed limit.

Kirsten Ewing (&Douglass) – 628 West Drive – Expressed concerns with speeding on the street and potential for increase of speeders once roads are repaved. Ms. Ewing asked if Winery signs are permitted on the public ground on Bayshore Road. Their main concern is safety of speeders, increase of vehicles, trolleys, tour busses, etc. Douglass would like to suggest a traffic study on a weekend or weekday to evaluate traffic control and speeds on the roads and suggested speed bumps to be installed, West Drive being a one-way and/or prohibiting commercial bus traffic on the road.

Judy Smith, 408 Third Avenue – Ms. Smith followed up with the Commissioners relative to her meeting with Borough representatives, Shade Tree Commission representatives, her

neighbors and the developer. Ms. Smith indicated that 10-12 trees will have to be removed as a result of Burke Builders negligence.

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

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

Minutes:

June 12, 2017 – Work Session/Regular Meeting
June 12, 2017 – Closed Session

Ordinances for Introduction and Publication:

****TABLED**** 524-17 – Amending Salary Ordinance

Resolutions:

99-17	Authorization to Accept the Audit Report for 2016
100-17	Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 – Community Forestry Management Plan
101-17	Release of Unexpended Escrow Fees – Wilbraham Mansion, LLC
102-17	Release of Unexpended Escrow Fees – Loretta Ann Saggiomo
103-17	Release of Unexpended Escrow Fees – Kenneth R. Schuster
104-17	Bill Payment

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Ordinances for Second Reading and Public Hearing:

NONE

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Sabo had nothing to report.

Deputy Mayor Burke mentioned the Blood Drive, July 13th from 12pm-5pm.

Mayor Kaithern spoke about the dedication ceremony of Green Street to John A. Vasser, Jr. Way which had about 50 attendees, tributes and singing by family members. Commissioner Sabo thanked whoever was responsible for videoing the event, which she was able to watch online since she was unable to attend.

PUBLIC PORTION

When no one wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm on motion of Deputy Mayor Burke, seconded by Commissioner Sabo.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Stocker, RMC
Municipal Clerk