

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2020**

The Work Session of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of West Cape May was called to order by Mayor Sabo at 7:00pm. The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Mayor Sabo who then led those present in the flag salute. Mayor Sabo, Deputy Mayor Burke and Commissioner Francis answered roll call. Also in attendance: Municipal Clerk Suzanne Schumann, Acting Solicitor Frank Corrado and Engineer Ray Roberts.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

WORK SESSION

OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 - Coronavirus Discussion:

Mayor Sabo mentioned that she continues to monitor the daily County statistics. The success of the Lima Bean Festival was discussed and Mayor Sabo mentioned that the proper protocols and measures were in place in light of COVID. Deputy Mayor Burke stated that the festival was appreciated by the community. Commissioner Francis mentioned that West Cape May has one current positive case for a total of nine cases. Mayor Sabo advised that the Borough, upon recommendation of the West Cape May Board of Health, has purchased hand sanitizer and disposal masks for Borough residents who are in need.

Low Income Residents:

Commissioner Francis stated that he has taken the lead on this initiative and has applied to the League of Mayors regarding the SEED Program and is waiting to hear back with additional information.

NEW BUSINESS

Traffic Concerns on Stimpson Lane:

Libby Felton, Westwood Drive, expressed concerns of safety on Stimpson Lane with the increase in traffic over the last several years due to the increase of businesses in West Cape May and the ability of GPS apps to send alternative routes to avoid traffic. Ms. Felton stated that Stimpson Lane is a 35mph roadway with no sidewalks and no bike lanes. Ms. Felton stated that her daughter's bus stop is down the street and walking on Stimpson Lane is dangerous with speeding vehicles. Ms. Felton is also concerned with the intersection of Broadway and Stimpson Lane.

Carol Kopp, 169 Stimpson Lane, stated that she expresses similar concerns of Ms. Felton. Ms. Kopp mentioned that many people may be utilizing Stimpson Lane to avoid the construction and business traffic on Bayshore Road.

Commissioner Francis suggested that Ms. Felton send a letter to the school requesting a closer bus stop due to the concerns of safety while walking to the bus stop on Stimpson Lane.

Clerk Schumann stated that the County requires the municipality to adopt a Resolution requesting a speed and/or traffic study. Ms. Felton asked if the study could be completed during the summer months. A draft Resolution was reviewed and amended to include the request for a speed study on Stimpson Lane and a traffic study at the intersection of Broadway and Stimpson Lane. Specifically, the request for a lower speed limit on Stimpson Lane and the consideration of a traffic signal at the intersection is being requested.

The Commissioners agreed to add this Resolution to the agenda for approval and submission to the County Engineer's Office.

Urging the Reopening of Businesses and Restaurants:

Mayor Sabo discussed the sample Resolution which was provided which is circulating neighboring municipalities for consideration. Mayor Sabo stated that she takes exception with some of the language included in the Resolution and believes that the State's Elected Officials are taking the proper measures for reopening based on the current health statistics and input of health officials. Mayor Sabo stated that she does not feel a need to consider this Resolution and that the public's health will dictate the reopening of businesses.

Commissioner Francis stated that he is happy with how businesses and restaurants are currently being handled and agreed with Mayor Sabo that this Resolution does not need to be considered.

Review of Best Practices Inventory:

Clerk Schumann reviewed the Best Practices Inventory process and the form was previously submitted to the Commissioners for review. There were no questions and Clerk Schumann stated that she would file the report accordingly.

PUBLIC PORTION

NONE

The Work Session concluded at 7:43pm.

REGULAR MEETING

Acting Solicitor Corrado suggested the Board of Commissioners make a motion to add Resolution 134-20 - Requesting the County of Cape May Conduct a Speed Survey on Stimpson Lane (CR645) and Request to Perform a Traffic Study at the Intersection of Broadway (CR626) and Stimpson Lane (CR645) to the Consent Agenda.

On motion by Deputy Mayor Burke, seconded by Commissioner Francis, unanimously approved on roll call vote, Resolution 134-20 was added to the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes:

September 23, 2020 - Work Session and Regular Meeting
September 23, 2020 – Board of Health Meeting

Ordinances for Introduction and Publication:

588-20 An Ordinance Amending Section 4 of the Borough Code Regarding Licensing

Resolutions:

- 127-20 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue, Chapter 159 – State of New Jersey/Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Fund
- 128-20 Authorize Special Event Permit to East Lynne Theater Company
- 129-20 Authorize Temporary Extension of Hours of Sale for Plenary Retail Consumption Licensees
- 130-20 Trick-or-Treat 2020
- 131-20 Release of Unused Escrow Fees – TMCCM Partners LP
- 132-20 Authorize Special Event Permit to West Cape May Volunteer Fire Company
- 133-20 Bill Payment
- 134-20 Requesting the County of Cape May Conduct a Speed Survey on Stimpson Lane (CR645) and Request to Perform a Traffic Study at the Intersection of Broadway (CR626) and Stimpson Lane (CR645)

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Ordinances for Second Reading and Public Hearing:

NONE

Resolutions:

NONE

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Francis mentioned the wonderful feeling from people who attended the Lima Bean Festival and the pleasant experience of not being overcrowded.

Deputy Mayor Burke stated that the Shade Tree Commission will be starting their fall plantings (cedar trees) in early November and is still taking requests for residents who would like to have a tree planted on their property.

Mayor Sabo mentioned the Borough-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, October 17th and the Bulk Trash Day on October 21st.

PUBLIC PORTION

NONE

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm on motion of Deputy Mayor Burke, seconded by Commissioner Francis.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Schumann, RMC
Municipal Clerk