

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING  
July 27, 2022**

The Work Session of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of West Cape May was called to order by Mayor Sabo at 7:00 p.m. 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 Kurkowski answered roll call. Also in attendance: Municipal Clerk Theresa Entead, Deputy Municipal Clerk Erin Seer, Engineer Anthony Chadwell, Solicitor Frank Corrado and his associate Erika Lezama, as well as CMPD Chief Dekon Fashaw Sr.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Covid-19:

The Commissioners continue to monitor the county data and to promote vaccination if possible, and testing and treatment when necessary.

Swimming Pools:

The Commissioners hope to discuss this matter further once the Planning Board has had a chance to review and consider the topic.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Speed Limit Resolution – Cape Island:

Mayor Sabo said a resolution urging the County to reduce the speed limit on certain County roads within the Borough is on the consent agenda. She said Cape May City and Cape May Point plan to discuss similar resolutions at their meetings as well and she asked Chief Fashaw to comment on the matter. Chief Fashaw said there is a growing number of low-speed vehicles throughout Cape May, West Cape May and Cape May Point. He remarked about the specific problem on Sunset Boulevard where the speed changes from 25 MPH to 35 MPH and then to 40 MPH. Deputy Mayor Burke agreed that Sunset is problematic regarding speeding vehicles. Chief Fashaw said the first discussion with the County was to allow low-speed vehicles on roads with speed limits greater than 25 MPH. He said this didn't address safety concerns because other vehicles are speeding up to pass them. Chief Fashaw believes that a reduction of all roads to 25 MPH would better address the availability and use of low-speed vehicles for the safety of residents and visitors in our community. He also mentioned the correlation of reduced speed and survival rate in collisions and said the police department is prepared to strengthen enforcement. The commissioners agreed consistency of the speed limit will help with enforcement. Chief Fashaw finished by saying we all need to share the roads and slow down.

Pesticides and Chemicals – Possible Limitations:

Mayor Sabo said this has been briefly discussed before, and the adverse impact that these substances may have on the environment is of particular concern. She mentioned the many class action lawsuits against a particular brand of weed killer and said that many people feel

that the required warning label is a clear indicator that they are extremely harmful. Mayor Sabo said the Commission needs to decide if they want to educate or legislate or possibly do both. She wondered what limitations could be imposed on individual property owners.

Borough Solicitor Corrado said he was still completing his research; however, there is a state statute that limits the types of pesticides that can be used and that also states that municipalities may enact ordinances that are stricter than the state statute. He said he is currently reviewing various ordinances regarding limitations of pesticides from other communities. He also said there is a statute that applies to all school districts and requires all schools in New Jersey to adopt an Integrated Pest Management plan, or “green” pest control process. Solicitor Corrado suggested the Commissioners look at the West Cape May Board of Education’s Integrated Pest Management plan.

Mayor Sabo acknowledged the Environmental Commission’s efforts to educate and wants to help that effort through social media posts; she said the Commission must decide how far it wants to go with legislation. Solicitor Corrado explained that he hopes to have more specific possibilities for the Borough to review prior to the next meeting. Commissioner Kurkowski expanded on Mayor Sabo’s previous comment by saying the Environmental Commission has a booth at the Farm Market and they are showing people how to make environmentally conscience herbicides and pesticides and letting them keep them as samples along with a list of ingredients. Commissioner Kurkowski said he supports some sort of restrictions especially in the wetland areas but he also wanted to point out that there may be difficulty implementing enforcement. The Commissioners agreed to continue this discussion.

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

Mayor Sabo opened the meeting for Public Portion. When no one expressed a desire to speak, the Work Session was concluded at 7:31pm.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Sabo opened the regular meeting.

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

#### Minutes:

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#### Ordinances for Introduction and Publication:

None

#### Resolutions:

- 111-22 Appointing Municipal Clerk – Theresa Enteadó
- 112-22 Appointing HPC Recording Secretary – Erin Seer
- 113-22 Recognizing the WCM Environmental Commission Green Team
- 114-22 Approving Chapter 159 – Local Recreational Improvement 2021 Grant
- 115-22 Resolution Urging the County of Cape May to Lower the Speed Limit on Certain County Roads Within the Borough of West Cape May
- 116-22 Approving Bill Payment
- 117-22 Extending Grace Period for Interest Payment on Tax Bills
- 118-22 Authorizing Agreement for Member Participation in Cooperative Pricing System (25CMACP) Between Cape May County (Lead Agency) and Borough of West Cape May (Participating Agency)
- 119-22 Approving Refund of Farmers Market Deposit – Shark Bait New Jersey

## **NON-CONSENT AGENDA**

### Ordinances:

None

### Resolutions:

None

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Kurkowski reminded the public about the Fish Fry, Beer Garden, Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser for the West Cape May Community Christmas Parade and the West Cape May Volunteer Fire Company. Donations are strongly encouraged and attending the fundraiser is highly recommended. He also wanted to thank Mayor Sabo for her efforts obtaining a grant and assisting the school in providing a new playground.

Deputy Mayor Burke reminded everyone that the Community Christmas Parade is not funded by the Borough but rather by donation only and he thanked the West Cape May Volunteer Fire Company for its efforts. He also mentioned the weather did not seem to have a negative impact on the recent Farm Market and that it was still very well attended.

Mayor Sabo is excited for the Fish Fry Fundraiser and mentioned that the Farm Market continues every Tuesday. She said a recurring theme is safety in our community and she wanted to thank Chief Fashaw for keeping it a priority. She is hopeful that the County will be more receptive to the idea of lowering the speed limit because so many changes and factors contribute to the request this time. She thanked everyone involved in the effort.

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

Mayor Sabo opened the meeting for public portion.

When no one expressed a desire to speak, Mayor Sabo closed the public portion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m., on motion of Commissioner Kurkowski, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Enteadó  
Municipal Clerk