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October 4, 2017  
Wildwood Crest, NJ

Prior to the opening of the meeting, Mr. Groon led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Borough of Wildwood Crest, Cape May County, New Jersey, was held in the Municipal Court Room at 9:30 a.m. On roll call the following answered to their names:

Gould - Cabrera - Groon - YES

Mr. Groon read the following statement: In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, the notice requirements have been satisfied as to the time, place and date of holding said meeting by posting notice on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and by e-mailing and same to the Gazette-Leader, Herald of Cape May County and The Press on December 1, 2016.

Mr. Groon next announced the one-way in and the one-way out method of ingress and egress in case of emergency.

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 1036-17

**EXTRACT** from the minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, held at the Municipal Building, 6101 Pacific Avenue, Wildwood Crest, New Jersey, on October 4, 2017, at 9:30 o'clock A.M.

**PRESENT:**

**ABSENT:**

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\_\_\_\_\_ introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution and \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$3,736,990 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST, IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST, IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Pursuant to a bond ordinance of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May (the "local unit"), entitled: "Bond ordinance appropriating \$995,000, and authorizing the issuance of \$947,000 bonds or notes of the Borough, for various improvements or purposes authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey", finally adopted on October 22, 2014 (#1198), bond anticipation notes of the local unit in a principal amount not exceeding \$903,990 shall be issued for the purpose of temporarily financing the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of said bond ordinance, including (to any extent necessary) the renewal of any Bond Anticipation Notes heretofore issued therefor.

**Section 2.** Pursuant to a bond ordinance of the Borough entitled: "Bond ordinance appropriating \$2,975,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$2,833,000 bonds or notes of the Borough for various improvements or purposes authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey", finally adopted on October 5, 2016 (#1244), bond anticipation notes of the Borough in a principal amount not exceeding \$2,833,000 shall be issued for the purpose of temporarily financing the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of said bond ordinance, including (to any extent necessary) the renewal of any bond anticipation notes heretofore issued therefor, and any action heretofore had or taken with respect to said notes is hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

**Section 3.** All bond anticipation notes (the "notes") issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the treasurer, the chief financial officer or the acting chief financial officer of the Borough (the "Chief Financial Officer"), provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer and shall be signed and sealed by officials and officers of the Borough in any manner permitted by N.J.S.A. §40A:2-25. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued hereunder, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. §40A:2-8. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes at not less than par from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price. The Chief

Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the Borough at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes hereunder is made. Such report must include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**Section 4.** Any note issued pursuant to this resolution shall be a general obligation of the Borough, and the Borough's faith and credit are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said obligations and, unless otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

**Section 5.** The chief financial officer of the local unit is hereby authorized and directed to do all other matters necessary, useful, convenient or desirable to accomplish the delivery of said notes to the purchasers thereof as promptly as possible, including (i) the preparation, execution and dissemination of a Preliminary Official Statement and Final Official Statement with respect to said notes, (ii) preparation, distribution and publication, if necessary, of a Notice of Sale with respect to said notes, (iii) execution of a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, with respect to said notes in accordance with Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and (iv) execution of an arbitrage and use of proceeds certificate certifying that, among other things, the local unit, to the extent it is empowered and allowed under applicable law, will do and perform all acts and things necessary or desirable to assure that interest paid on said notes is not included in gross income under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

**Section 6.** All action heretofore taken by officials and professionals of the local unit with regard to the sale and award of said notes in hereby ratified, confirmed, adopted and approved.

**Section 7.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Upon motion of \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

Mrs. Gould motioned, seconded by Mr. Cabrera, that the foregoing Resolution be adopted.

Vote: Gould - Cabrera - Groon – Yes

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

**RESOLUTION NO. 1037-17**

**SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AND PBA LOCAL 59 POLICEMAN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (SUPERIOR OFFICERS), FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019.**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Wildwood Crest (the Borough) and PBA Local 59, Policeman's Benevolent Association Superior Officers (the PBA-Superior Officers) engaged in collective bargaining negotiations to replace the current Agreement which expired on December 31, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties have determined that the Agreement between the parties shall be memorialized in the final contract covering the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Commission of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that:

1. Statements of the preamble hereto are incorporated herein by this reference.
2. The proposed Agreement between the Borough of Wildwood Crest and PBA Local 59 Policeman's Benevolent Association (Superior Officers) covering the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019 (a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk) is approved and the Mayor and the Borough Clerk be hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest subject such final editing as may be approved by Borough labor counsel.
3. The Borough Clerk is further authorized, directed and empowered to seal said Agreement with the seal of the Borough of Wildwood Crest.

Dated: October 4, 2017

Mrs. Gould motioned, seconded by Mr. Cabrera, that the foregoing Resolution be adopted.

Vote: Gould - Cabrera - Groon – Yes

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

**RESOLUTION NO. 1038-17**

AUTHORIZING DEBLASIO & ASSOCIATES TO PROCEED WITH ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH WILDWOOD CREST – PACIFIC AVENUE & ROSEMARY ROAD SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE REHABILITATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest authorized a Professional Services agreement with DeBlasio & Associates on July 19, 2017 via Resolution No. 1004-17; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of Capital Expenditure, it is necessary to obtain the approval of the Governing Body for on-going professional services;  
WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Wildwood Crest to accept the proposal from DeBlasio & Associates for engineering and construction observation at a cost not to exceed \$2,800 for project known as “Wildwood Crest – Pacific Avenue & Rosemary Road Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that DeBlasio & Associates are authorized to proceed with engineering work for the Wildwood Crest - Pacific Avenue & Rosemary Road Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation.

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified the availability of funds as evidenced below by her signature,  
Account Number(s)                                      Amount                                      Signature  
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Mrs. Gould motioned, seconded by Mr. Cabrera, that the foregoing Resolution be adopted.  
Vote:            Gould - Cabrera - Groon – Yes

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:  
RESOLUTION NO. 1039-17  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BRIDGETON FOR A MUNICIPAL TAX ASSESSOR**

**WHEREAS**, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, *et. seq.*, authorizes municipalities to enter into agreements for the exchange and sharing of services; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-146.4 provides that a municipal tax assessor may be appointed in more than one municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Wildwood Crest and the City of Bridgeton have determined that it would be mutually beneficial to enter into an Interlocal Shared Services Agreement under the terms of which the municipalities would share the services of a single Tax Assessor and to further agree to the establishment of a schedule when the Tax Assessor will perform services for each municipality.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May and State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1) All of the statements of the preamble are incorporated herein by this reference thereto as though the same were set forth at length.
- 2) On behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, the Mayor and the Borough Clerk be and they hereby are authorized to execute the Interlocal Shared Services Agreement with the City of Bridgeton that is annexed hereto as Exhibit “A” which provides for the sharing by the City of Bridgeton and the Borough of Wildwood Crest of a Tax Assessor and provides for the Tax Assessor to be the full-time employee of the City of Bridgeton.

Mrs. Gould motioned, seconded by Mr. Groon, that the foregoing Resolution be adopted.  
Vote:            Gould – Yes    Cabrera - No    Groon – Yes

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:  
RESOLUTION NO. 1040-17  
**APPOINTING MANDI JOHNSON, CTA AS MUNICIPAL TAX ASSESSOR**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-146 provides, in part, as follows: “The governing body or chief executive, as appropriate to the form of government of the municipality [,] shall provide for the appointment of a tax assessor...[.]” and

**WHEREAS**, the position of Wildwood Crest Tax Assessor presently is vacant; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-148 provides, in part, as follows: “Every municipal tax assessor... shall hold his office for a term of four years from the first day of July next following his appointment [;]” and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-148.1 provides, in part, as follows: “A municipal tax assessor shall hold a tax assessor certificate provided for in [N.J.S.A. 54:1-35.25, *et. seq.*]...[.]” and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-146.4 provides that a municipal tax assessor may be appointed in more than one municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Mandi Johnson, CTA is a New Jersey certified tax assessor, is presently employed by the City of Bridgeton as its Tax Assessor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of Revenue and Finance has recommended to the Board of Commissioners the appointment of Mandi Johnson, CTA as Tax Assessor; and

**WHEREAS**, based on Ms. Johnson's background and experience as a municipal tax assessor, the Board of Commissioners is satisfied that it is in the best interests of the Borough of Wildwood Crest that the appointment of Mandi Johnson, CTA be approved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Members of Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May and State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1) All of the statements of the preamble are incorporated herein by this reference thereto as though the same were set forth at length.
- 2) The Commissioner of Revenue & Finance's appointment of Mandi Johnson, CTA as Tax Assessor of the Borough of Wildwood Crest be and it hereby is approved.
- 3) The Borough Clerk shall forward a certified true copy of this Resolution to the Cape May County Board of Taxation.

Mrs. Gould motioned, seconded by Mr. Groon, that the foregoing Resolution be adopted.

Vote: Gould – Yes Cabrera - No Groon – Yes

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 1041-17

**Authorizing Acceptance of the CY2017 Best Practices Inventory and Authorizing the Appropriate Borough Officials to Execute Same**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey requires municipalities, on an annual basis, to complete a Best Practices Inventory to encourage municipalities to implement practices to promote financial accountability and transparency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Wildwood Crest has completed the CY2017 Best Practices Inventory, and it is the desire of the governing body to accept the CY2017 Best Practices Inventory as presented;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that the CY2017 Best Practices Inventory be and the same is hereby accepted as presented; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the appropriate Borough Officials are hereby authorized and instructed to execute said CY2017 Best Practices Inventory on behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, and to file it with the State of New Jersey, Division of Local Government Services.

Mrs. Gould motioned, seconded by Mr. Cabrera, that the foregoing Resolution be adopted.

Vote: Gould - Cabrera - Groon – Yes

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 1042-17

**Resolution Urging the State Legislature to Extend the 2% Cap on Police and Fire Arbitration Contract Awards**

**WHEREAS**, local municipalities require specific tools to address the rising cost of municipal government; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 2010 the Governor and New Jersey State Legislature enacted a permanent 2% cap on municipal and school board tax levies with limited exceptions that did not include police and fire arbitration contract awards; and

**WHEREAS**, salary costs, to a great extent, drive property tax increases; and

**WHEREAS**, in December 2010 the Legislature unanimously approved and the Governor enacted a temporary 2% cap on police and fire arbitration contract awards in an effort to control increasing salary costs and provide a solution to assist local governments in keeping property taxes down and cost under control; and

**WHEREAS**, the December 2010 legislation included an April 1, 2014 sunset on the 2% arbitration cap while the 2% property tax levy remained permanent for municipalities and school boards; and

**WHEREAS**, in June 2014 the Legislature unanimously approved and the Governor enacted an extension to December 31, 2017 for the 2% arbitration cap, however, the 2% property tax levy cap continues to remain permanent, without an exemption for police and fire arbitration contract awards; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities continue efforts to contain costs and provide vital services to residents within the 2% property tax levy while the New Jersey economy remains sluggish and taxpayers struggle to keep their homes and pay their taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that this change in arbitration reform needs a longer time to mature in order to see the benefits of the legislation and its actual impact on the cost of local government budgets and the impact on taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, the final report and recommendations of the Police and Fire Public Interest Arbitration Impact Task Force, which was established in the December 2010 legislation, is not due until the same day as the expiration of the cap on interest arbitration awards, December 31, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize it is now time for our taxpayers to benefit directly from these cost saving measures as many police and fire contracts will come due for negotiation after the sunset date, and

**WHEREAS**, if the cap on interest arbitration expires while the 2% levy cap remains in effect, municipalities will be forced to reduce or eliminate municipal services in order to fund interest arbitration awards;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the Borough of Wildwood Crest urges the State Legislature to extend the 2% cap on Police and Fire Arbitration Contract Awards for 5 more years at which time the Legislature will have hard data to examine and then make a final decision as to whether this law should be made permanent; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to Assemblyman Bob Andrzejczak and Assemblyman R. Bruce Land, Senator Jeff Van Drew, the Commissioner of the Department of Labor, the Lieutenant Governor and the Governor of State of New Jersey and the League of Municipalities.

Mrs. Gould motioned, seconded by Mr. Cabrera, that the foregoing Resolution be adopted.

Vote: Gould - Cabrera - Groon – Yes

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

**RESOLUTION NO. 1043-17**

WHEREAS, BERNADETTE NARCISO, of 222 East Cresse Avenue – Apt. 5, Wildwood Crest, New Jersey 08260, had cause to utilize Emergency Medical Services of the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

WHEREAS, BERNADETTE NARCISO received two invoices from Cape Medical Billing; one in the amount \$20.00 and one in the amount of \$50.00; and

WHEREAS, BERNADETTE NARCISO paid the sum of both invoices (\$70.00) to the Borough of Wildwood Crest via Checks #146 (\$20.00) and #156 (\$50.00); and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2017, Cape Medical Billing indicated that a refund of \$70.00 was owed to BERNADETTE NARCISO for overpayment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue a refund of overpaid Emergency Medical Services in the amount of \$70.00 to BERNADETTE NARCISO, 222 East Cresse Avenue – Apt. 5, Wildwood Crest, New Jersey, 08260.

Mrs. Gould motioned, seconded by Mr. Cabrera, that the foregoing Resolution be adopted.

Vote: Gould - Cabrera - Groon – Yes

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

**RESOLUTION NO. 1044-17**

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2017, LOIS CAPONE and JEFFREY DRAKE, 4 Marigold Court, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054, applied for a Special Events Permit for the purpose of the CAPONE-DRAKE WEDDING to be held on OCTOBER 21, 2017, from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the SUNSET LAKE GAZEBO; and

WHEREAS, LOIS CAPONE and JEFFREY DRAKE, 4 Marigold Court, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054, have supplied all documentation required under Ordinance No. 936, including the requisite Certificate of Insurance, and have further pledged to comply with all applicable rules and regulations pertaining to the conduct of said Special Event; and

WHEREAS, the application has been reviewed by the Board of Commissioners, upon verification by appropriate members of staff as to completeness of the application, scheduling compatibility, etc.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to issue a Special Events Permit to LOIS CAPONE and JEFFREY DRAKE, 4 Marigold Court, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054 for the purpose of the CAPONE-DRAKE WEDDING to be held on OCTOBER 21, 2017, from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the SUNSET LAKE GAZEBO.

Mrs. Gould motioned, seconded by Mr. Cabrera, that the foregoing Resolution be adopted.

Vote: Gould - Cabrera - Groon – Yes

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:  
RESOLUTION NO. 1045-17

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2017, DANIEL BURNS and PATRICIA MACKENZIE, 4907 Oak Ave, Trevoese, PA 19053, applied for a Special Events Permit for the purpose of the BURNS-MACKENZIE WEDDING to be held on OCTOBER 7, 2017, from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, on the TOLEDO AVE BEACH; and

WHEREAS, LOIS CAPONE and JEFFREY DRAKE, 4 Marigold Court, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054, have supplied all documentation required under Ordinance No. 936, including the requisite Certificate of Insurance, and have further pledged to comply with all applicable rules and regulations pertaining to the conduct of said Special Event; and

WHEREAS, the application has been reviewed by the Board of Commissioners, upon verification by appropriate members of staff as to completeness of the application, scheduling compatibility, etc.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to issue a Special Events Permit to LOIS CAPONE and JEFFREY DRAKE, 4 Marigold Court, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054 for the purpose of the CAPONE-DRAKE WEDDING to be held on OCTOBER 21, 2017, from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the SUNSET LAKE GAZEBO.

Mrs. Gould motioned, seconded by Mr. Cabrera, that the foregoing Resolution be adopted.

Vote: Gould - Cabrera - Groon – Yes

Mrs. Gould motioned, seconded by Mr. Cabrera, that all bills properly authorized, as submitted, be paid.

Vote: Gould - Cabrera - Groon – Yes

PRESENTATION:

“US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROPOSED DUNE ALIGNMENT & BACK BEACH PONDING” by Mr. Tom Thornton and Mr. Steven Morey of Mott MacDonald.

The gentlemen gave an update from their meetings with the Army Corps and the DEP with regard to the proposed dune and the positive and negative effects with respect to its location. They also indicated that the Borough applied and received an extension for its beach maintenance and public access improvement CAFRA Individual Permit, which is valid to June 30, 2021. They also discussed the following: back beach ponding, which was excessive over a few specific days of heavy rain; the proposed dune being constructed over 6 Borough storm water conveyance pipes and that if they are not adequate, the Borough will be responsible to upgrade them (which they oppose); the five locations for ADA ramps; and they touched on motorized vehicles traversing the dune. Lastly, they indicated that USACE will have a 50 year commitment to the maintain the project on a 4 year maintenance cycle and they expect the project to be constructed in 2019.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

### **SJ GAS Projects**

South Jersey Gas Grid 1 project repaving has commenced. Since the original map was released, the 200 block of Hollywood was added to the repaving schedule. The schedule is weather permitting and is as follows:

E Hollywood	200 Block	10/2
E Topeka	100 & 200 Block	10/2
E Pittsburg	100, 200 & 300 Block	10/2
E Charleston	100, 200 & 300 Block	10/2
E St. Louis	100 & 200 Block	10/9 Monday- Columbus Day
E Trenton	200 Block	10/9
W Newark	100 Block	10/9
E Denver	100 Block	10/16
W Toledo	100	10/16
E Toledo	200 Block	10/16
E St. Paul	200 Block	10/16
E Monterey	100 & 200 Block	10/23
E Miami	200 Block	10/23
Pacific	Nashville to Syracuse	10/23

### **Kayak Launch/ Sunset Lake Shoreline Stabilization**

The ADA Accessible Kayak Launch and Viewing/fishing Platform plans for Sunset Lake have been preliminarily approved and we are ready to proceed to final design. Construction of these two amenities is expected in the spring of 2018 to coincide with the shoreline stabilization project. Permit applications have been applied for.

### **Beach/ Dune Project**

Report by Mott Mac Donald at today's meeting.

### **Storm Drainage**

Engineer Marc DeBlasio who is now cataloging the information and performing inspections of bulkheads and storm drains.

### **Rio Grande Avenue Gateway Improvement Project**

I attended the Rio Grande Gateway Improvement Project and presentation Monday afternoon. County Engineer Dale Foster and members of the Michael Baker Group provided the public with plans and answered questions pertaining to the improvements which include raising the road at the base of the bridge by 3 feet tapering to grade at the 1<sup>st</sup> driveway to Wawa and installation of much larger drainage capacity and a pump station where John's Tire and Auto was located. The plan includes the widening of the roadway to allow for left hand turn lanes a proposed cut outs for bus stops. Right now there is a park planned at Hudson Avenue where the eastbound bus stop will be placed. The County Engineer is still contemplating the west bound side for a cut out for buses to alleviate traffic congestion. I have requested a copy of the plans from Dale Foster for the Crest.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Nothing to report

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** The Mayor opened the floor for public commentary. Dave Thompson, 106 W. Fern Road, indicated he was very pleased with the proposed ideas for the new dune. He wanted clarification if vegetation would be prohibited on the other side of the proposed bike path and Mr. Morey indicated that the Borough's Beach Maintenance Permit (which is valid until 2021) would allow for that. Secondly, he asked about the five street ends that would have the ADA accessible walkways and Mr. Morey indicated they were chosen because they are two way streets. He once again indicated he was pleased with the proposed changes.

Dave Thompson, 106 W. Fern Road, asked the Borough Administrator when the Rio Grande Improvement project is expected to be completed and the Administrator indicated it was 2019. He then asked if it were possible to have a sign on the parkway when the bridge is closed due to flooding and the Administrator indicated she would reach out to the DOT.

**New Business:** There was no new business to discuss.

**Old Business:** There were no updates to Old Business.

After opening the floor once more, Joan Parker, of 6005 Park Boulevard, asked if the Borough could re-paint the yellow line near her driveway since parking has become an issue. The Mayor indicated the police will follow up and address it.

Linda Gentile, 88 Rt. 610, Petersburg was a representative from Shore Animal Control. She wanted to thank the commissioners for the opportunity to service the animal control needs of the Borough. She wanted to advise the public of the services they offer and the Administrator indicated any information they had could be added to our website.

Joyce (inaudible), 210 E. Louisville Avenue, indicated she is a volunteer for Shore Animal Control and that she commended them for such a wonderful trap, neuter, and release program.

Michael Hawthorne, 102 E. Preston Avenue, indicated that as a tax payer, he feels the Borough should investigate personnel that marry prior to retirement for the health benefits. He likened the scenario to people marrying a U.S. citizen to gain citizenship and indicated it was fraudulent. The Solicitor posed a question to Mr. Hawthorne following the theory if the Borough should go after employees that collect separately.

After hearing nothing further from the public, Mrs. Gould motioned and Mr. Cabrera seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. The time was 10:31 a.m.

Dated: October 18, 2017

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Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

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