

Note: Complete Meeting Appears
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Borough Clerk's Office

August 22, 2018
Wildwood Crest, NJ

The Mayor 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 5:30 p.m. On roll call the following answered to their names:

Gould - Thompson - Cabrera - YES

Mr. Cabrera 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 November 1, 2017.

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

THE CLERK INDICATED THAT ORDINANCE NO. 1283 – Amending Ch. 4 Alcoholic Beverages, Article I – One Day Catering Permits and Social Affairs Permits was being TABLED.

Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that Ordinance No. 1286 be placed on second reading and final passage by title only.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera – Yes

THE CLERK READS THE ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1286

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 32A-5(F), ENTITLED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT SERVICES AND CHARGES OF CHAPTER 32A FEES OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that a public hearing now be held on Ordinance No. 1286.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera – Yes

After hearing nothing from the public, Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that a public hearing on Ordinance No. 1286 now be closed.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera – Yes

Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that Ordinance No. 1286 be passed on second and final reading and advertised according to law.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera – Yes

THE CLERK READS THE ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1287

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AMENDING SECTIONS 85-11 THROUGH 85-92 OF CHAPTER 85 OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST LAND USE ORDINANCE

Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that Ordinance No. 1287 be passed on first reading, advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on September 5, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera – Yes

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:
RESOLUTION NO. 247-18

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF A NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR THE SUNSET LAKE SHORE STABILIZATION AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise a Notice to Bidders in *The Herald of Cape May County* issue of August 29, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Sealed bids will be received by the Bid Opening Committee in the Municipal Court Room, Wildwood Crest Borough Hall, on **Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**, prevailing time, for furnishing the items hereinafter set forth in accordance with the Specifications on file in the Borough Hall. Said items are as follows:

SUNSET LAKE SHORE STABILIZATION AND
RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS

Mrs. Gould motioned, seconded by Mr. Cabrera, that the foregoing Resolution be adopted.
Vote: Gould -- Thompson -- Cabrera -- Yes

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:
RESOLUTION NO. 248-18

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AWARD SPECIAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR CONFLICT SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has determined that there exists the need for a Conflict Labor Counsel for the Borough of Wildwood Crest, and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq. as an authorized exception to the public bidding as a Professional Services Contract; and

WHEREAS, under the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq., the subject contract would be a contract for professional services because:

1. Professional services of the type herein sought are of such a nature as to require a high degree of trust and confidence in the individual providing the service and may require the creation of a confidential or fiduciary relationship between that individual and the Borough;
2. The services required are highly specialized or technical in nature;
3. The services require peculiar ability and skill, and demand a high degree of specialized knowledge or expertise;
4. The services are such that their relative worth must be judged by subjective considerations that are not susceptible of valuation by competitive bidding;
5. The individual or entity who will provide these services has demonstrated competence and particular expertise in the services required;
6. The individual or entity who will perform these services is held to and fully adheres to the strict ethical standards that govern the involved profession;
7. The services include advise to and consultation with the municipality that require both knowledge and judgment on the part of the individual or entity providing services, as well as the confidence of the municipal officials, such that competitive bidding is not feasible or practical;
8. The services to be provided are such that their nature, scope and duration are not capable of precise measurement, but rather require a flexibility and discretion that render competitive bidding impractical and inefficient; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest desire to appoint Michael Testa, Esquire to serve as special labor counsel to the Borough of Wildwood Crest to handle all legal work necessary and as may be assigned by the Borough to represent the interests of the Borough of Wildwood Crest.

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified the availability of funds as evidenced below by her signature:
Account Number(s) _____ Amount _____

Signature _____

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

1. The above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
2. That a contract for Special Labor Counsel is awarded to Michael Testa, Esquire.
3. The award of this contract is contingent upon compliance with the New Jersey Pay to Play Law as set forth in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1; production of the Business Entity Disclosure Certificate, Affirmative Action Compliance Notice, New Jersey Certificate of Employee Information Report, New Jersey Business Registration Certificate and proof of insurance as required in the contract and certification from the Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds.
4. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a contract effective immediately through December 31, 2018, with Michael Testa, Esquire, who shall be compensated at the billable rate of \$140.00 per hour not to exceed \$2,500.00.
5. That a Notice of Award shall be published in *The Herald of Cape May County* as required by law within ten (10) days of passage of this Resolution, which notice shall state that this Resolution and the contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

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

Vote: Gould -- Thompson -- Cabrera – Yes

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 249-18
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SPECIALIZED SIGNAGE DESIGN

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has determined that there exists the need for the “Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services” of a firm to be retained by the Borough for the design of specialized signage to effectively communicate local rules and JIF regulations for the preparation of the 2019 tourist season; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk received a proposal from Finch Brands and that proposal was forwarded to a review committee consisting of the Borough Administrator, Constance Mahon; Borough Clerk, Patricia Feketics; Chief Financial Officer, Francine Springer, and Borough Solicitor Ronald J. Gelzun; and

WHEREAS, the Review Committee has reviewed the proposal submitted by Finch Brands and based upon review criteria, has recommended that the proposal meets the Borough’s needs and Finch Brands possesses the unique artistic design skills, credentials and abilities to perform the services required of the subject contract; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest concur with the Review Committee’s recommendation awarding the contract to Finch Brands for the signage design contract as mentioned herein; and

WHEREAS, The Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service” under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 which states that no local unit shall be required to advertise for bids for services which are of such a qualitative nature as will not reasonably permit the drawing of specifications or the receipt of competitive bids, all of which classification the aforesaid contract falls within; and

WHEREAS, under the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq., the subject contract would be a contract for Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services because the service requires unique artistic design skills and abilities that are of a qualitative nature; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified the availability of funds as evidenced below by her signature:

Account Number(s) _____ Amount _____

Signature _____

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

6. The above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
7. That the contract for the Signage Design Project be awarded to Finch Brands.

8. The award of this contract is contingent upon compliance with the New Jersey Pay to Play Law as set forth in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1; production of the Business Entity Disclosure Certificate, Affirmative Action Compliance Notice, New Jersey Certificate of Employee Information Report, New Jersey Business Registration Certificate and proof of insurance as required in the contract and certification from the Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds.

9. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a contract effective immediately and not to extend beyond one (1) calendar year, with Finch Brands, who shall be compensated pursuant to the attached Proposal which is incorporated herein, at the billable rates set forth therein not to exceed \$10,000.00.

10. That a Notice of Award shall be published in *The Herald of Cape May County* as required by law within ten (10) days of passage of this Resolution, which notice shall state that this Resolution and the contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

Mr. Thompson motioned, seconded by Mr. Cabrera, that the foregoing Resolution be adopted. Prior to vote, Mrs. Gould questioned the scope of work.

Vote: Gould -- Thompson -- Cabrera – Yes

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:
RESOLUTION NO. 250-18

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO MARC DEBLASIO OF DEBLASIO & ASSOCIATES FOR ADA IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS STREET ENDS IN CONJUNCTION WITH FY2017 NJDCA SMALL CITIES GRANT

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has determined that there exists the need for the “Professional Services” of an ENGINEER to be retained by the Borough for the performance of engineering work and related duties associated with **ADA IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS STREET ENDS** as directed by the authorized representatives of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, all as more specifically set forth in the attached Proposal from Marc DeBlasio, dated July 18, 2018, which is made a part hereof by reference as if fully set forth; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest submitted a FY2018 NJDCA Small Cities Grant Application for ADA Improvements to Various Beach Street Ends and the Borough of Wildwood Crest was not selected as a recipient of that application; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest petitioned the NJDCA to fund this project by utilizing a previously approved FY2017 NJDCA Small Cities Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:1-11, et seq. requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bids must be publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, this contract was not awarded through a “fair and open process,” but does meet all of the criteria required by the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq. for said award; and

WHEREAS, under the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq., the subject contract would be a contract for professional services because:

1. Professional services of the type herein sought are of such a nature as to require a high degree of trust and confidence in the individual providing the service;
2. The services required are highly specialized or technical in nature;
3. The services require peculiar ability and skill, and demand a high degree of specialized knowledge or expertise;
4. The services are such that their relative worth must be judged by subjective considerations that are not susceptible of valuation by competitive bidding;
5. The individual or entity who will provide these services has demonstrated competence and particular expertise in the services required;
6. The individual or entity who will perform these services is held to and fully adheres to the strict ethical standards that govern the involved profession;

7. The services include advise to and consultation with the municipality that require both knowledge and judgment on the part of the individual or entity providing services, as well as the confidence of the municipal officials, such that competitive bidding is not feasible or practical; and

8. The services to be provided are such that their nature, scope and duration are not capable of precise measurement, but rather require a flexibility and discretion that render competitive bidding impractical and inefficient.

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified the availability of funds as evidenced below by her signature:

Account Number(s) _____ Amount _____

Signature _____

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

1. The above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.

2. The award of this contract is contingent upon compliance with the New Jersey Pay to Play Law as set forth in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1; production of the Business Entity Disclosure Certificate, Affirmative Action Compliance Notice, New Jersey Certificate of Employee Information Report, New Jersey Business Registration Certificate and proof of insurance as required in the contract and certification from the Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds.

3. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a professional services contract effective immediately and not to extend beyond one (1) calendar year, with **MARC DEBLASIO OF DEBLASIO & ASSOCIATES**, who shall be compensated pursuant to the attached Proposal which is incorporated herein, at the billable rates set forth therein not to exceed \$38,000.00.

4. That a Notice of Award shall be published in *The Herald of Cape May County* as required by law within ten (10) days of passage of this Resolution, which notice shall state that this Resolution and the contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

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

Vote: Gould -- Thompson -- Cabrera – Yes

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:
RESOLUTION NO. 251-18

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH THE
UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S
“Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions
Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit’s hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit’s hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual’s criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit’s hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 22, 2018.

Clerk

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

Vote: Gould -- Thompson -- Cabrera – Yes

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 252-18

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING RETURN OF ZONING BOARD APPLICATION FEE AND ESCROW FEE

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2018 Steven Casiello submitted a Zoning application to remove a bulkhead at the property located at Block 170, Lot 1; a/k/a 9101 Atlantic Ave., Wildwood Crest, New Jersey a/k/a the Acacia Condominiums; and

WHEREAS, on that date \$300.00 application fee and \$300.00 escrow fee was collected and deposited; and

WHEREAS; it has been determined by the Borough Engineer that a permit is not required to remove this bulkhead.

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 is hereby authorized and directed to issue a refund of application fee and escrow fee in the amount of \$600.00 to Steven Casiello, 6301 Pacific Ave., Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260.

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

Vote: Gould -- Thompson -- Cabrera -- Yes

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 253-18

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT TO DELMOSPORTS LLC

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2018, DelMoSports LLC, 100 E. Rio Grande Ave, Wildwood, NJ 08260, applied for a Special Events Permit for the purpose of the Crest Best Run Fest to be held on October 6-7, 2018, from 6:30 am to 12:30 pm, at Centennial Park, on the Bike Path, and various streets in the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

WHEREAS, DelMoSports LLC has supplied all documentation required under Ordinance No. 936, including the requisite Certificate of Insurance, and has 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 DelMoSports LLC, 100 E. Rio Grande Ave, Wildwood, NJ 08260 for the purpose of the Crest Best Run Fest to be held on October 6-7, 2018, from 6:30 am to 12:30 pm, at Centennial Park, on the Bike Path, and various streets in the Borough of Wildwood Crest.

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

Vote: Gould -- Thompson -- Cabrera -- Yes

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

Vote: Gould -- Thompson -- Cabrera -- Yes

Mrs. Gould motioned, seconded by Mr. Thompson that all reports received from the Court Administrator, CFO, Tax Collector and the Chief of Police for the month ending July 31, 2018 be accepted as presented.

Vote: Gould -- Thompson -- Cabrera -- Yes

Mrs. Gould motioned, seconded by Mr. Thompson that all minutes from the regularly scheduled Commission Meetings dated July 25th and August 8th as well as the Closed Session Minutes of July 25th, 2018 be approved as presented.

Vote: Gould -- Thompson -- Cabrera -- Yes

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

August 22, 2018

Kayak Launch/ Sunset Lake Shoreline Stabilization

Our Coastal Engineer- Tom Thornton has prepared the bid and construction schedule. The notice to bidders was authorized a few moments ago. The necessary advertisement to bid will be published on August 29, 2018, receipt of bids on October 2, 2018 a tentative award of contract at our Commissioner's meeting on October 10, 2018. We have formally requested an extension of time from FEMA to accommodate this bidding and construction schedule and still await official word from FEMA.

Beach/ Dune Project

We now have an electronic and the requested paper copy of the Army Corps 60% plans. Our coastal engineer has reviewed the plans and will be sending you his formal comments shortly.

Redevelopment of New Jersey Avenue Business District (UEZ Zone)

Roger Brooks' presentation is currently posted on our website. We will continue to work with the Cape May County Engineering Department on the New Jersey Avenue roadway design and work with our planner on this long-term redevelopment project. In the meantime, we are looking at short term ideas for 2019. The Mayor and I recently met with Michelle Taylor of the Taylor Design Group to go over some short-term improvements that we can begin working on this fall.

Grants

1) Cape May County Open Space and Recreation Applications 2018

The Cape May County Open Space Board has made their recommendation to the Freeholder Board to fund the Sunrise Park portion of the application in the amount of \$283,625. We await word on the date of the Freeholder Board's hearing on this recommendation has been set I will advise.

2) New Jersey Prevention Network Get Active NJ

Mile markers will be installed on our walking/jogging and bike path by early fall. We have secured pricing, have a design and are ready to order the markers.

Old Library Building

The decision has been made for architectural services for the Old Library Building. The architect will be working under the direction of our municipal engineer for a cohesive approach to this renovation. It is expected that this project will be broken into two phases with the design phase coming first. This will enable the architect to provide necessary information for the mechanical engineering plan. We will be meeting with the architect and Borough Engineer shortly to go over preliminary design features.

Local Concept Development Study for Ocean Drive (CR 621) for Upgrades & Bridge Improvements

The CFO and I attended the third stakeholders meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2018 at 2 pm at the County Administration Building. Eight (8) project alternatives were presented by the Michael Baker group. The governing body was asked to review the alternatives matrix and provide their most preferred, least preferred and railing preferences. The Michael Baker group was scheduled to meet with business owners impacted by this project yesterday and today.

Affordable Housing Compliance

Nothing new to report

Garden State Parkway/ RT 109 Signage

A follow-up to NJDOT and subsequent email response has revealed that the signs are in the design phase. I do not have an exact date on which they will be installed.

Beach Signage

The Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund has provided all municipalities with guidance to limit liability through the use of uniform beach signage. We have established a beach signage committee and have met on two occasions to discuss and development new beach signage for the 2019 bathing season. Key components of the new signs will be universal symbols in addition to wording and a QR code which can be used to link directly to our mobile app. As we get closer to a draft of the actual signage I will let you know. We have identified funding for Finch to design these signs and are planning on having them ready for install for the 2019 bathing season.

Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

The 2019 budget cycle has begun for ACMJIF. As a member of the Finance Committee I am currently involved in the budgeting process and release of current year surplus. We will be making our recommendations to the JIF's executive board for consideration in late fall. I expect a slight increase in surplus release for 2018 which is good news for our taxpayers. The monies we receive in the form of a dividend will go to surplus this year. I also anticipate a decrease in our annual 2019 assessment due our loss ratio which currently stands at 72%. As we are in our renewal period we will likely see a decrease of around 8%. I will be working with our department heads to try and improve our loss ratio so that we can benefit from even larger discounts in the coming years. I have seen a slight deterioration in loss prevention over this year.

Atlantic City Electric

We received notification from Ronnie Town on Friday, August 17th that ACE will be trimming trees under power lines. They will also remove dead trees. According to Ronnie, each year trees cause about 40 percent of customer power outages in our service territory. To be proactive and try to eliminate outages from trees in or near our wires, ACE will be hiring a contractor who will be working near distribution lines in Wildwood Crest. Customers who will be impacted with any tree trimming or removal will be notified. Their planner is currently mapping out the work and will be in contact with us shortly. The work is tentatively schedule in the beginning of September.

Reconstruction of Newark Avenue

A preconstruction meeting was held with our contractor-Perna-Finnegan on July 12th to discuss the upcoming reconstruction of Newark Avenue from Pacific Avenue to the beach. Work is expected to commence the day after Labor Day on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Our engineer will be hand-delivering letters to each property this week. The Borough will also be sending out letters to all affected property owners to their address of record. Property owners were already sent certified letters providing similar information and providing them ample notice to get necessary utilities installed.

Commissioner Thompson added to the Administrator's report that he would like to have the Commissioners meet at the Old Library along with the Engineer and asked for all to agree for this to take place at the next scheduled meeting, which falls on September 5, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. The Clerk indicated that she would schedule this on the next agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk indicated there were no correspondences.

PRESENTATION #1:

Chief William Cruzan gave EMT Lea Sacco and EMT Joel Hatch plaques for saving the life of a colleague on April 23, 2018. He also recognized Dispatcher Alexis Hagner and Officer Andrew Eckert.

PRESENTATION #2:

Commissioner Thompson presented Chief William Cruzan a plaque for 25 years of service to the Borough. Chief Cruzan will retire August 31, 2018.

VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY:

Chief Ron Harwood of the Wildwood Crest Volunteer Fire Company #1 provided monthly run statistics and asked all to remember to check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Mayor opened the floor once again for public commentary.

Louise Wilson, 119 West Denver Avenue, thanked the governing body for the parking availability on Toledo Avenue. She would like to see mats going down the beach but Mayor Cabrera indicated the test ones did not do well and they were very expensive and that they needed to keep in mind the proposed dune project. She asked about the newly proposed gazebo and kayak launch and that she would like to see an officer to walk the sunset lake path to remind people to share the path. Ms. Wilson also asked for longer hours for the beach transport and Commissioner Thompson indicated he would look into it.

Dianne Coppa, 5803 A Seaview Avenue, asked about the proposed dune and bike path placement. The Administrator answered all questions.

Frank Coppa, 5803 A Seaview Avenue, asked about flooding from the bayside and if there was a proposed wall being planned. The Administrator indicated that the Borough is not, but the USACE is and that is a 10 year process.

Fred Mettler, 109 East Stanton Avenue, is a member of the GWYC and asked about Christmas in July and if can be coordinated with the Borough's on the last high tide so it can be better attended. The Administrator indicated he should reach out to the Recreation Department to coordinate such efforts. He then asked for a clarification on the Sunset Lake path and if it was meant for pedestrians or bicyclists and was told it was for both.

Carolyn Morey, 120 West Jefferson Avenue, thanked the Governing Body for addressing the complaints at the Public Works facility but would like to see more consistency. She further indicated that the implementation of the hang tags for residents to bring their refuse has improved the situation. Lastly, Ms. Morey asked about the ice cream vendors on the beach and how they solicit customers.

DISCUSSION:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Crest Merchandise specifications** – Mayor Cabrera indicated it was a work in progress.
- Bulkhead issue**- There has been a report on this and it will be prioritized and hopefully in addressed in 2019.
- Solar Panels:** Commissioner Thompson and the Engineer are currently gathering information.
- Potential Ordinance amending 20 minute parking**- will be discussed at a further meeting.
- Smoke-free beach vs. Designated for 2019**- discussed briefly and all agreed that this must be decided upon at a meeting in the near future.
- Beach concessions** – working on specs and hopefully ready in October.
- Designated smoking areas for municipal buildings**- The Mayor asked the Administrator for a sample ordinance to review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing for new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Mayor opened the floor once again for public commentary.

Louise Wilson, 119 West Denver Avenue, indicated that if they decide to have a smoking portion that it should be in a designated area.

Carolyn Morey, 120 West Jefferson Avenue, asked if irrigation foot washes were in future plans and the Administrator indicated they were.

Hearing nothing further from the public, Mrs. Gould motioned, seconded by Mr. Thompson that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. The time was 6:35 p.m.

Dated: September 26, 2018

Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

