

Note: Meeting Appears
On Borough of Wildwood Crest Facebook page and You tube by date.

January 21, 2026

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 at Crest Pier at 5:00 p.m. On roll call the following answered to their names:

Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera - YES

Mr. Cabrera read the following statement: In compliance with the Open Public Meetings 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 Borough Hall, mailing and by E-mailing same to the Herald of Cape May County and the Press of Atlantic City for publication date of September 24, 2025.

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

Prior to the ordinances, Commissioner Franco swore in PO Nicholas Yannessa.

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1473

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 56, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST, ENTITLED RECREATION COMMISSION, SECTION 56-1, COMMISSION CREATION, APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fuscellaro seconded that Ordinance No. 1473 be passed on first reading advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on February 4, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1474

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ARTICLE VIII OF CHAPTER 46 OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES ESTABLISHING A FORMAL CONTRACT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fuscellaro seconded that Ordinance No. 1474 be passed on first reading advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on February 4, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1475

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST CLARIFYING ORDINANCE 1462 REPEALED ONLY SECTION 48-12 THROUGH SECTION 48-12.4 OF CHAPTER 48 PEACE AND GOOD ORDER OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST

Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fuscellaro seconded that Ordinance No. 1475 be passed on first reading advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on February 4, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1476

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST ESTABLISHING PROHIBITION OF OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON FLOODED ROADWAYS THAT CREATE WAVES OR WAKES THAT MAY DAMAGING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY

Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fuscellaro seconded that Ordinance No. 1476 be passed on first reading advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on February 4, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1477

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AMENDING CHAPTER 85, ARTICLE XXIII OF THE GENERAL CODE “AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVERLAY ZONE” TO INCREASE THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SET ASIDE

Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fuscellaro seconded that Ordinance No. 1477 be passed on first reading advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on February 4, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-54

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF A NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR PORTABLE TOILETS

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* on January 28, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan and design as set forth in the Specifications on file in the Borough for the **PORTABLE TOILETS** is hereby approved.

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, February 24, 2026 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:

PORTABLE TOILETS

Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-55

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF A NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR LANDSCAPING SERVICES

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* on January 28, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan and design as set forth in the Specifications on file in the Borough for **LANDSCAPING SERVICES** is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Sealed bids will be received by the Bid Opening Committee in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room, Wildwood Crest Borough Hall, on **Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 10:30 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:

LANDSCAPING SERVICES

Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-56

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST CANCELING ERRONEOUS 2025 SEWER RENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$124.00 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5611 NEW JERSEY AVENUE

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Tax Collector of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, that a sewer account has been billed erroneous sewer rents for 2025; and

WHEREAS, sewer account 302-0, at 5611 New Jersey Avenue had no water meter installed for the year 2024, the sewer rents levied in 2025 should be canceled; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has determined the said erroneous sewer rents should be canceled accordingly as indicated below.

Block /Lot Sewer ID#	Name	Amount
12-21 302-0	JC Management Service Inc 5611 New Jersey Avenue 2025 Sewer Rents	\$124.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Tax Collector of the Borough of Wildwood Crest to cancel said sewer amounts for 2025.

Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.
Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:
RESOLUTION NO. 26-57

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST CANCELING ERRONEOUS 2024 AND 2025 SEWER RENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$248.00 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7700 ATLANTIC AVENUE

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Tax Collector of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, that a sewer account has been billed erroneous sewer rents for 2024 and 2025; and

WHEREAS, sewer account 1491-0, at 7700 Atlantic Avenue had no water meter installed for the year 2023 or 2024, the sewer rents levied in 2024 and 2025 should be canceled; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has determined the said erroneous sewer rents should be canceled accordingly as indicated below.

Block /Lot Sewer ID#	Name	Amount
99.01-1.02 1491-0	Mowery, Andrew and Clark, Lisa 7700 Atlantic Avenue 2024 and 2025 Sewer Rents	\$248.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Tax Collector of the Borough of Wildwood Crest to cancel said sewer amounts for 2024 and 2025.

Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.
Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:
RESOLUTION NO. 26-58

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER WORK ORDER FOR FY2024 NJDCA SMALL CITIES PROGRAM – CREST PIER BATHROOM RENOVATIONS AT THE NTE \$120,000

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest desires to authorize issuance of a Work Order to the Borough Engineer, Marc DeBlasio and the Firm of DeBlasio & Associates for the **FY2024**

NJDCA SMALL CITIES PROGRAM – CREST PIER BATHROOM RENOVATIONS for engineering costs which are more specifically set forth in the attached Proposal from Marc DeBlasio and the Firm of DeBlasio & Associates, dated **January 12, 2026** which is made a part hereof by reference as if fully set forth at the billable rates set forth in the professional services agreement between Marc DeBlasio and Borough not to exceed **\$120,000.00**; 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:

1. The above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to execute the attached Work Order authorizing MARC DEBLASIO and DEBLASIO & ASSOCIATES to perform the professional engineering costs as described in the Proposal which is hereby approved, at the billable rates set forth in the professional services agreement between Marc DeBlasio and Borough not to exceed **\$120,000.00**.

Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-59

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER WORK ORDER FOR CREST FISHING PIER RECONSTRUCTION – SURVEY & ENGINEERING DESIGN PHASES AT THE NTE \$295,000

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest desires to authorize issuance of a Work Order to the Borough Engineer, Marc DeBlasio and the Firm of DeBlasio & Associates for the **CREST FISHING PIER RECONSTRUCTION – SURVEY & ENGINEERING DESIGN PHASES** for engineering costs which are more specifically set forth in the attached Proposal from Marc DeBlasio and the Firm of DeBlasio & Associates, dated **September 9, 2025** which is made a part hereof by reference as if fully set forth at the billable rates set forth in the professional services agreement between Marc DeBlasio and Borough not to exceed **\$295,000.00**; 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:

1. The above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to execute the attached Work Order authorizing MARC DEBLASIO and DEBLASIO & ASSOCIATES to perform the professional engineering costs as described in the Proposal which is hereby approved, at the billable rates set forth in the professional services agreement between Marc DeBlasio and Borough not to exceed **\$295,000.00**.

Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-60

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY AND THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST IN CONNECTION WITH THE “CREST STATION” PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 *et seq.* (the "Act"), authorizes local units of this State to enter into agreements with any other local unit or units to provide or receive any shared service that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive in its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS; the County and the Borough recognize the strong public policy favoring the sharing of services between and among governmental entities as such policy is expressed through the Act and its progeny; and

WHEREAS; the Borough has requested that the County perform certain work within the Borough in connection with a project known as “Crest Station;” and

WHEREAS; the contemplated work to be performed by the county involves the construction of certain improvements, namely the creation of a parking area and event are consisting of streetscaping, landscaping lighting accents and benches; and

WHEREAS; the County is willing, as a matter of comity and cooperation to provide and install the aforementioned work; and

WHEREAS; in an effort to improve efficiencies and share resources and services, and in furtherance of the principles underlying the Act, the County and Borough have negotiated an Agreement, the terms and conditions of which are set forth below;

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

1. The Shared Services Agreement between the County of Cape May and the Borough of Wildwood Crest in connection with the “Crest Station” Project is hereby authorized and approved, all of which is in accordance with and more fully set forth in the Agreement annexed hereto and made a part hereof and made a part hereof be reference as if fully set forth.

Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-61

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE 2026 ACMJIF SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, that a “JIF SAFETY CONTRACT” with the ATLANTIC COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND is hereby authorized and approved for participation in the annual Safety Incentive Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all designated and currently named Department Heads, specifically representing POLICE, RECREATION, PUBLIC WORKS, AMBULANCE/RESCUE, AND ADMINISTRATION are authorized, directed, and empowered to execute that portion of the contract which evidences participation in the aforesaid Safety Incentive Program as well as compliance with all requirements appertaining thereto.

Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-62

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR SHARED SERVICES BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AND THE CITY OF WILDWOOD FOR LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD MAINTENANCE FOR MOREY FIELD & HIGBEE FIELD

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 *et seq.* (the "Act"), authorizes local units of this State to enter into agreements with any other local unit or units to provide or receive any shared service that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive in its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is the owner of property operated by the Borough as little league baseball fields and used by the City of Wildwood and the Borough of Wildwood Crest known as Morey Field and Higbee Field together with batting cages located thereon (collectively the “Fields”); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest and the City of Wildwood desire to enter into a shared services agreement to divide the responsibilities for maintenance of the Fields (the “Services”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest is desirous of ratifying this agreement and authorizing its execution.

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. The above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to execute the Shared Services Agreement with the City of Wildwood attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.
3. The Agreement shall take effect upon the adoption of resolutions by all parties thereto, and execution of the Agreement by the authorized persons as set forth in the resolutions.

Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-63

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING A LICENSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AND THE GREATER WILDWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE FOR USE OF HIGBEE'S FIELD AND MOREY'S FIELD FOR BOTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FOR THE 2026 SEASON

WHEREAS, the Greater Wildwood Little League has requested the use of Higbee's Field, located at 6001 Atlantic Avenue, and Morey's Field, located at 6001 Ocean Avenue, for both baseball practice and/or games and softball practice and/or games for the 2026 season; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Wildwood Little League desires to enter into a license agreement to use both fields and the Board of Commissioners does herewith agree to enter into a licensing agreement with the Greater Wildwood Little League for a license for the right to use the Licensed Property known as the Higbee's Field and Morey's Field.

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. That the recital paragraphs set forth above are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
2. That a license for the right to use the Licensed Property known as the Higbee's Field and Morey's Field in the Borough of Wildwood Crest is hereby granted to Greater Wildwood Little League for the period commencing March 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2026. The specific days and hours of permitted use, and all other conditions including the responsibilities of both Wildwood Crest Public Works and Greater Wildwood Little League, which shall affect, change or modify this license shall be contained in said License Agreement as Schedule "A", a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
3. The Mayor and the Borough Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest said license agreement on behalf of the Borough.

Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

BILLS: Mr. Franco motions, and Mrs. Fuscellaro seconded that all bills properly authorized, as submitted, be paid.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

REPORTS: Mr. Franco motions, and Mrs. Fuscellaro seconded that all reports received from the Court Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Tax Collector, Chief of Police, Supervisor of the Recreation Department, Construction Official, Fire Prevention, Emergency Services Coordinator for the EMS and the Wildwood Crest Volunteer Fire Company for the month ending December 31, 2025 be accepted as presented.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

MINUTES: Mr. Franco motions, and Mr. Cabrera seconded that all minutes from the regularly scheduled meetings dated December 18, 2025 be approved as presented.

Vote: Fuscellaro - ABSTAIN Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motions, and Mrs. Fuscellaro seconded that all minutes from the regularly scheduled meetings dated January 5, 2026 be approved as presented.

Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Capital Projects

1. Bayside Bulkhead Replacement and Flood Mitigation Improvements
 - The contractor has completed all of the underground storm sewer system piping and has completed the bulkhead installation at Primrose, Myrtle, Lotus, Fern, Forget-Me-Not, Columbine, Sweetbriar Road and Cardinal Road.
 - The contractor has remobilized and completed the bulkhead replacements at Palm Road and Wisteria Road as well as the stormwater valves. The contractor will return in the early spring to complete the final restoration and paving.
2. Reconstruction of Bayview Drive
 - The project was advertised for public bid on January 14, 2026 and the bid opening is scheduled for January 29, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

3. Crest Fishing Pier Reconstruction
 - The Borough was notified by NJDCA that a \$1,087,425.00 grant was allocated for the project.
 - The Borough was notified by the Cape May County Open Space Board that a \$2,500,000.00 grant was recommended for funding.
 - Our office submitted a proposal on September 9, 2025 and upon authorization we will begin work immediately.
4. NJ IBank (NJIB) – Sanitary Sewer and Roadway Improvements
 - The NJIB advised the Borough that approximately \$3,000,000.00 in grant forgiveness is available along with grant funding for engineering services.
 - The bid opening occurred on June 24, 2025 and the apparent low bidder is Charles Marandino, LLC in the amount of \$2,573,600.00. The preconstruction meeting was held on July 24th.
 - Sanitary sewer replacement is complete on Stockton Road with concrete work progressing. Sanitary sewer work has started on Bayview, Pittsburg and Topeka.
5. New Jersey Avenue Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Improvements
 - The bid opening occurred on July 23, 2025 and the lowest responsible bidder is Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc in the amount of \$3,345,500.00. Please note that this project contains Wildwood Water Utility participating items in the amount of \$1,051,126.50 and Borough participating items in the amount of \$2,294,373.50.
 - The preconstruction meeting was held on October 16th and construction started in December on Primrose Rd and is working north on New Jersey Avenue.
6. FY2024 NJDCA Small Cities Program – Crest Pier Bathroom Improvements
 - The Borough was notified that a \$400,000.00 grant was allocated by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for Crest Pier ADA Bathroom Improvements.
 - Our office submitted a proposal on January 12, 2026 and upon authorization we will begin work immediately.

Grant Applications

1. FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance (BRIC) & (HMA)
 - The Borough is proposing to submit to FEMA BRIC for two (2) bayside storm sewer pump stations and associated storm sewer improvements in the northwest section of the Borough.
 - The Borough is proposing to submit to FEMA HMA for the Washington Avenue storm sewer improvements as outlined in the recently completed study.
 - Both grant applications have secured initial selection from FEMA.
 - Additional information was provided to NJOEM on November 14th.
2. FY2025 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program
 - The NJDOT is accepting grant applications for Bikeway, Pedestrian and Roadway Improvement Projects. The application deadline is July 1, 2024.
 - Our office has been authorized by the Borough to submit the Reconstruction of Stockton Road as the grant application.
 - The grant application was submitted on May 28, 2024.
 - The Borough was notified that a \$158,190.00 grant was allocated for this project.
3. FY2026 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program
 - Our office was authorized by the Borough to submit the Reconstruction of Denver Avenue as the grant application.
 - The Borough was notified that a grant in the amount of \$116,187.00 was allocated for the project.

CORRESPONDENCE: n/a

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Mayor read an OPMA statement prior to the start and indicated there is a five minute time.

Lisa Rippo spoke about previous experience at last commission meeting and indicated she was filing a violation of OPMA. She stopped speaking shortly after the timer rang.

Mike Marino then spoke about a Veteran Flag Ceremony that is being run by the Greater Wildwood Elks on Friday, May 22, 2026. It is an annual event that is held on the boardwalk by the Convention Center. There is a website to sign up at <http://wildwoodsnj.com/FOL>
The Mayor indicated that we would push it out on social media.

Joe Viscomi congratulated the new officer and wished him well and thanked the governing body.

Telephonically:

Dave McWilliams inquired about the Shared Services Agreement with the County for the project known as “Crest Station” and when we will get a timeline and what it will look like and the Mayor indicated that it will be starting in 2027 and certain work must be done ahead of time as early as spring/summer. He then inquired about the Fishing Pier project and if we were definitely moving forward and the mayor indicated the project is moving forward and there will be a presentation at the next meeting (Feb. 4th) to cover both the history of the pier and the engineer will go over the scope of the project.

DISCUSSION:

NEW BUSINESS:

Nick Ebner, Asst. Superintendent of Public Works, briefed everyone on the efforts Public Works was taking in preparation for the storm. Plows are on trucks and they are prepared. He indicated that emergency services are addressed first, then New Jersey and Pacific Avenues, and then the side streets.

The Mayor added that if we get snow, that we rely on the county and public works and public safety and to please be patient.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Box Truck Ordinance** – a draft is in circulation for 2026 introduction at the first meeting in February.
- WC Municipal App**- On hold; budgetary item for 2026
- Historical museum - 2025** – On hold; budgetary item for 2026.
- Traffic Calming** – We did not receive the grant for Park Boulevard; we can address when the Reconstruction of Park Blvd takes place.
- Back Beach Excavation:** Public Works has installed snow fence to raise low levels and the work has begun on streets.
- New Jersey Avenue Infrastructure Pre-County:** Sanitary sewer and water utility work has begun and you will notice detours.
- Dredging:** There is a new DOT Commissioner and DEP Commissioner and we are hopeful Wildwood Crest will be addressed.
- Washington / Seaview – beach outfalls and capacity:** Waiting to hear about award and could be as much as 25 million from FEMA.
- US ACE / NJ DEP Dune:** Suspended; we did have a virtual meeting with neighboring municipalities and the DEP and Army Corps for an amended project. Essentially it looks to be the same plan for Wildwood Crest. The local communities asked that the root cause be the focus of the study so we are not constantly repeating this process. There will be another meeting forthcoming the first week of February.
- Borough Hall Renovations-** We have the renderings and this may need to be phased in and a meeting will need to be scheduled.
- Fishing Pier** – There will be an Engineering presentation at our next meeting to go over the grants received, renderings and extending the pier as well as a historical presentation.
- Trees on Atlantic** – the Clerk forwarded idea to Green Team for their feedback. The mayor is expected to meet with them and address.

Commissioner Fuscellaro added that the 250th birthday committee has met two times and some great ideas and events are in the making. They are looking at doing a reenactment of Turtle Gut and many family friendly events to come. There will be merchandise with our updated 250th crest logo and we will be adding to our website and more wellness programs as well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Nothing from the public.

Commissioner Franco congratulated local Blake Vogdes on winning a Borgata Poker tournament and beating out over 900 other players...quite a remarkable accomplishment. Commissioner Franco also mentioned the tragic events that occurred recently and thanked first responders...indicated the family was in our thoughts and prayers and asked that everyone be kind.

Mayor Cabrera again talked about the impending snow storm and asked for everyone’s patience.

Chief Lloyd added to please park cars in driveways if available so plows can get down streets.

Hearing nothing further from the public, Mrs. Fuscellaro motioned and Mrs. Franco seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. The time of the meeting was 5:47 pm.

Dated: January 21, 2026

Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

