

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

October 18, 2023

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 Borough Hall at 9:30 a.m. On roll call the following answered to their names:

Schiff - Franco – 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 Herald of Cape May County and The Press on December 7, 2022.

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

The Mayor indicated that the meeting was being streamed online via the Borough's Facebook page and YouTube channel due to scheduling conflicts and if there were any questions, please call the Clerk.

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1411

BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$4,500,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,275,000 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

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1411 be passed on first reading, advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on November 1, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-290

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE TO MRC TO PURCHASE POLYSPLASH SURFACING UNDER STATE CONTRACT #16-FLEET-00121 FOR PLAYGROUND POLYSPLASH SURFACING

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:11-12A and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), the Borough may, by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the procurement of goods and services through a state cooperative purchasing program is considered to be an open and fair process under the New Jersey Pay-To-Play Law N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, MRC (State Contract #16-FLEET-00121) P.O. Box 106, Spring Lake, New Jersey 07762 has all the necessary Equipment and Material and Accessories; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, that the Borough is authorized to fund the expenditure to purchase PolySplash Surfacing based upon the price quote \$50,121.92 on October 3, 2023 from MRC (State Contract # 16-FLEET-00121) in an amount not to exceed \$50,121.92; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, that the Borough is authorized to fund the expenditure to purchase PolySplash Surfacing based upon the price quote \$50,121.92 on October 6, 2023 from MRC using (STATE Contract number 16-FLEET-00121) in an amount not to exceed \$50,121.92; and

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

Account Number(s) G-02-41-671-023 Amount \$ 50,121.92
Signature _____

Mr. Schiff motions, and Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-291

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING INCREASE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00 TO LAURA MAGEDOFF OF NISSENBAUM LAW GROUP FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR TRADEMARK PATENTS FOR CY2023.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest awarded a contract, via Resolution No. 23-65 adopted February 8, 2023, to LAURA MAGEDOFF OF NISSENBAUM LAW GROUP, for SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR TRADEMARK PATENTS for CY2023 contract at the NTE sum of \$7,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest to increase the amount of the contract by \$2,000.00; 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, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the recital paragraphs set forth above are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.
2. That the terms and conditions of the contract between the Borough of Wildwood Crest and LAURA MAGEDOFF OF NISSENBAUM LAW GROUP, authorized by Resolution No. 23-65 adopted February 8, 2023 shall remain in full force and effect, with the sole exception that the amount of the contract shall be increased to a total sum not to exceed \$9,000.00 all of which is contingent upon certification from the Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds.
3. That a copy of the specific items appertaining to the award of this contract shall be published in a Notice of Award in *The Herald of Cape May County* as required by law within ten (10) days of passage of the Resolution authorizing same.

Mr. Schiff motions, and Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-292

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE CAPE MAY COUNTY OPEN SPACE PROJECT KNOWN AS CREST ARTS PAVILION PARK

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest submitted an application to Cape May County under the County's 2022 Open Space Program for Crest Arts Pavilion Park with an initial request for funding in the amount of \$1,043,968.75; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2022, the Open Space Review Board thoroughly reviewed, deliberated and voted to make a recommendation to the Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders to fund this project as follows: Crest Arts Pavilion Park in an amount not to exceed \$1,043,968.75; and

WHEREAS, the Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders approved the Borough's Space application at their September 26, 2023 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners deems is desirable and in the interest of the residents of the Borough and the County to enter into a shared services agreement with the County of Cape May in order to receive the funding for the Crest Arts Pavilion Park as authorized by the statutes providing for joint action with regard to capital projects and improvements which are deemed to benefit the Borough and Cape May County and their residents pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:12-9 and as further authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act.

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 Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Shared Services Agreement in substantially the same form which is attached hereto which is hereby approved.

Mr. Schiff motions, and Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-293

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BOARDWALK PRESERVATION FUND FOR THE FISHING PIER

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as NJDCA BOARDWALK PRESERVATION FUND for the FISHING PIER to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Boardwalk PRESERVATION FUND on behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

My signature and the Clerk's seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the above resolution.

ATTEST and AFFIX SEAL

Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

Don Cabrera, Mayor

Mr. Schiff motions, and Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-294

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE CY2023 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 CY2023 Best Practices Inventory, and it is the desire of the governing body to accept the CY2023 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 CY2023 Best Practices Inventory is hereby accepted as presented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate Borough Officials are hereby authorized and instructed to execute said CY2023 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.

Mr. Schiff motions, and Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-295

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING RE-ADVERTISEMENT OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR AUTHORIZED ON-SITE INSPECTIONS AND PLAN REVIEW AGENCIES FOR THE FOLLOWING SUB-CODES: PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL, (ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT WITH 2 ONE (1) YEAR OPTIONS)

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, Cape May County, New Jersey, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to re-advertise a Notice to Bidders in *The Herald of Cape May County* on October 25, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan and design as set forth in the Specifications on file in the Borough for the AUTHORIZED ON-SITE INSPECTIONS AND PLAN REVIEW AGENCIES FOR THE FOLLOWING SUB-CODES: PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL, (ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT WITH 2 ONE (1)

YEAR OPTIONS) is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Sealed bids will be received by the Bid Opening Committee in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Wildwood Crest Borough Hall, on **Wednesday November 15, 2023 at 10:00am**, 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:

AUTHORIZED ON-SITE INSPECTIONS AND PLAN REVIEW AGENCIES FOR THE FOLLOWING SUB-CODES: PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL, (ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT WITH 2 ONE (1) YEAR OPTIONS)

Mr. Schiff motions, and Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-296

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO ACCOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE MUNICIPAL TIER A STORMWATER GRANT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by any public or private funding source and the amount thereof shall not have been determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest received \$ 25,000.00 from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the Municipal Tier A Stormwater Grant, and wishes to amend its 2023 Municipal Budget to include this amount of revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, does hereby request the Director of the Division of Local Government services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the municipal budget of the Borough of Wildwood Crest for the year 2023 in the sum of \$ 25,000.00

which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues	
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with	
Prior Written Consent of the Director of the Division	
of Local Government Services - Public and Private	
Revenues Offset with Appropriations:	
Municipal Tier A Stormwater Grant\$ 25,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$.....25,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

- GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS
- (a) Operations Excluded from Caps
- Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:
- Municipal Tier A Stormwater Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough CFO is hereby authorized and directed to electronically file this Resolution and applicable submittal form with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval.

Mr. Schiff motions, and Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-297

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY FOR ENTERPRISE ZONE ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:27H-88 creates an Enterprise Zone Assistance Fund to be held by the State Treasurer on behalf of qualifying municipalities, of which the Borough of Wildwood Crest is recognized, which shall be a repository of all monies required to be deposited therein and disbursed in the amounts necessary to fulfill the purposes of the UEZ Authority, N.J.S.A. 52:27H-60 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:27H-88b permits a municipality to utilize 10% of the amount annually credited to its Enterprise Zone Assistance Fund for administrative expenses incurred in furtherance of the mission of the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority; and

WHEREAS, in order to adequately provide for the proper administration of qualified economic development projects in designated enterprise zones within the Borough of Wildwood Crest by funding qualified assistance fund expenses, the Board of Commissioners finds it to be in the best interest of the Borough of Wildwood Crest and in furtherance of the goals set forth in N.J.S.A. 52:27H-60 et seq. to request and utilize available monies being held by the State Treasurer for **FY2024 UEZ Administrative Budget** in the amount **not to exceed \$10,716.00**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest that said Board does hereby authorize and direct the submission of a proposal to the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority for use of Enterprise Zone Assistance Funds in the amount of \$10,716.00 credited in FY2024 being held on behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest for administrative expenses necessary to fulfill the purposes of N.J.S.A. 52:27H-60 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign any agreement connected with this funding and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

Mr. Schiff motions, and Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-298

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AMENDING THE 2023 CAPITAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the local capital budget for the year 2023 was adopted on the 5th day of April, 2023; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said adopted capital budget section.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, that the following amendments to the capital budget of 2023 be made:

RECORDED		ABSTAIN {None
VOTE	AYES { Schiff Franco Cabrera	NAYS { None
		ABSENT { None

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.

Mr. Schiff motions, and Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

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

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

REPORTS: Mr. Franco motions, and Mr. Schiff seconded that all reports received from the Court Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Tax Collector, Chief of Police, Supervisor for the Recreation Department and the Construction Official for the month ending September 30, 2023 be accepted as presented.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

MINUTES: Mr. Schiff motions, and Mr. Franco seconded that all minutes from the Commission meetings dated September 20, 2023 and October 4, 2023 be approved as presented.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Beach End Bump Outs

Asphalt and concrete work has commenced at some of the 11 street ends south of Rambler. They are: Toledo, St. Paul, Monterey, Miami, Louisville, Nashville, Atlanta, Farragut, Stanton, Stockton, and Orchid. That will be the

final phase of this project. This final phase of work is expected to be completed shortly. We can then request the county's reimbursement.

Crest Arts Pavilion

The public hearing for our \$1.043 million Open Spaces funding for the exterior improvements to the Crest Arts Pavilion was held on September 26th. The 45-day public comment period commenced and will end on November 10th at which time we can begin to expend the funds allocated to this project.

Hereford Inlet to Cape May Inlet Beach and Dune Construction

We have provided our comments to Coastal Engineering on the Army Corps 65% plans. I have requested a meeting with Coastal Engineering and ACE's project manager to discuss our comments and to ensure that our concerns are addressed in the new plans. All indications are that this project will take place between 18-24 months from now. The borough has no cost-share for this coastal storm protection project.

New Jersey Avenue

No new updates. The County's reconstruction of New Jersey Avenue is expected to commence in the spring of 2025.

Sunset Lake- State Channel Dredging

The NJDOT Office of Maritime Resources has awarded the contract for Phase I of the State's channel dredging project to Mobile Dredging who will be dredging State boating channels throughout the Wildwoods as a two-phased project. The first phase of this project encompasses the state channels in North Wildwood, Wildwood and West Wildwood from the mouth of Beach Creek to Post Creek Basin remove shoals and restore navigability. This 1st phase is expected to commence in a few weeks. The state's channels will be dredged using a hydraulic cutterhead pipeline dredge and pumped to one of three sites for dewatering. Dredging operations will take place 24/7 during this timeframe. It is expected that trucking operations will begin on or about February 1 and will be completed on or about May 31, 2024, and will follow main routes to and from the sites in accordance with municipal and county approved trucking routes. As I have previously reported, we expect Wildwood Crest's phase of the project to go out to bid next year after property acquisitions take place,

CAFRA Applications

Nothing new to report.

Washington Avenue BRIC Planning Study

Now that the planning study is completed, our grant writer is completing the FEMA application for this flood mitigation project. The applications are due in November. 70% of the FEMA grants awarded in NJ in 2022 were for clients of our grant writer. He has a strong track record with FEMA. For the 2023 year, FEMA has \$2 billion available for Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities (BRIC) programs. We have a proposal forthcoming for the preparation of an application for the triangle area flood mitigation project which was applied for previously.

EV Charging Stations

The State has approved the Crest Arts Pavilion location (6301 Ocean Avenue) for two EV fast charging stations. I believe this will provide \$75,000 each but this will be confirmed once the State provides us with the grant agreement.

FY2023 DCA-Small Cities ADA Grant

As previously reported, our FY2023 DCA Small Cities Grant application was approved in the amount of \$342,720. These funds will be used to renovate the 3 bathrooms in the municipal building. We have met with our architect who is working with DeBlasio & Associates on plans and bid documents.

JIF Planning Retreat

I attended the Atlantic County Joint Insurance Fund's Annual Retreat today in Ocean City. The director reported that the hardened insurance market is causing higher than normal premium insurance increases this year which will result in higher assessments for all members. I will provide you all with the presentations from today's meetings.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Capital Projects

1. FY 2023 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program – Reconstruction of Orchid Road
 - The Borough has been allotted a \$170,085.00 grant from the NJDOT.
 - Our office has been authorized to add the sanitary sewer replacement of Wisteria Road from New Jersey to Park Boulevard to this project.
 - The bid opening is scheduled for October 26th at 11:00 AM.
2. Beach Patrol Headquarter Renovations-Readvertised
 - The project was re-advertised for public bid on March 1, 2023 and the apparent low bidder was Straga Brothers in the amount of \$2,054,334.00 for the Base Bid plus Alternate Bid 1 and Alternate Bid 2.
 - The contractor has remobilized to the site and completed demolition. The foundation work is complete and the concrete planking has been set. The contractor is working on completing the roof structure.
3. Beach Street End Public Access Improvements – Phase 2

- The bid opening occurred on February 1, 2023, and the apparent low bidder was Fred M. Schiavone Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$3,228,065.20.
 - The final roadway and sidewalk restorations will be completed the week of October 2nd.
 - The Borough has requested a change order to install additional street end bollards.
4. Von Savage Pool – Pool and Roof Repairs
 - The bid opening occurred on March 9, 2023 and the apparent low bidder was Capri Construction in the amount of \$1,267,500.00.
 - A pre-construction meeting was held on March 30th and construction began the week of August 15, 2023.
 - The roof repairs are complete and the contractor is working on the pool improvements.
 5. Public Works Roof Repairs
 - Our office has completed the design of the Public Works Roof. The project is going to be combined with the Crest Pier Roof Replacement being designed by another Engineer. The project will be completed via the State Co-operative Program.
 6. Bayside Bulkhead Replacement and Flood Mitigation Improvements
 - The Borough wants to replace or elevate the eleven (11) existing bayside street end bulkheads from Cardinal Road to Primrose Road and implement flood mitigation improvements along the bayside from Cresse Avenue to Rambler Road. It is our understanding that the Borough would like to complete the improvements in a phased manner and initiate the first phase of the bulkhead replacements in the Fall 2023 with construction completed by Spring 2024.
 - The first phase of bulkhead replacements is scheduled for public bidding the week of October 23rd.
 7. Crest Arts Pavilion Site Improvements
 - The project is currently in the design phase and is scheduled for public bidding in November 2023.
 8. Beach Street End Public Access Improvements – Phase 3
 - The project is currently in the design phase and is scheduled for public bidding in January 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE:

First Responder reports:

Chief Bob Lloyd gave a run down on recent activity from the previous month to note:

Calls for Service: 1,830

Criminal Investigations: 352

Service Calls: 403

Traffic: 515

Arrests: 13

William Cripps was next up and briefed all on the following:

EMS: Total Calls: 124

Patients transported to hospital:46

Patients refused treatment: 26

Mutual Aid Given: 14; Mutual Aid Received: 5

EMT Cornelius “Max” Maxwell is nominated for EMT of the Year. This is presented by NJ Dept of Health, NJ Office of EMS, NJ EMS Advisory Board. The event will be at the 2023 National Conference on EMS in AC on November 2-4, 2023.

He indicated that they are establishing a scheduling program to replace the antiquated system.

He is reviewing and updating the current SOPs, response plan, mutual aid plans to include the county response as RTF, EMS Strike Team.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

NEW BUSINESS:

-Lifeguard Stands: Commissioner Franco wanted to revisit a previous discussion of having memorial plaques on the back of lifeguard stands since there appears to be a waiting list for memorial benches and he thought it would be a revenue stream. He indicated North Wildwood has this program. Mayor Cabrera would like more information about it (cost /description) and would like the Chief of the Beach Patrol to weigh in. Commissioner Schiff sees potential problems to include the plaques being covered by the items from the lifeguards, and the number of stands for a short period of time. He suggested pavers at the Crest Arts Pavilion, which is year-round. The Clerk agreed to contact North Wildwood to get more information about the program.

-Concession agreement hotel zone /beach chairs- There was a recent request from a motel to have a portion of the beach where they could set up chairs and umbrellas for their patrons exclusively. It was noted that post Covid, the borough allowed this for social distancing purposes and each application had to have approval from land use. There were many questions that arose from the discussion. Commissioner Franco was ok with the concept and the Mayor wanted more details such as locations and parameters and asked the Administrator to come up with a proposed plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Proposed Bulkhead Ordinance-** There is a draft ordinance in circulation and should be ready for introduction at the first meeting in November.
- Proposed Floodplain Ordinance-** Hold.
- Potential Swim / Run Event** – There is a draft agreement in circulation on October 5, 2024. All were in agreement to move forward; TDC was funding and a resolution will be forthcoming to move it forward.
- Crest Pier – capital planning for generators-** There is no funding at this time. A proposal will be recirculated to take a hard look at the numbers and the budget.
- Traffic Calming** – The Engineer presented this at the last meeting and the Administrator discussed the county efforts as well. We are now in receipt of Collier’s Engineering proposal for the traffic study.
- Code Enforcement Personnel-** No movement. Looking to address in 2024 for help with weekend hours.
- Back Beach Excavation:** US Army Corps of Engineers project is getting closer; meetings are being held between the state and USACE and the Engineer has made comments on the 65% plan and they are currently working on easements.
- Dredging:** No movement.
- NJ Avenue infrastructure pre-county:** No movement.
- PW roof:** Waiting on bid specs...in conjunction with Crest Pier coop.
- Bayside outfalls and capacity / bulkhead repairs / replacement:** The Engineer was waiting for direction for this proposal. There were two options available. Option A- 5 street ends raising to 8 feet at approximately \$1,750,000. Option B- redo the façade for all 10 street ends at approximately 2 million with funding currently in place and the introduced bond ordinance adding a million. After lengthy discussion, all were on board with Option B. The Engineer discussed a pilot project in Stone Harbor with a more reliable valve (manual) that is doing the job and they have had good success. He added there are limitations: if tide comes over the bulkhead or from a neighbor’s lower bulkhead, all bets are off. The administrator added that she could obtain another proposal for a grant for FEMA. In the end, the Engineer will provide a proposal: not replace bulkheads, put a façade wrapping on existing bulkheads and not elevate the bulkheads. On the 10 street ends in original authorization, reconstruct roadways as high as possible without detriment to adjacent property and put valves in. An analysis would require cooperation with property owners with access to property owners’ removal of items, etc. Go outside of 10 bulkheads north and valve off the rest of the street ends. There may have to be box on top of a valve for protection on select street ends. Bidding to take place in January 2024 and be finished by year’s end.
- Arts Pavilion Exterior – with CMCOS:** Administrator discussed in report. November bid specs forthcoming.
- Washington / Seaview – beach outfalls and capacity:** Discussed in BRIC report.
- **Lightning Detection System:** No movement.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

Hearing nothing further from the public,

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-299

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, SPECIFICALLY N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(B) WITH REGARD TO ISSUE: CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Schiff motions, and Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Hearing nothing further from the public, Mr. Schiff motioned and Mr. Franco seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. The time was 6:53 p.m.

Dated: November 21, 2023

Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

