

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

October 5, 2022

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 October 13, 2021.

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 and if there were any questions, please call the Clerk.

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-290

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST CANCELING ERRONEOUS SEWER RENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$124.00 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7201 SEAVIEW 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 2022; and

WHEREAS, sewer account 1381-0, at 7201 Seaview Avenue had no water meter installed for the year 2021, the sewer rents levied in 2022 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
94.01/10.02 1381-0	7201 Seaview LLC 7201 Seaview Avenue 2022 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 2022.

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

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-291

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS FOR PERMIT #SO21-0204 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$741.25

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has received written approval from the Borough Engineer, DeBlasio & Associates, on August 04, 2022 to refund escrow to Mitchell Nichols Enterprises, Inc. for Street Opening Permit #SO21-0204, Block 94.03/Lots 5.02, 7, 9, 13, 15; and

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has confirmed that all Borough Engineer billings related to Street Opening Application #SO21-0204 are complete; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell Nichols Enterprises, Inc., 23 King Street, Rio Grande, NJ 08242 made an escrow payment to the Borough of Wildwood Crest of \$1,000.00 on February 19, 2021 for Street Opening Permit for location 515 East Orchid Road, Block 94.03/Lots 5.02, 7, 9, 13, 15 and has requested return of the unused escrow balance; and

WHEREAS, the escrow used totaled \$258.75 and the Borough of Wildwood Crest Construction Official is recommending the return of the unused escrow fee of \$741.25.

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 return of the balance of the unused escrow account in the amount of \$741.25 to Mitchell Nichols Enterprises, Inc., 23 King Street, Rio Grande, NJ 08242 be and hereby is approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to return the balance of the unused escrow account in the amount of \$741.25 to Mitchell Nichols Enterprises, Inc., 23 King Street, Rio Grande, NJ 08242.

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

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-292
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF
WILDWOOD CREST CANCELING BOND ORDINANCE IMPROVEMENT
AUTHORIZATION BALANCES**

WHEREAS, there exist unexpended balances in certain General Capital Fund Bond Ordinance Improvement authorizations which were dedicated to specific capital projects; and

WHEREAS, said capital projects have been completed and there is no further need to retain said unexpended balances of improvement authorizations; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough of Wildwood Crest to cancel said unexpended balances of improvement authorizations, and it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners to cancel these unexpended balances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey that unexpended balances of General Capital Fund Bond Ordinance improvement authorizations be and are hereby canceled as follows:

<u>Ord. #</u>	<u>Date Authorized</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amt. Authorized to Cancel</u>
1211	03/05/2015	Various Improvements G. NJ Avenue and Sunset Lake	192,670.64
1244	10/05/2016	Various Improvements A. Pacific Avenue II B. Sunset Lake	21,037.45 267,796.42
1261	12/06/2017	Newark Avenue	332,967.56
1266	03/20/2018	Sunset Lake Improvements	<u>3,852.45</u>
TOTAL AUTHORIZED TO BE CANCELED			<u>\$ 818,324.52</u>

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

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-293
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF
WILDWOOD CREST DESIGNATING TRICK OR TREAT HOURS ON OCTOBER 31, 2022
FROM 5:00-7:00 PM**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, hereby determines that TRICK OR TREAT shall be observed in the Borough of Wildwood Crest on Saturday, **OCTOBER 31, 2022 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 5:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest urges all to follow COVID-19 protocols, including but not limited to wearing a face covering in accordance with

CDC guidelines, practicing social distancing, carrying and using hand sanitizer, and being respectful of those who choose not to participate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest acknowledges Trick or Treat involvement is optional and neither encourages nor discourages participation.

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

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-294

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING INCREASE OF CERTIFICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00 TO PRIMEPOINT LLC FOR PAYROLL, TIME & LABOR, AND HMRS SERVICES FOR THE CY2022

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest awarded a contract, via Resolution No. 21-228 adopted July 21, 2021, to PRIMEPOINT LLC, for payroll, time & labor, and hmrs services for CY2021 contract for \$40,000.00 at the NTE sum of \$25,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest to increase the amount of the certification by \$15,000.00; 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 PRIMEPOINT LLC, authorized by Resolution No. 21-228 adopted July 21, 2021 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 \$40,000.00 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, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-295

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO CANCEL THE GRANT RECEIVABLES AND APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-60 provides that any unexpected balance of an appropriation may, by resolution of the governing body, be cancelled prior to the end of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, balances remain in various grants which have been completed or not undertaken; and

WHEREAS, it is desired by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest to cancel such balances; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following balances be and are hereby cancelled:

	ACCOUNT RECEIVABLE	APPROPRIATION
2021 GWTIDA Summer Events Grant	7,500.00	7,500.00
2022 GWTIDA Summer Events Grant	3,500.00	3,500.00
TOTAL	11,000.00	11,000.00

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

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-296

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF
WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS FOR ZONING
BOARD APPLICATION #ZB-21-02-01 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,162.50**

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has received written approval from the Borough Engineer, DeBlasio & Associates, on September 27, 2022 to refund escrow to A & DV LLC for Zoning Board Application #ZB-21-02-01, Block 11.03/Lot 3.02; and

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has confirmed that all Borough Engineer billings related to Zoning Board Application #ZB-21-02-01 are complete; and

WHEREAS, A & DV LLC, 306 W 1st Ave, North Wildwood, NJ 08260 made an escrow payment to the Borough of Wildwood Crest of \$600.00 on 12/23/20, \$1,000.00 on 1/26/20, \$2,000.00 on 3/26/21 and \$2,000.00 on 6/22/21 for Zoning Board Application for location 5605 Atlantic Avenue, Block 11.03/Lot 3.02 and has requested return of the unused escrow balance; and

WHEREAS, the escrow used totaled \$4,437.50 and the Borough of Wildwood Crest Construction Official is recommending the return of the unused escrow fee of \$1,162.50.

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 return of the balance of the unused escrow account in the amount of \$1,162.50 to A & DV LLC, 306 W 1st Ave, North Wildwood, NJ 08260 be and hereby is approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to return the balance of the unused escrow account in the amount of \$1,162.50 to A & DV LLC, 306 W 1st Avenue, North Wildwood, NJ 08260.

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

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-297

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF
WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION FOR
STATE OF NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES –CLEAN ENERGY ELECTRIC
VEHICLE TOURISM GRANT – 22EVT026**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the STATE OF NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES -CLEAN ENERGY ELECTRIC VEHICLE TOURISM GRANT – 22EVT026 and will enter into a grant agreement for said grant if approved.

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

1. That the Borough of Wildwood Crest does hereby authorize the application for such a grant, and if awarded, will purchase Six (6) Level 2 Charging Stations and Four (4) Fast Chargers.

2. That the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

<hr/> (SIGNATURE) Don Cabrera <hr/> (TYPED NAME) Mayor <hr/> (TITLE)	<hr/> (SIGNATURE) Patricia A. Feketics <hr/> (TYPED NAME) Municipal Clerk <hr/> (TITLE)
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Mr. Schiff motions, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-298

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER WORK ORDER FOR PRESTON PARK IMPROVEMENTS- PHASE I- AT THE NTE SUM OF \$20,000

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 **PRESTON PARK IMPROVEMENTS- PHASE I** for engineering services which are more specifically set forth in the attached Proposal from Marc DeBlasio and the Firm of DeBlasio & Associates, dated **July 12, 2022** 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 **\$20,000.00**; and

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

Account Number(s): _____ Amount: \$20,000.00 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 services 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 **\$20,000.00**.

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

Vote: Schiff - NO Franco – Cabrera – YES

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

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

- ➔ Presentation from C.A.R.A. to Det. James Collins for going above and beyond to assist a victim of domestic violence.

CORRESPONDENCE: H2oi correspondences. The Mayor indicated that he has received numerous emails and voicemails regarding the chaos and fatalities that resulted from the unauthorized event. The Mayor indicated that he asked the Administrator and the Solicitor to reach out to Ocean City, MD for guidance and that he believes this is a local, county and state issue and legislative action needs to be taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

Ernie Troiano, Wildwood, commended Chief Lloyd, Capt. D’Amico, Sgt. Mulholland and Cpl. Plaza and the rest of the department on the assistance provided to Wildwood over the chaotic weekend of the H2oi event. He pointed out that the Wildwood Police were outnumbered, and the situation could have escalated even more than it did. The Wildwood Crest Police were outstanding and deserved to be recognized for their efforts.

Mayor Cabrera added many people made positive comments over the number of vehicle stops and summons issued and congratulated the police as well.

Gail Kelly, Columbine Road, was checking in on the status of the shed issue on Columbine and the Mayor indicated that the process takes time and patience and that when there is a resolution to the issue, everyone will be made aware.

Steve Tarnowski, Lake Road, voiced concern over the failing bulkhead at 5400 Park Blvd and provided video via earlier email. The flooding fills up the street and there is a safety issue. Commissioner Franco indicated that he had already scheduled to meet the Engineer after the Commission meeting to examine bulkheads throughout the municipality. The Mayor added that the Borough has previously discussed a bulkhead ordinance and capital projects to include the topics of raising bulkheads, capping, street raising and pump station.

DISCUSSION:

NEW BUSINESS:

Beach Related Issues: Storage, stands, walkways, planks, beach boxes, signage, etc.

-Beach bump outs: The Mayor added there are 22 beach ends south of Rambler Road and 10 have been finished and there are 12 more that need to be done. The borough is close to going out to bid after receiving a \$2.5 million dollar grant. Furthermore, the borough is still working with Wildwood Water utility as well.

-Beach boxes: The Mayor indicated that beach boxes are currently \$450.00 and there is a chance that the price may go to \$480.00 and the borough intends to purchase 23 more double boxes (46 doors) and that will be the maximum and there may also be a new system in place that opens up the beach box process to Wildwood Crest residents first.

-Signage: Public Works currently has 15 flags from the Green Team that say "Smoke Free" and he would like them installed at access points and maybe purchase more and quite possibly to have signage on portable toilets and trashcans. Additionally, he believes this is an awareness issue.

Walkways: Public Works was very busy constructing the walkway extensions that were used in 2022 and they will continue to replace some of the old ones that have been warped, with all of the work being done in house.

Portable Toilets: The portable toilets were extremely popular, and discussions need to be had for more cleanings and maybe additional toilets.

OLD BUSINESS –

-**Back Beach Excavation:** No movement.

-**Flood Mitigation Projects:** No movement.

-**Dredging:** No movement.

-**Beach Patrol Building:** Waiting on word on permit if it is needed and ready to move once decision has been rendered.

-**CAFRA Permit:** Waiting on Jurisdictional Determination and Environmental Engineer.

-**Preston Park** –Awarded Phase I earlier.

-**Phase 2 Beach Bump outs** – Discussed earlier.

-**NJ Avenue infrastructure pre-county:** Another meeting is needed.

-**Major reconstructing streets plan:** The Superintendent of PW and the Engineer met to assess the current roads and the Mayor wants to have a long term plan in place. In particular, Farragut Road was mentioned along with the intersection of Sweet Briar Road and Park Blvd. He asked the Chief to also recommend streets.

-**North / South street line striping / pedestrian cross walks:** No movement.

-**Pool roof and resurfacing:** In the works.

-**PW roof:** No movement.

-**Borough hall exterior and addition – office moves:** Waiting on report from Engineer.

-**Permanent pickle ball courts – east side wisteria courts:** Public Works is working on this.

-**Bayside outfalls and capacity / bulkhead repairs / replacement:** Previously discussed.

-**EV charging stations:** Discussed and authorized agreement.

-**Arts Pavilion Exterior – with CMCOS:** The Administrator and the Engineer will be meeting soon for a conference call on their application.

-**Low Speed vehicle parking:** Can be removed.

-**Washington / Seaview – beach outfalls and capacity:** Engineer is working on grant.

-**Higbee field (bigger cutout for the infield):** The Asst. Superintendent and Asst. Recreation Supervisor will be working on plans for 2023.

-**Planters in lieu of barricades at Centennial Park:** This is in the planning phase and it has been suggested to make it seating rather than planters (substitute planters and add seating for future) and it was mentioned that it could perhaps be tied in with another paver project.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

Commissioner Schiff was concerned over the amount of water being used at the shower ends of the beaches and thought perhaps the foot showers alone would be sufficient to conserve water. The Mayor added that the we received ADA and DCA money to have the Rambler Road ones ADA accessible and the Administrator indicated she could check to see if there is an ADA requirement for future ones. Commissioner Franco added that the hours and water usage may need to be adjusted next year. Commissioner Schiff agreed. It was mentioned that when the buttons are pressed at the Splash pad that they stay on for 8 minutes and the time can be reduced. The Mayor asked Public Works and Recreation to make a recommendation. The mayor also asked the Assistant Superintendent of Public Works to contact Morey's Pier to see who they use for their surfacing because it need to be redone.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Franco:

-the Federal Reserve raised benchmark interest rates by another $\frac{3}{4}$ of a percentage point last month and indicated it will keep hiking well above the current level which is 3 to 3.25% (the highest since 2008)

-Fed officials signaled the intention of continuing to hike rates until the funds level hits a “terminal rate,” or end point, of 4.6% in 2023. With zero decreases in sight.

-Wildwood Crest was able to lock in a rate under 3% and is largely due to our CFO and the finance department.

-Locking in a rate that is less than 3% will save the Borough a substantial amount of money. The work done by the finance department isn't the most glamorous, but it is extremely critical to the Borough.

Commissioner Schiff:

Commended all of the personnel at the borough on working well together.

Mayor Cabrera:

Commended Public Works and Recreation and then every department. He reminded all of the Crest Best Run Fest this weekend and lastly, our October 26th meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m.

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 10:17 a.m.

Dated: October 26, 2022

Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

