

CLOSED SESSION II
Wednesday, April 13, 2022

The purpose for this second matter for closed session was a potentially hiring more full time police officers which would change the composition of the police department.

Present for this meeting were the following: Mayor Don Cabrera, Commissioner Joseph Franco, Commissioner Joseph Schiff, Borough Clerk Patricia Feketics, Solicitor Ron Gelzunas, Borough Administrator Constance Mahon, Chief Financial Officer Francine Springer, Labor Counsel Kyle Weinberg, and Chief Robert Lloyd. The time was 10:30 a.m. The current contract for police officers would not change and the potential new hires would fall under the current contract. The Chief indicated that he is struggling to keep officers with county agencies constantly raising their pay rates and Wildwood Crest can not keep up. The borough struggles to keep Class IIs because they leave after being trained and they to full time positions and the borough is constantly training officers and not retaining them. Currently, the borough has two Class II officers on a full-time basis. Th Chief added he must seek permission from the County every 60 days to keep one of the officers. Labor Attorney Kyle Weinberg suggested changing the current ordinance to allow for more officers so the borough will not have to revisit this next year. The commissioners realized that the number of full-time officers needs to be increased and they have to address seasonal rates of pay. They agree to amend the ordinance up to 19 officers. All were in agreement.

There was one more matter for closed session. Mr. Schiff motioned, seconded by Mr. Franco, that the closed session II be adjourned. The discussion ended at 11:00 a.m. The Chief of Police left the room. There was a one minute break to clear the room.

Vote: Schiff – Franco - Cabrera - YES

Dated:

Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

