

Note: Complete Meeting Appears
On Borough of Wildwood Crest Facebook page by date
And on disc by date

July 21, 2021

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 Municipal Hall 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 Herald of Cape May County and The Press on October 28, 2020.

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

The Mayor noted for the record that that this meeting was open to the public in accordance with Executive Orders and there is no longer a limit restriction for indoor gatherings.

Commissioner Thompson presented a proclamation to Ivars "Max" Bilkins for 50 years of service to the Wildwood Crest Beach Patrol.

Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that Ordinance No. 1360 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. 1360

**ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
SECTION 32A-3 MEMORIAL BENCHES OF CHAPTER
32A FEES OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF
WILDWOOD CREST TO PERMIT THE PLACEMENT OF
MEMORIAL BENCHES IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that a public hearing now be held on Ordinance No. 1360.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera YES

After hearing nothing from the public, Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1360 now be closed.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera YES

Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that Ordinance No. 1360 be passed on second and final reading and advertised according to law.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-222

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF
WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING COMPLIANCE WITH THE ANNUAL
AUDIT REQUIREMENTS AND DIRECTING MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING
BODY TO EXECUTE THE GROUP AFFIDAVIT IN ACCORDANCE
THEREWITH**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts, and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2020 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey is authorized to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs, as per R.S. 52:27BB-34; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled:

GENERAL COMMENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS

and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled:

GENERAL COMMENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS

as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five (45) days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, as per the regulations of the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the promulgations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 – “A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to demonstrate evidence of said compliance.

Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-223

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE AND NATIONAL CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CY2021

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest has the need, on a timely basis, to purchase goods or services utilizing New Jersey State and National Contract vendors; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest may enter into contractual agreements with the attached referenced State and National Contract Vendors through this Resolution and properly executed contracts/purchase orders, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current New Jersey Local Public State Contracts Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey authorizes the Borough Qualified Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved New Jersey State and National Contract Vendors on the attached list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual State Contracts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the named State Contract vendors and their corresponding numbers may change during the time frame indicated below and that Borough Qualified Purchasing Agent is hereby

authorized to make the necessary adjustments to the attached list as may be required for the Borough to continue its routine procurement practices throughout the indicated time frame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), that no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Financial Officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the duration of the contracts between the Borough of Wildwood Crest and the referenced State and National Contract Vendors shall be from January 6, 2021 and continuing through December 31, 2021 or until the expiration of the referenced vendor's New Jersey State Contract, whichever shall occur first.

Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-224

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING RE-APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT PATTERSON AS RESIDENT MEMBER OF GWTIDA FOR TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2025

WHEREAS, the four year term of ROBERT PATTERSON as a resident member of the GREATER WILDWOOD TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY of the Borough of Wildwood Crest expired July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest to re-appoint ROBERT PATTERSON as a resident member of the GREATER WILDWOOD TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY of the Borough of Wildwood Crest for a term of four (4) years expiring on June 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest that ROBERT PATTERSON, 8405 Seaview Avenue, Wildwood Crest, New Jersey, be and he is hereby re-appointed as a resident member of the GREATER WILDWOOD TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY of the Borough of Wildwood Crest for a four (4) year term, said term expiring June 30, 2025.

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

Vote: Gould - NO Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-225

AUTHORIZING SALE OF A SURPLUS VEHICLE FROM THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST TO THE BOROUGH OF WEST WILDWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-36 pertains to the sale or disposition by a contracting unit of personal property not needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36(2) provides that “contracting unit need not advertise for bids when it makes such sale to the United States, the State of New Jersey, another contracting unit or to any body politic to which contributes tax raised funds,” and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest Office of Emergency Management has determined that a 1983 Army Surplus Vehicle in its possession is of little or no value to the Borough and, consequently, desires to transfer title of the vehicle to the Borough of West Wildwood Fire Department for the total sum of \$1.00; and

WHEREAS, the 1983 AM M92 TRUCK is in the Wildwood Crest Fixed Asset Inventory, VIN #1 C52302264; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of West Wildwood Fire Department has agreed to purchase the 1983 Army Surplus Vehicle for the sum of \$1.00 and the Borough of West Wildwood Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest satisfactorily has met the conditions prescribed and required by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36(2) thus enabling a direct sale for the sum total of \$1.00 to the Borough of West Wildwood for the 1983 Army Surplus Vehicle described hereinabove, in that the Borough of Wildwood Crest and the Borough of West Wildwood are both contracting units within the State of New Jersey and the subject of the sale is not needed for public use by the Borough of Wildwood Crest.

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

1. All of the above recital paragraph are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length.

2. In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36(2), ownership of a 1983 AM M92 Truck in the Wildwood Crest Fixed Asset Inventory, VIN #1 C52302264 presently in the possession of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, is hereby authorized to be sold by the Borough of Wildwood Crest to the Borough of West Wildwood Fire Department for the total sum of \$1.00.

3. That the appropriate officials of the Borough of Wildwood Crest are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute any and all required documents necessary to conclude the sale of the aforesaid 1983 Vehicle, said execution to permit the physical transfer of said 1983 Army Surplus Vehicle to the Borough of West Wildwood as expeditiously as possible.

Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-226

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING REFUND OF SPECIAL EVENTS ADDITIONAL APPLICATION FEE TO SHAYNE BISHOP

WHEREAS, Shayne Bishop paid additional special events application fee of \$50.00 for the Zanker-Bishop wedding ceremony to be held at Heather Beach Pier on August 20, 2021 and;

WHEREAS, the wedding ceremony location has been moved to Lower Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to execute refund of \$50.00 to Shayne Bishop, 178 Belle Road, Buskirk, New York, 12028.

Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-227

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER WORK ORDER FOR FY2020 NJDCA SMALL CITIES PROGRAM –ADA IMPROVEMENTS TO SCOOP TAYLOR PARK FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE COST AT THE NTE SUM OF \$27,000

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest desires to authorize issuance of a Work Order **for Construction Phase Cost** to the Borough Engineer, Marc DeBlasio and the Firm of DeBlasio & Associates for the **FY2020 NJDCA SMALL CITIES PROGRAM –ADA IMPROVEMENTS TO SCOOP TAYLOR PARK**, for engineering services which are more specifically set forth in the attached Proposal from Marc DeBlasio and the Firm of DeBlasio & Associates, dated **August 20, 2019** 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 **\$27,000.00**; 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 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 **\$27,000.00**.

Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-228

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PRIMEPOINT LLC FOR PAYROLL, TIME & LABOR, AND HMRS SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Finance Office desires to streamline the methods in which employee time and attendance is tracked as well as incorporate the function of human resource management; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer solicited quotes and watched demonstrations from various vendors; and

WHEREAS, after review of the solicited quotes and consultation with the Borough information technology specialist and QPA, the only vendor to meet the specifications of payroll processing, time and labor, and human resources management functions was Primepoint; and

WHEREAS, Primepoint has extensive experience in processing for government entities and is the recommendation of the CFO; and

WHEREAS, the agreement shall not exceed \$25,000 for payroll processing, time and labor tracking, and Human Resource Management; and

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

Account Number(s) _____ Amount _____

Signature _____

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, that an agreement with Primepoint, LLC is hereby authorized and approved for the purpose of providing payroll, time and labor, and human resource management to the Borough at the rates attached with the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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, and Primepoint executing an agreement with the Borough in a form acceptable to the Borough and certification from the Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized, instructed, and empowered to execute and attest any and all documents, including the "Agreement" necessary to effectuate the award of this contract.

Mrs. Gould motions, Mr. Thompson seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-229

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST ACCEPTING GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE SFY21 BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2021, the Borough of Wildwood Crest authorized Resolution No. 21-140, which authorized submission of a grant application to the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General for the SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program to provide eligible law enforcement agencies with state funding to aid in purchase of body-worn cameras, ancillary equipment and storage; and

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Crest Police Department was selected as a recipient and notified of the award on July 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to accept the grant as detailed below:

Project Title: SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program

Award Number: 21-BWC-473

Award Period: January 1, 2021- December 31, 2025

Award Amount: \$10,190.00 with NO MATCH

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 accept the grant award as listed above for the purpose of purchasing Body Worn Cameras.
2. That the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to accept the grant award and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

(SIGNATURE)
Don Cabrera

(TYPED NAME)
Mayor

(TITLE)

(SIGNATURE)
Patricia A. Feketics

(TYPED NAME)
Municipal Clerk

(TITLE)

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-230

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO ACCOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE SFY21 BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM

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 will receive \$ 10,190.00 from the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General for the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program and wishes to amend its 2021 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 2021 in the sum of \$ 10,190.00 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:

Body-Worn Camera Grant \$..... 10,190.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$..... 10,190.00
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:
Body-Worn Camera 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.

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-231

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY MOBILIZATION 2021 DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER STATEWIDE LABOR DAY CRACKDOWN GRANT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety Mobilization 2021 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Statewide Labor Day Crackdown grant to reduce the number of alcohol and drug related motor vehicle crashes and fatalities and will enter into a grant agreement for said grant if approved; and

WHEREAS, this federally funded grant project consists of an enforcement overtime campaign from August 20 – September 6, 2021, and it will pay for overtime enforcement hours during the approved project period, and it is designed to raise awareness of drinking/drugging and driving.

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.
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:

_____ <small>(SIGNATURE)</small>	_____ <small>(SIGNATURE)</small>
Don Cabrera <small>(TYPED NAME)</small>	Patricia A. Feketics <small>(TYPED NAME)</small>
_____ Mayor <small>(TITLE)</small>	_____ Municipal Clerk <small>(TITLE)</small>

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

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

Vote: Gould - Thompson – Cabrera – YES

REPORTS: Mrs. Gould motioned and Mr. Thompson seconded that all reports received from the Court Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Tax Collector, Chief of Police, Supervisor of the Recreation Department, Constructional Official, Emergency Services Coordinator for the EMS and the Wildwood Crest Volunteer Fire Company Chief for the month ending June 30, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera - YES

MINUTES: Mrs. Gould motioned and Mr. Thompson seconded that all minutes from the regularly scheduled Commission meetings dated June 23, 2021 and July 7, 2021 be approved as presented.

Vote: Gould - Thompson - Cabrera - YES

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

ONGOING AND UPCOMING PROJECTS

Beach End Bump Outs

Two beach pump outs have been completed with amenities such as the showers and furnishings to be installed in the fall. We continue to work with Open Spaces to obtain special recreational funding in the amount of \$2.5M for the beach bump outs south of Rambler and continue to work towards a successful application. We were awarded a \$400,000 FY2021 DCA Small Cities Grant Funds for this project for phase 1. We will be applying for another \$400,000 in 2022.

Pacific Avenue stormwater and sanitary sewer improvements are complete. The County is currently awaiting word from Judge Pickering on his decision regarding the outcome of the lawsuit pertaining to the contract’s award. The County’s Counsel has indicated that if the judge rules in the county’s favor an appeal is likely that cause extensive delays in the milling and paving. We have requested that the County take all action necessary to expedite this project.

The **Scoop Taylor** ADA improvements project is underway, and the new playground equipment and concrete was installed. We expect the playground surface to be completed by July 26th. The shelter has been ordered and will arrive and be ready to install in the fall along with the remaining hardscaping improvements. This project is mostly funded by a FY2020 Small Cities ADA grant.

As you all know, the replacement and improvement of wind-damaged property at the **Little League Field** is about complete with just a few last-minute plumbing and electrical installations left in this phase. The irrigation system has been completely redone and is now operating. Sensors were installed to prevent overwatering. The batting cages, improvements to the bathrooms, press box, seeding and a new home team dugout will be completed in the fall.

We continue to work with NJDEP and USACE on their **Herford Inlet to Cape May Inlet Beach and Dune project** and expect that construction will take place in late 2022 or 2023. All affected

communities have submitted their comments on their respective State Aid Agreement and await the final document for execution. The Attorney General is currently reviewing all comments. A PDF will be available on our web site as soon as we receive it.

We have continued to meet and work with Cape May County's engineer and professionals on design elements and improvements to the **New Jersey Avenue project**. The stakeholder meeting originally planned for May will now hopefully take place in the early fall. Changes have been proposed to the parking areas in two blocks.

The **Army Corps' Back Bays Coastal Storm Risk Management Study** that has been on hold since early 2020 due to a lack of federal funding has now resumed. I attended their meeting last month. We should be received word on the preferred storm reduction method shortly. We were informed that this would be available in late July. All information and their presentation is available on the Army Corps website.

The Municipal Self-Assessment Report was forwarded to the Office of Planning Advocacy last month and we are awaiting word back from the State.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Grant Applications

1. **FY2022 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program**
 - The NJDOT has announced they are receiving State Aid applications for Roadways, Bikeways, Pedestrian, Safe Streets to Transit and Transit Villages.
 - The Borough has selected the reconstruction of Syracuse Avenue from the beach block to Bayview Avenue. The applications was successfully submitted on June 1, 2021.
2. **FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance (BRIC)**
 - The Borough is proposing to construct one (1) bayside storm sewer pump station, install bay outfall SCADA control valves and associated storm sewer improvements in the north west section of the Borough.
 - Our office has met with Triad Associates to address comments received by FEMA from the 2019 submission.
 - We submitted the engineering report for the 2020 application which was successfully filed by November 30, 2020.
3. **Fiscal Year 2021 NJDCA Small Cities Program**
 - The Borough has decided to submit a grant application for ADA beach access improvements-phase 1 (Orchid Road to Toledo Road).
 - On June 22nd, the Borough was notified that a \$400,000.00 grant was allocated for the project.
4. **Cape May County Open Space Board – Coastal Recreational Enhancements**
 - The Borough has decided to submit a grant application for ADA beach access improvements-phase 2 (Orchid Road to Jefferson Avenue).
 - In support of the grant application, our office transmitted the grant application to Cape May County on December 15, 2020.
 - The County has indicated preliminary favorability and requested additional information.
 - The CMCOSB has requested additional information via their May 14th review letter and our office is providing the requested items the week of July 19th.

Capital Projects

1. **Pacific Avenue Storm Sewer Improvements and Borough Street Improvements**
 - The bid was awarded to Asphalt Paving Systems in the amount of \$5,767,600.00.
 - The contractor has completed all the work in the contract and we are in the process of contract closeout.
2. **Higbee Field Little League Improvements Phase 1**
 - The contractor has completed the exterior of the concession stand and dugout and is currently working on the interior of the concession stand.
3. **New Jersey Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement**
 - Our office has completed the survey and base mapping. The design plans and specifications are approximately 90% complete.
 - This project is being included in a USDA sanitary sewer replacement grant application.
4. **Reconstruction of Beach Avenue and Stanton Road**
 - The Borough was notified that a grant in the amount of \$155,000.00 was allocated for the reconstruction of Beach Avenue from Crocus Road to Forget-Me-Not Road.
 - The Borough has been notified by the NJDOT that a grant in the amount of \$185,000.00 was allocated for the reconstruction of Stanton Road from the Beach to New Jersey Avenue.
 - The contractor has completed all of the improvements on Stanton Road.

- The improvements on Beach Avenue are scheduled for the Fall, 2021.
- 5. FY2020 NJDCA Small Cities Grant Application-Scoop Taylor Park
 - The contract was awarded to Command Company, Inc. in the amount of \$257,750.00.
 - The playground and safety surface base has been installed and the safety surface is scheduled to be completed the week of July 26th.
- 6. Beach Street End Public Access Improvements – Phase 1
 - The contract was awarded to Fred M. Schiavone Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,250,022.60.
 - The contractor has completed Newark Avenue and Trenton Avenue.
 - The remaining street ends are scheduled for construction in the Fall.

CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

nelson dice, resident near 12th & Central, Ocean City, indicated he is suing the municipalities of Ocean City, North Wildwood and Wildwood Crest and the governing body listened as he recorded and spoke for five minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

(Moved Presentation to Ivars “Max” Bilkins to the beginning of meeting.)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Washington Avenue Flooding Issues** – } No movement.
- Bulkhead Ordinance / Lot Grading** – } No movement.
- Flood Mitigation Efforts** – } No movement.
- Referendum permitting one consumption liquor license in business zone-** No movement.
- Park Blvd / Pumping Station** – No movement.
- Beach Bike Path** – No movement.
- Public Transportation** – The Mayor indicated that there have not been many inquiries about the trolley going out of business. Commissioner Thompson indicated there was one inquiry from the State Fireman’s Convention and the Administrator indicated that there have been talks with the Convention Center handling it.
- Public trash cans being used for household dumping** -The Mayor added they are currently researching costs and materials.
- Trampolines on private property-** Currently at the Planning Board level.
- Multi Family Structural Review-** The Mayor indicated that the Borough will remind property owners of property maintenance via a reminder memo.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

Chief Lloyd reminded everyone that there will be coffee with Cops on Thursday, July 22nd from 9:00 to 11:00 am at Doo Wop Drive In.

Hearing nothing further, Mrs. Gould motioned, and Mr. Thompson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. The time was 6:04 p.m.

Dated: August 18, 2021

 Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

