

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

August 22, 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 NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEETING DATE 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 June 29, 2023.

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 RE-INTRODUCED ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1406

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST
AMENDING CHAPTER 85, ARTICLE XI, HOTEL, MOTEL AND
MULTI-FAMILY ZONE, SECTION 85-57 PERMITTED USES, OF THE
BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST LAND USE ORDINANCE**

Mr. Franco motioned, Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1406 be placed on first reading, advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on September 6, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1407

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 37
GARBAGE, RUBBISH, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT OF THE CODE
OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST REGULATING THE
ENCLOSING OF COMMUNITY RECEPTACLES, DUMPSTERS AND
CONTAINERS**

Mr. Franco motioned, Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1407 be placed on first reading, advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on September 6, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1408

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH
OF WILDWOOD CREST REGARDING THE REQUIREMENT FOR
INSPECTION OF LEAD-BASED PAINT IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL
DWELLINGS**

Mr. Franco motioned, Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1408 be placed on first reading, advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on September 6, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-228

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE TO PURCHASE A ELGIN WHIRLWIND-MV MOUNTED ON A 2025 FREIGHTLINER M2 CHASSIS FOR PUBLIC WORKS UNDER NATIONAL COOPERATIVE SOURCEWELL

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 Borough of Wildwood Crest is in need of a Elgin Whirlwind-MV Mounted on a 2025 Freightliner M2 Chassis *for Public Works*; and

WHEREAS, the procurement of goods and services through a 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, Gran Turk (Sourcewell Contract # 093021-ELG) 1 Schuylkill Parkway, Building B, Bridgeport, PA 19405 has provided a quote dated July 26,2023 for \$367,246.95; and

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

Account Number(s) C-04-55-140-0D2 Amount \$ 367,246.95

Signature_____

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 a Elgin Whirlwind-MV Mounted on a 2025 Freightliner M2 Chassis based upon the price quote on July 26, 2023 from Gran Turk (Sourcewell Contract # 093021-ELG) in an amount not to exceed \$367,246.95.

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 the Elgin Whirlwind-MV Mounted on a 2025 Freightliner M2 Chassis based upon the price quote on July 26, 2023 from Gran Turk using (Sourcewell Contract number # 093021-ELG) in an amount not to exceed \$367,246.95.

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. 23-229

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 7 – FINAL AND ACCEPTING WORK PERFORMED AND AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND AND ACCEPTING MAINTENANCE BOND FOR PACIFIC AVENUE & VARIOUS STREETS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM DECREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$44,854.50 FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$5,949,281.38

WHEREAS, Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc., Hammonton, New Jersey was awarded the contract known as PACIFIC AVENUE & VARIOUS STREETS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM via Resolution No. 2020-194 on February 19, 2020 for \$4,959,873.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners authorized Change Order No. 1 for Additional Services – Resurfacing of Crest Memorial School Parking Lots at the NTE sum of \$85,105.00 via Resolution No. 2020-174 on May 20, 2020 revising the contract price to \$5,044,978.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners authorized Change Order No. 2 for Reconstruction of Ocean Avenue between Crocus Road and Aster Road increasing the AMENDED contract of \$5,044,978.00 by \$202,290.00 making the REVISED contract amount \$5,247,268.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners authorized Change Order No. 3 for RESURFACING OF JOSEPH VON SAVAGE MEMORIAL POOL PARKING LOT increasing the AMENDED contract of \$5,247,268.00 by \$166,347.00 making the REVISED contract amount \$5,413,615.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners authorized Change Order No. 4 for Additional sanitary sewer work on Monterey Avenue increasing the AMENDED contract of \$5,413,615.00 by \$99,478.75 making the REVISED contract amount \$5,513,093.75; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners authorized Change Order No. 5 for additional services on Washington Avenue from Seaview Avenue to Pacific Avenue increasing the AMENDED contract of \$5,513,093.75 by \$490,670.00 making the REVISED contract amount \$6,003,763.75; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners authorized Change Order No. 6 for additional services on Cardinal Avenue from Pacific Avenue to Seaview Avenue decreasing the AMENDED contract of \$6,003,763.75 by \$9,627.87 making the REVISED contract amount \$5,994,135.88; and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation from Marc DeBlasio of DeBlasio & Associates (the Borough Engineer), the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest wish to authorize Change Order Number 7 – **FINAL AS BUILT ADJUSTMENTS** decreasing the AMENDED contract of \$5,994,135.88 by \$44,854.50 making the REVISED contract amount \$5,949,281.38 and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation from Borough Engineer Marc DeBlasio of DeBlasio & Associates, who has reviewed and approves Change Order No. 7 Final for As Built Quantity Adjustments, which authorized a decrease of \$44,854.50 to amend the contract amount of \$5,949,281.38; and

WHEREAS, **Asphalt Paving Systems** posted a **Performance Bond No. 13BCSIF2450** from **Hartford Fire Insurance Company** in the amount of **\$4,959,873.00** ensuring the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Engineer, Marc DeBlasio, P.E., P.P., C.M.E., of DeBlasio & Associates, P.C., by letter dated July 27, 2023 which is incorporated herein, reports to the Borough that **Asphalt Paving Systems** has completed the project in substantial conformance with the contract documents including all approved change orders, field modifications and accepted as built plans; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Engineer recommends that the Borough release the Performance Bond and accept the submitted **Maintenance Bond No. 13BCSIF2450 from Hartford Fire Insurance Company** in the amount of **\$5,949,281.38**.

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 above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length.
2. The Mayor and the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Wildwood Crest are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest said Change Order #7 FINAL on behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest.
3. That the plan and design as set forth in the Specifications prepared by DeBlasio & Associates, P.C. as modified by approved change orders, field modifications and as depicted in the accepted as-built plans for the **PACIFIC AVENUE & VARIOUS STREETS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM** are hereby approved and accepted.
4. That the above improvements performed by **Asphalt Paving Systems** are hereby approved and accepted.
5. That the Clerk is hereby authorized to release the performance bond conditioned upon acceptance of the appropriate maintenance bond.

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. 23-230

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 – FINAL AND ACCEPTING WORK PERFORMED AND AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND AND ACCEPTING MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BEACH AVENUE (FY2020 NJ DOT MUNICIPAL AID) AND RECONSTRUCTION OF STANTON ROAD (FY2021 NJ DOT MUNICIPAL AID) DECREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$25,171.03 AND MAKING FINAL AMOUNT NTE SUM OF \$2,030,396.97

WHEREAS, Asphalt Paving Systems, PO Box 530, Hammonton, New Jersey 08037 was awarded the contract known as **RECONSTRUCTION OF BEACH AVENUE (FY2020 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID) AND RECONSTRUCTION OF STANTON ROAD (FY 2021 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID)** via Resolution No. 21-98 on February 24, 2021 for \$1,943,283.00; and

WHEREAS, Wildwood Water Utility has participating items, which tabulate in the amount of \$249,717.00; and

WHEREAS, Borough Engineer Marc DeBlasio of DeBlasio & Associates has reviewed the request for additional work for Police Department Parking Lot Improvements and Resurfacing of Orchid Avenue from Ocean Avenue to Beach Bulkhead and approves Change Order No 1 - **RECONSTRUCTION OF BEACH AVENUE (FY2020 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID) AND RECONSTRUCTION OF STANTON ROAD (FY 2021 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID)** with an increase amount of \$112,285.00 all of which is detailed in the attachment to the Change Order and revising the Contract Price to \$2,055,568.00; and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation from Borough Engineer Marc DeBlasio of DeBlasio & Associates, who has reviewed and approves Change Order No. 2 Final for As Built Quantity Adjustments and removal of Improvements to the Police Parking Lot, which authorized a decrease of \$25,171.03 to amend the contract amount of \$2,030,396.97; and

WHEREAS, **Asphalt Paving Systems** posted a **Performance Bond No. 13BCSIP2249** from **Hartford Fire Insurance Company** in the amount of **\$1,943,283.00** ensuring the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Engineer, Marc DeBlasio, P.E., P.P., C.M.E., of DeBlasio & Associates, P.C., by letter dated July 27, 2023 which is incorporated herein, reports to the Borough that **Asphalt Paving Systems** has completed the project in substantial conformance with the contract documents including all approved change orders, field modifications and accepted as built plans; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Engineer recommends that the Borough release the Performance Bond and accept the submitted **Maintenance Bond No. 13BCSIP2249** from **Hartford Fire Insurance Company** in the amount of **\$2,030,396.97**.

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 above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length.
2. The Mayor and the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Wildwood Crest are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest said Change Order #2 FINAL on behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest.
3. That the plan and design as set forth in the Specifications prepared by DeBlasio & Associates, P.C. as modified by approved change orders, field modifications and as depicted in the accepted as-built plans for the **RECONSTRUCTION OF BEACH AVENUE (FY2020 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID) AND RECONSTRUCTION OF STANTON ROAD (FY 2021 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID)** are hereby approved and accepted.
4. That the above improvements performed by **Asphalt Paving Systems** are hereby approved and accepted.
5. That the Clerk is hereby authorized to release the performance bond conditioned upon acceptance of the appropriate maintenance bond.

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. 23-231

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST ACCEPTING THE DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER GRANT FROM THE NJ DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY FROM AUGUST 18, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 4, 2023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO PAY THE FLAT RATE PER HOUR TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is working alongside local law enforcement during the weeks leading up to, and including, the Labor Day holiday in support of the national *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* high-visibility enforcement drunk-driving prevention campaign; and

WHEREAS, During the 2021 Labor Day holiday period, there were 531 crash fatalities nationwide, with 41% involved a drunk driver, and more than 27% involved drivers who were driving with a BAC almost twice the legal limit; and

WHEREAS, historically, the summer months tend to be more dangerous on the roads and in August, 2021, drunk driving accounted for 31% of traffic crash fatalities;

WHEREAS, the 2023 August / Labor Day *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* Campaign will pay for overtime enforcement during the approved period, with a maximum rate to be reimbursed of \$70.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, this is a reimbursement grant and as such, participating departments will incur all costs and then submit the necessary documentation to the Division of Highway Traffic Safety for reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest received notification of award in the amount of \$7,000.00 on August 7, 2023.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety has provided grant funding for *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* to run August 18, 2023 to September 4, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey accepting the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* to run August 18, 2023 to September 4, 2023 and the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay flat rate of \$70.00 per hour to law enforcement.

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. 23-232

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING APPLICATION SUBMISSION FOR CAPE MAY COUNTY DIVISION OF CULTURE & HERITAGE -NJ COUNCIL ON THE ARTS RE-GRANTING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the Cape May County Division of Culture & Heritage – NJ Council on the Arts Re-Granting Program for GENERAL PROGRAMMING SUPPORT in order to offset the expense of presenting major, on-going arts programs 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, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Borough of Wildwood Crest does hereby authorize the application for said grant.
2. The Borough of Wildwood Crest authorizes the execution of any such grant agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

(signature)

Don Cabrera

(typed name)

Mayor

(title)

(signature)

Patricia A. Feketics

(typed name)

Municipal Clerk

(title)

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. 23-233

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST FROM FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND 2023 WILDWOODS URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE FUND FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF THE NEW JERSEY AVENUE STREETScape PROJECT

WHEREAS, a proposal for the use of Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 Urban Enterprise Zone Assistance Funds has been approved by the Urban Enterprise Zone Committee for the following: **New Jersey Avenue Streetscape Project**; and

WHEREAS, it is considered to be in the best interest of the Borough of Wildwood Crest and the community in particular that Urban Enterprise Zone Assistance Funds be utilized for the above-mentioned purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest does hereby approve the use of Urban Enterprise Zone Assistance Funding for the following project, in accordance with the budget submitted and approved by the Urban Enterprise Zone Committee: **New Jersey Avenue Streetscape Project** for a cost not to exceed \$68,350.00.

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:

(signature)

(print name)

Mayor

(signature)

(print name)

Clerk

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. 23-234

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF FEES FOR THE USE OF THE CREST ARTS PAVILION FOR CREST MEMORIAL SCHOOL FOR SHOE PAINT PARTY FUNDRAISER

WHEREAS, on behalf of Crest Memorial School, several teachers have requested the use of the Crest Arts Pavilion for a fundraiser to support two local scholarship funds; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of supporting local fundraising efforts for Crest Memorial School, the Commissioners have agreed to waive the fee for use of Crest Arts Pavilion on Thursday, August 24, 202 from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm for a Shoe Paint Party Fundraiser.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest that the fee for the use of the Crest Arts Pavilion in hereby waived for the Shoe Paint Party Fundraiser on Thursday, August 24, 2023 from 3:30-5:00 pm.

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. 23-235

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES ERRANT PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,413.85 MADE PAYABLE TO SUNBRELLA

WHEREAS, a taxpayer paid 2023 and 2024 taxes on the wrong parcel through the online payment system; and

WHEREAS, an overpayment was created for the reason listed above, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has determined the said overpayment should be refunded accordingly as indicated below.

		Amount
137-24	Pacari, Ruth	
Account 3979-0 110 West Denver Avenue		\$3,413.85
2023 & 2024 Taxes	Another taxpayer paid this account in error on our Online payment system	
	Refund overpayment to Subrella	
	6205 New Jersey Avenue, Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260	

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 said refund as soon as practicable and the Tax Collector should mark the records accordingly to reflect said refund as per the meeting on August 22, 2023.

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. 23-236

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 NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY MOBILIZATION FOR THE 2023 DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER STATEWIDE LABOR DAY CRACKDOWN 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 will receive \$ 7,000.00 from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety Mobilization for the 2023 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Statewide Labor Day Crackdown 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 \$ 7,000.00 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:
2023 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Grant \$.....7,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$7,000.00 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:
2023 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay a flat rate of \$70.00 per hour to law enforcement pursuant to the 2023 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 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. 23-237
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 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE LEAD GRANT ASSISTANCE 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 has received \$ 9,400.00 from the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the Lead Grant Assistance Program, 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 \$ 9,400.00 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:
Lead Grant Assistance Program \$.....9,400.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$9,400.00 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:

Lead Grant Assistance Program

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. 23-238

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AWARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO CZAR ENGINEERING, LLC., FOR CONSULTING SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH PUBLIC WORKS ROOF AND THE CREST PIER ROOF AT THE NTE SUM OF \$19,500

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has determined that there exists the need for consultation services to be provided to the Borough of Wildwood Crest for both the Roof at Public Works and the Roof at Crest Pier; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk received a Proposal for Wildwood Crest – Public Works & Crest Pier Roofs from Czar Engineering, LLC dated August 15, 2023 and said proposal was forwarded to a review committee consisting of the Borough Administrator, Constance Mahon, Borough Clerk, Patricia Feketics, Chief Financial Officer, Francine Springer, and Borough Solicitor Ronald J. Gelzunus; and

WHEREAS, the Review Committee has reviewed the proposal submitted by The Lomax Consulting Group and based upon the review criteria, has recommended that the proposal from Czar Engineering, LLC best meets the Borough's needs and that Czar Engineering, LLC has the professional credentials and abilities to perform the services required of the subject contract; and

WHEREAS, under the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq., the subject contract would be a contract for professional services because:

1. Professional services of the type herein sought are of such a nature as to require a high degree to trust and confidence in the individual providing the service and may require the creation of a confidential or fiduciary relationship between that individual and the Borough;
2. The services required are highly specialized or technical in nature;
3. The services require peculiar ability and skill, and demand a high degree of specialized knowledge or expertise;
4. The services are such that their relative worth must be judged by subjective considerations that are not susceptible of valuation by competitive bidding;
5. The individual or entity who will provide these services has demonstrated competence and particular expertise in the services required;
6. The individual or entity who will perform these services is held to and fully adheres to the strict ethical standards that govern the involved profession;
7. The services include advise to and consultation with the municipality that require both knowledge and judgment on the part of the individual or entity providing services, as well as the confidence of the municipal officials, such that competitive bidding is not feasible or practical;
8. The services to be provided are such that their nature, scope and duration are not capable of precise measurement, but rather require a flexibility and discretion that render competitive bidding impractical and inefficient; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq. as an authorized exception to the public bidding as a Professional Services Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest concur with the Review Committee's recommendation to award the contract to Czar Engineering, LLC; 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. That the contracts for the Wildwood Crest – Public Works & Crest Pier Roofs be awarded to Czar Engineering, LLC.
3. 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 in the contract and certification from the Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds.
4. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a professional services contract effective immediately and not to extend beyond one (1) calendar year, with Czar Engineering, LLC, who shall be compensated pursuant to:
-Proposal for Wildwood Crest – Public Works & Crest Pier Roofs, at the billable rates set forth therein not to exceed \$19,500.00; and
5. That a Notice of Award shall be published in *The Herald of Cape May County* as required by law within ten (10) days of passage of this Resolution, which notice shall state that this Resolution and the contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

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. 23-239

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS FOR PERMIT #SO22-0603 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$412.50

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has received written approval from the Borough Engineer, DeBlasio & Associates, on June 28, 2023 to refund escrow to Garden State General Construction, Inc. for Street Opening Permit #SO22-0603, Block 131/Lot 19; and

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has confirmed that all Borough Engineer billings related to Street Opening Application #SO22-0603 are complete; and

WHEREAS, Garden State General Construction, Inc., 8 Clermont Drive, Clermont, New Jersey 08210 made an escrow payment to the Borough of Wildwood Crest of \$1,000.00 on June 16, 2022 for Street Opening Permit for location 102 E. Toledo, Block 131/Lot 19 and has requested return of the unused escrow balance; and

WHEREAS, the escrow used totaled \$587.50 and the Borough of Wildwood Crest Construction Official is recommending the return of the unused escrow fee of **\$412.50**.

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 \$412.50 to Garden State General Construction, Inc., 8 Clermont Drive, Clermont, New Jersey 08210 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 \$412.50 to Garden State General Construction, Inc., 8 Clermont Drive, Clermont, New Jersey 08210.

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. 23-240

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS FOR PERMIT #SO22-0508 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$322.50

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has received written approval from the Borough Engineer, DeBlasio & Associates, on June 28, 2023 to refund escrow to Mitchell Nichols Enterprises, Inc. for Street Opening Permit #SO22-0508, Block 133.02/Lot 2.02; and

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has confirmed that all Borough Engineer billings related to Street Opening Application #SO22-0508 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 May 25, 2022 for Street Opening Permit for location 422 E. Toledo, Block 133.02/Lot 2.02 and has requested return of the unused escrow balance; and

WHEREAS, the escrow used totaled \$677.50.50 and the Borough of Wildwood Crest Construction Official is recommending the return of the unused escrow fee of **\$322.50**.

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 \$322.50 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 \$322.50 to Mitchell Nichols Enterprises, Inc., 23 King Street, Rio Grande, NJ 08242.

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. 23-241

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS FOR PERMIT #SO22-0507 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$682.50

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has received written approval from the Borough Engineer, DeBlasio & Associates, on June 28, 2023 to refund escrow to Mitchell Nichols Enterprises, Inc. for Street Opening Permit #SO22-0507, Block 133.02/Lot 2.01; and

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has confirmed that all Borough Engineer billings related to Street Opening Application #SO22-0507 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 May 25, 2022 for Street Opening Permit for location 420 E. Toledo, Block 133.02/Lot 2.01 and has requested return of the unused escrow balance; and

WHEREAS, the escrow used totaled \$317.50 and the Borough of Wildwood Crest Construction Official is recommending the return of the unused escrow fee of **\$682.50**.

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 \$317.50 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 \$317.50 to Mitchell Nichols Enterprises, Inc., 23 King Street, Rio Grande, NJ 08242.

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. 23-242

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER WORK ORDER FOR FY 2023 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID RECONSTRUCTION OF ORCHID ROAD – ADDITIONAL SERVICES: WISTERIA ROAD SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS– AT THE NTE SUM OF \$35,500

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 **FY 2023 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID RECONSTRUCTION OF ORCHID ROAD- ADDITIONAL SERVICES: WISTERIA ROAD SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS**, for engineering services which are more specifically set forth in the attached Proposal from Marc DeBlasio and the Firm of DeBlasio & Associates, dated **August 7, 2023** 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 **\$35,500.00**; 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 **\$35,500.00**.

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, Construction Official, Emergency Services Coordinator, for the EMS and the Wildwood Crest Volunteer Fire Company Chief for the month ending July 31, 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 July 19, 2023 and August 2, 2023 be approved as presented.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

First Responder Reports: Chief Bob Lloyd (PD) and Ron Harwood (EMS/Fire Prev/ Fire/OEM) and Lieutenant Bick Murphy (WCBP)

Lt. Tom Frederick (wcbp)

WCBP REPORT 8/22/2023 (COMMISSIONER MONTHLY MEETING)

- LAST GUARDING DAY IS SUNDAY, SEPT 10
- DUE TO LIMITED AVAILABLE STAFF, ONLY SIX BEACHES WILL BE PROTECTED BY LIFEGUARDS FROM TUESDAY SEPT 5-FRIDAY SEPT 8. THOSE BEACHES INCLUDE LAVENDER, COLUMBINE, PRIMROSE, NASHVILLE, SYRACUSE AND TRENTON
- 102ND ANNUAL LG BALL AND AWARDS CEREMONY WAS HELD AT ICONA IN DIAMOND BEACH ON MONDAY, AUGUST 14TH
- JRLG AND FUTURES PROGRAMS HAD 180 REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS THIS SEASON. LAST CLASS WAS HELD AT MOREY'S WATER PARK ON JULY 27TH
- WCBP HAD ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL LIFEGUARD RACING SEASON
4TH PLACE CMC LIFEGUARD CHAMPIONSHIP
3RD PLACE BESCHEN-CALLAHAN MEMORIALS
1ST PLACE CAPE MAY POINT WOMEN'S CHALLENGE
3RD PLACE DUTCH HOFFMAN MEMORIALS
1ST PLACE WILDWOOD CREST 5-K BEACH RUN
1ST PLACE TRI-WOOD LIFEGUARD CHAMPIONSHIP
4TH PLACE AROUND THE ISLAND ROW
3RD PLACE AND 5TH PLACE UPPER TOWNSHIP 6-MILE ROW
- CALL BEACH PATROL HQ AT 609-522-3825 FOR INFORMATION, QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

Ron Harwood was next up and briefed all on the following:

Office of OEM: Completed the County EMMIT exercise for July 10-14, 2023; received letter that the Borough EOP was approved by the State of NJ OEM through February 28, 2025

Fire Prevention: Total Inspections were 303 and Smoke Detector Inspections were 12.

The Fire Inspection Bureau has a total of 3250 local Fire Inspections and 64 Life Hazard Fire Inspections required under the state of New Jersey Uniform Fire Code.

Bureau of Housing 5 year maintenance of hotels and multiple dwellings SLCHIP Program -133 units were inspected and 0 were reinspected.

EMS: Total Calls: 236

Volunteer Fire Co: Total Incidents: 77

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

Calls for Service: 3,134

Criminal Investigations: 743

Service Calls: 523

Traffic: 1,099

Arrests: 25

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

August 22, 2023

ONGOING AND UPCOMING PROJECTS

Beach End Bump Outs

Asphalt and concrete work will commence after Labor Day 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. We will be submitting for reimbursement for all Open Spaces work shortly.

Crest Arts Pavilion

I received word at 2:00 pm today that the public hearing scheduled for today's County Commissioners meeting has been postponed. This hearing was on the \$1.43M award for the exterior improvements to the Crest Arts Pavilion. Open Spaces will notify us of the new date in the near future. I will keep you informed of any updates.

Hereford Inlet to Cape May Inlet Beach and Dune Construction

All three municipalities have signed their respective state aid agreements. 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

The County's reconstruction of New Jersey Avenue is expected to commence in the spring of 2025. This project is expected to take two years. The county's striping plan has been approved by resolution and they are in the process of re-initiating the traffic synchronization since they now have clear direction of the proposed road diet alignment of the mainline. The County's traffic consultant can now formalize the revisions to the proposed traffic signals so that the road diet improvements and the separate traffic signal project can be properly coordinated. We now need to provide the county with the dimensioned layout / geometry of the two proposed parking areas that will be situated between Cardinal and Aster roads along the easterly side of the project. We are working on that layout now.

Sunset Lake- State Channel Dredging

The NJDOT Office of Maritime Resources will be dredging State boating channels throughout the Wildwoods as a two-phased project. The first phase of this multi-jurisdictional 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. NJDOT will be opening bids on Thursday at 10am. They are hoping to get a reasonable price. I have been informed that there were a lot of questions, and several viable companies enquiring about this bid. This phase of the project involves the removal of approximately 124,000 CY of sediment from the channels 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. The plan includes three sites identified for dewatering are 401/501 W 26th Avenue in North Wildwood, 510 NY Avenue in North Wildwood and 525 W Spicer Avenue in Wildwood. Once dewatered, the material will be removed from the site and trucked to the Tuckahoe Turf Farm in Atlantic County for use as agricultural soil. 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. I will provide an update once DOT opens the bids on Thursday. We expect Wildwood Crest's phase of the project to go out to bid next year after property acquisitions take place,

CAFRA Applications

Nothing to report at this time.

Washington Avenue BRIC Planning Study

DeBlasio and Associates is working with our grant writer-Jim Rutala to prepare an application for a FEMA grant to mitigate the Washington Avenue area flooding issues. The first step in this process was a study which was funded by a \$70,875 FEMA grant. The borough's contribution of \$70,875 was \$23,625.

EV Charging Stations

We will be incorporating level 2 charges at the Crest Arts Pavilion during the construction of the exterior improvements. Grant monies have been secured to help fund this portion of the project.

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.

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 by the Borough and we are in the design phase.
 - Our office has submitted a proposal to add the sanitary sewer replacement of Wisteria Road from New Jersey to Park Boulevard to this project.

2. **Fiscal Year 2022 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program – Reconstruction of Syracuse Avenue**
 - The Borough was notified by the NJDOT that \$196,025.00 was allocated for the Reconstruction of Syracuse Avenue.
 - The bid opening occurred on October 19, 2022 and the apparent low bidder was Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$2,193,300.00.
 - All work on Syracuse Avenue is completed.
 - Bayview Avenue has been completed.
 - The improvements at Preston Park have been completed and the project is nearing completion.

3. **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 underway and nearly completed.

4. **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.
 - All eleven (11) street end decking, ramps and railings have been installed.
 - All water main extensions, water services and trench repairs have been completed.
 - The pergolas have been delivered and installed.

5. **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.

6. **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.

7. **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.
 - Our office has completed the survey of the bayside street ends and are currently in the base mapping and permitting phase.
 - The NJDEP has indicated that a Waterfront Development Permit is required and a CAFRA permit is not required.

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you letter regarding the Beach Patrol.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

Mike Marino, gave some background on a safety issue that many neighbors have brought up at Buttercup Road and Park Boulevard. He has been requesting an update since he has not seen an improvement. The Chief indicated that hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars have been spent here. There have been more traffic calming measures in place, more officers, they have purchased software for signage, and they understand the volume of traffic. He further indicated that this intersection is not unique in Wildwood Crest. If the traffic light at Aster Road gets turned back on, it will create a problem on Crocus Road and that is a smaller road.

Mr. Marino and neighbors once again request a study. At the last meeting, there were talks of a proposal to slow the traffic, but the commissioners indicated that they haven't seen anything yet.

James McGinty, indicated at the last meeting, the Engineer referenced that he passed information to the Chief, but the Chief indicated that Traffic Calming suggestions were made.

Frances West, sat at Atlantic Avenue and Buttercup Road for the “residential traffic study” and there was plenty of traffic north and south bound on Atlantic Avenue. Furthermore, there is a light at Cresse Avenue and a light on Heather Road. Traffic comes to a stop. On Park Blvd, there are 18 blocks with nothing to slow down traffic. Commissioner Schiff indicated that the borough is looking into three blinking stop signs.

Ro Casiello, asked to put a light at Cresse Avenue. Commissioner Schiff indicated that there were conversations with Wildwood and would need to have their governing body on board.

Mike Marino, again indicated that a light would be a solution or turn the light back on at Aster Road. The Chief indicated that won't solve the problem.

The Mayor suggested getting in touch with Colliers Engineering to see what the cost would be for a traffic study at Park Boulevard, Ocean and Atlantic Avenues and wanted to know what could be done in the short term. The Governing body was in agreement and asked the Administrator to contact Colliers.

Charles West, added that there is a serious problem with Park Boulevard and how it goes from two lanes to one lane and how it is a thoroughfare with stops. The cheapest way to address the problem is a flashing sign to reduce speed. The Chief added that the Engineer professionals are needed to address this.

Mr. McGinty, asked if the traffic pattern on Crocus Road could be redirected and the Chief indicated that is not a great idea and that is a recipe for a head on collision. Bottom line: the Mayor indicated a traffic study is needed.

Ro Casiello, wants Atlantic Avenue in the traffic study and she was told that is one of the streets.

Mike Marino, asked for deliverables on this. Commissioner Schiff indicated that something could be placed in the borough newsletter.

Ro Casiello, added that traffic is bad in the winter time as well with large trucks making deliveries.

Janet Esposito, commented on the beautiful beaches and amenities. She indicated that the showers at the street ends are a terrible idea because people are taking showers with shampoo and soap, kids are urinating in them, they constantly run and who is paying these water bills. She indicated that other municipalities use beach tags and thinks the borough should look into this. The Mayor added that we get approximately \$400,000 a year from the state to use for maintenance, supervision, to offset the beach costs and lifeguard coverage. Beach boxes bring in over \$100,000 to offset beach costs and water and the borough was the recipient of CMC Open Space funds. Lastly, he indicated that the foot showers have received overwhelmingly positive feedback. The objective was to build amenities and if things are not working, they can be addressed later. The mayor also added that attracting seasonal help has been a very difficult task.

Ro Casiello, asked where beach boxes will be stored and was told on the back beach.

Mike Garaguso, indicated that the element that the borough is attracting is going down hill. People are blasting music and using profanity on the beach and it is hurting Wildwood Crest.

Sharon Meyers asked about getting a street light on her block since it is very dark. She was told to contact the clerk so we can get in touch with ACE and then have contact her neighbors for their signatures.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

-Potentially amending Borough Hall Hours: The Mayor asked the Administrator to add this to the department head meeting for one last discussion.

-Crest Pier – capital planning for generators- The Engineer is working on this.

- Traffic Calming** – Discussed earlier.
- Code Enforcement Personnel**- Only one applicant has applied.
- Back Beach Excavation**: Administrator discussed it.
- Dredging**: Administrator discussed it.
- NJ Avenue infrastructure pre-county**: There is a conference call scheduled for Wednesday, August 23rd.
- PW roof**: The Engineer is working on specs.
- Bayside outfalls and capacity / bulkhead repairs / replacement**: Is moving along; 5 bulkheads.
- Arts Pavilion Exterior – with CMCOS**: Waiting on the county; they had to reschedule.
- Washington / Seaview – beach outfalls and capacity**: Administrator discussed it.
- Update Landscaping and add lighting in Business district -NJ**- Waiting on planters.
- **Lightning Detection System**: On hold.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

Mike Marino, asked for updates through the Public Information Officer and the Mayor once again reiterated that they wanted to get a proposal from Colliers Engineering. Mr. Marino was also instructed to contact the Clerk for any questions.

Janet Esposito, inquired about the Lightning Detection system that was listed under business and she was informed that information is still being gathered. No movement on this topic.

Ro Casiello, asked for an electric sign on Atlantic Avenue telling trucks to use Pacific Avenue.

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-243
**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)**

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

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

After returning from Closed Session and hearing nothing further from the public and, Mr. Schiff motioned and Mr. Franco seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. The time was 7:23 p.m.

Dated: September 20, 2023

 Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

