

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

September 20, 2023

The Mayor led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Borough of Wildwood Crest, Cape May County, New Jersey, was held at Borough Hall at 9:30 a.m. On roll call the following answered to their names:

Schiff - Franco – Cabrera - YES

Mr. Cabrera read the following statement: In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, the notice requirements have been satisfied as to the time, place and date of holding said meeting by posting notice of **CHANGE OF MEETING TIME** 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 September 7, 2023.

The Mayor read the following statement:

**Please note:** All residential sewer ratepayers can obtain information on the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) from the NJ DCA website at [www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr/offices/lihwap.shtml](http://www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr/offices/lihwap.shtml).

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

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1409**  
**ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING**  
**CHAPTER 32A, FEES, SECTION 32A-2 MARRIAGE AND**  
**CIVIL UNION CEREMONIES ELIMINATING THE**  
**OFFICIANT FEE FOR MARRIAGES AND CIVIL UNIONS**

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1409 be passed on first reading, advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on October 4, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1410**  
**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST**  
**AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 46 OF**  
**THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST ENTITLED**  
**WORK SCHEDULES FOR FULL-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE**  
**EMPLOYEES WITHIN BOROUGH HALL**

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1410 be passed on first reading, advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on October 4, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-250**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF**  
**WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – BEACH**  
**STREET END PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 2 - TO REFLECT**  
**ADDITIONAL WORK TO INSTALL ADDITIONAL REMOVABLE BOLLARDS AT 11**  
**BEACH STREET END LOCATIONS - AT THE NTE SUM OF \$22,851.50**

**WHEREAS**, Fred M. Schiavone Construction Inc., PO Box 416, Malaga, New Jersey 08328 was awarded the contract known as BEACH STREET END PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 2- via Resolution No. 23-74 on February 8, 2023 for \$3,228,065.20; and

**WHEREAS**, Borough Engineer Marc DeBlasio of DeBlasio & Associates has reviewed the request for additional work for additional removal of bollards and approves Change Order No 1 – **BEACH STREET END PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 2- TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL REMOVABLE BOLLARDS AT 11 BEACH STREET END LOCATIONS** with an increase amount of \$22,851.50 all of which is detailed in the attachment to the Change Order and revising the Contract Price to \$3,250,916.70; and

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

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$22,851.50 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**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. That said Change Order Number 1- increasing the total contract amount by \$22,851.50 and revising the contract price to \$3,250,916.70 is hereby approved.
3. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk of the Borough of Wildwood Crest are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest said Change Order documents on behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest.

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. 23-251**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING REFUND OF MARRIAGE APPLICATION FEE TO ULISES XAVIER TORRES SANTIAGO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28.00**

**WHEREAS**, marriage license applications are made in the New Jersey municipality in which either party resides; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Santiago paid a marriage application fee totaling \$28.00 (cash) for a marriage application on August 28, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Santiago has a mailing address in Wildwood Crest, but resides in Lower Township making his application invalid.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to execute refund of \$28.00 to Ulises Xavier Torres Santiago at 9701 Atlantic Avenue, Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260.

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. 23-252**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CAPE MAY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING SERVICES COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2024 AND EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority ("CMCMUA"/"Authority") has designed, financed, acquired, constructed, expanded, and currently operates a solid waste system ("System") which presently serves the entire County of Cape May in the State of New Jersey, for the disposal, transfer, and recycling of solid waste; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Wildwood Crest has utilized and desires to continue to utilize the services of the CMCMUA's System; and

**WHEREAS**, there presently exists a contract between the Borough of Wildwood Crest and the Authority for the use of the CMCMUA's System for the disposal, transfer, and recycling of solid waste entitled "Shared Services Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services" which will expire on December 31, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Wildwood Crest and the Authority desire to enter into a new agreement to fix the expiration date of said Agreement to occur on December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has offered the “Shared Services Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services” to the Borough of Wildwood Crest in order to more efficiently provide and continue to offer municipalities within Cape May County the use of the CMCMUA's Solid Waste System from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has submitted the same proposed form of Agreement to all Cape May County Municipalities which will provide for both solid waste disposal and certain recycling services through December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, authorizes a municipality to enter into a contract with any other local unit for the sharing of governmental services.

**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, that the Borough of Wildwood Crest shall enter into a contract with the Authority entitled "Shared Services Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services", effective January 1, 2024, in the form to be maintained on file in the office of the Borough of Wildwood Crest Clerk, and that the appropriate Borough of Wildwood Crest officials are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement.

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. 23-253**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has determined that the property listed in Schedule A, attached to this resolution is property no longer needed for public use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, a Division of the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey permits the sale of surplus property no longer needed for public use through the use of an online auction service, pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has the property listed in Schedule A, attached to this resolution, and desires to sell this property online.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, in the County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, that said items are hereby declared surplus property, to be forthwith advertised for public sale pursuant to the provisions of Revised Statutes N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said materials be sold at a public sale to the highest bidder through a contracted government on-line auction service, GovDeals, Inc., the auction site being accessible at [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com) with the terms and conditions of said contract being available for public view on the GovDeals, Inc. website and in the Office of the Borough Clerk. The Borough will reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

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. 23-254**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST REDUCING SPECIAL EVENTS APPLICATION ADDITIONAL FEES AND BOROUGH SUPPORT FEES TO WILDWOOD MOTOR EVENTS FOR MONSTER TRUCK MEET AND GREET**

**WHEREAS**, Wildwood Motor Events applied for a Special Events permit to hold a Monster Truck Meet and Greet on September 29, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, in the spirit of supporting tourism for the Wildwoods and the Wildwood Crest Community, the Commissioners have agreed to reduce any additional special event fees and Borough support fees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, that Special Events application additional fees and Borough support fees be reduced to Wildwood Motor Events for Monster Truck Meet and Greet.

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

Vote: Schiff - ABSTAIN Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-255**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES MCGINTY AS AN ADVISORY MEMBER OF THE WILDWOOD CREST GREEN TEAM AND FILLING A VACATED POSITION WITH TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a vacancy position for an advisory member of the GREEN TEAM of the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

**WHEREAS**, said vacated term will expire December 31, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, JAMES MCGINTY has expressed interest in filling the vacated position; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest to appoint JAMES MCGINTY as an advisory member of the GREEN TEAM of the Borough of Wildwood Crest.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest that JAMES MCGINTY be and She is hereby appointed as an advisory member of the GREEN TEAM of the Borough of Wildwood Crest filling a vacated term and commencing immediately and expiring December 31, 2024.

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. 23-256**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING A LICENSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AND WILDWOOD CREST SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR USE OF TENNIS/PICKLE BALL COURTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Wildwood Crest School District has requested to use TENNIS / PICKLE BALL COURTS, located at Wisteria Road and Ocean Avenue, for after school recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wildwood Crest School District desires to enter into a license agreement to use TENNIS / PICKLE BALL COURTS and the Board of Commissioners does herewith agree to enter into a licensing agreement with Wildwood Crest School District for a license for the non-exclusive right to use the Licensed Property known as TENNIS / PICKLE BALL COURTS.

**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 recital paragraphs set forth above are incorporated herein as if set forth at length.

2. That a license for the non-exclusive right to use the Licensed Property known as the TENNIS / PICKLE BALL COURTS in the Borough of Wildwood Crest is hereby granted to Wildwood Crest School District for the period commencing September 21, 2023 and ending October 26, 2023, (Monday through Thursday) from 3:15 pm – 4:30 pm. The specific days and hours of permitted use, and all other conditions, which shall affect, change or modify this license shall be contained in said License Agreement as Schedule “A”, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

3. The Mayor and the Borough Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest said license agreement on behalf of the Borough.

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. 23-257**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH G E SOFTWARE INC FOR PUBLIC WORKS SOFTWARE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, that an agreement with G.E. SOFTWARE INC. is hereby authorized and approved effective the date of the attached Service Agreement, for the express purpose of enabling said G. E. SOFTWARE INC. to provide software and services to the Borough of Wildwood Crest for the sole purpose of efficiently managing gas programs and streamlining activities related to Gas Pump Software Systems.

**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 the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to execute and attest any and all documents, including the "Provider Agreement," necessary to effectuate the award of this agreement; all of which is fully approved subject to the certification of availability of funds below from the CFO.
3. 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. 23-258**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVING UPDATED FLOOD INSURANCE PROMOTION ACTIVITY WITH THE ATLANTIC-CAPE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION**

**WHEREAS**, as an active participant in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS) program, the Borough of Wildwood Crest has determined that it is necessary to participate in the New Jersey Coastal Coalition's Atlantic-Cape Multi-Jurisdictional Public Information (MJPI), consisting of municipal officials and community stakeholders, to assist in evaluating existing public information disseminated by the Township, other Municipalities and regional stakeholders regarding floodplain management, and to develop new public information needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the MJPI will coordinate all of the flood-related public information in the community and the surrounding areas, both public and private; and

**WHEREAS**, the MJPI was being expanded to include the Flood Insurance Promotion CRS activity in 2020 and needs to be updated based on FEMA's 2021 update; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Wildwood Crest will distribute a letter from the governing body to the residents in the Special Flood Hazard Zone which will include an Insurance Brochure, participate in a community outreach meeting to help promote flood insurance, distribute Insurance Brochure with all construction permits in the Special Flood Hazard Zone and work with our Insurance Stakeholders to provide technical assistance to our residents.

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

1. The allegations of the preamble are incorporated herein by this reference.
2. The Borough of Wildwood Crest hereby formally supports participation in the updated Flood Insurance Promotion CRS activity as proposed by the updated MJPI.
3. All Borough officials, officers and employees are empowered to take such action as may be necessary or advisable in order to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

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

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

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

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

**REPORTS:** Mr. Franco motions, and Mr. Schiff seconded that all reports received from the Court Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Tax Collector, Chief of Police, Supervisor for the Recreation Department and the Construction Official for the month ending August 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 August 22, 2023 and September 6, 2023 be approved as presented.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**September 20, 2023**

**Beach End Bump Outs**

Asphalt and concrete work will be commencing at some of the 11 street ends south of Rambler in two weeks. 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 an application for reimbursement for all Open Spaces work shortly.

**Crest Arts Pavilion**

The public hearing for our \$1.043 million Open Spaces funding for the Crest Arts Pavilion is now scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup>. I will attend the County Commissioner's meeting to answer any questions.

**Hereford Inlet to Cape May Inlet Beach and Dune Construction**

All three municipalities have signed their respective state aid agreements. We have the 65% plans here for review and comment. The only change that I observed is to the Cresse Avenue vehicle crossover. It is wider and flatter to accommodate large trucks. 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 has awarded the contract for Phase I of the State's channel dredging project to Mobile Dredging who will be dredging State boating channels throughout the Wildwoods as a two-phased project. The first phase of this project encompasses the state channels in North Wildwood, Wildwood and West Wildwood from the mouth of Beach Creek to Post Creek Basin remove shoals and restore navigability. This 1<sup>st</sup> phase is expected to commence in October and 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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**

We just received word from our environmental consultant that a permit is not needed for the installation of a camera with pole at Sunrise Park.

**Washington Avenue BRIC Planning Study**

Now that the planning study is completed, we are working with our grant writer to develop a FEMA application for this flood mitigation project. The applications are due in November. 70% of the FEMA grants awarded in NJ in 2022 were for clients of our grant writer. He has a strong track record with FEMA.

**EV Charging Stations**

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

**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 to add the sanitary sewer replacement of Wisteria Road from New Jersey to Park Boulevard to this project.
  - The project is scheduled to be advertised for public bid the week of October 9<sup>th</sup>.

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.
  - All work has been completed and the project is entering the close out phase.
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.
  - The final roadway and sidewalk restorations will be completed the week of October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - The Borough has requested a change order to install additional street end bollards.
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 30<sup>th</sup> and construction began the week of August 15, 2023.
  - The roof repairs are complete and the contractor is working on the pool improvements.
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.
  - The first phase of bulkhead replacements is scheduled for public bidding the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
8. Crest Arts Pavilion Site Improvements

The project is currently in the design phase and is scheduled for public bidding in November 2023.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Mayor Cabrera indicated that the Crest assisted with a recent Junior triathlon that had 43 participants from grades 6-12 and it was overwhelmingly successful. He anticipates that this will be a yearly event.

2. The Mayor and Connie met with representatives from Atlantic City Electric (Doug Mokoid, Kristen McEvoy and Ronnie Town) to discuss the power outage of July 7, 2023 and subsequent outages. Here are the takeaways:

- There is no capacity issue with service in the Wildwoods.
- The Investigation of the fire is ongoing.
- Preliminary investigation shows that the fire started in an underground wire surrounded by conduit. The fire then spread to the substation.
- This is an isolated incident.
- Remedial action is taking place to isolate the underground wire in the case of another fire and a fire suppression system will be installed.
- The most recent 2 outages are unrelated the fire.
- ACE is working on improving communications with ratepayers and municipalities.
- A daily team has been assigned to the Wildwoods to update business owners and officials.
- No claims have been answered as the investigation is ongoing.
- Equipment failure is likely the cause therefor the tariff is regulated by the Board of Public Utilities.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**

Al Catarro, flooding on Seaview & Aster has been substantial. The Mayor added that Public Works has reviewed the catch basins and they are clean. Next up will be video surveillance of the lines.

Karen Nagle, added that the pitch in the road on Seaview appears to be graded so it drains to her side. The Mayor indicated the road was redone in 2011-12 and that the Engineer would check it out.

Mike Marino, on the telephone, thanked the governing body for taking action to calm the traffic in his neighborhood. He notes that infrastructure in this country is failing and Wildwood Crest should be commended for being proactive.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**-Potential Swim / Run Event** -The Mayor recapped that in 2022, the Crest hosted two events: Crest Best Run Fest and a Crest Best Swim. There have been several requests from the athletic community to bring back the events and he has reached out to several race directors and timing companies. The TDC was also made aware of the recent requests. The Mayor added there are hopes to bring it back with similar dates as the previous races.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Crest Pier – capital planning for generators**- In queue.
- Traffic Calming** – The commissioners are in receipt of plans for review. They are waiting for the anticipated traffic study proposal from a Traffic Engineer.
- Code Enforcement Personnel**- No movement. Looking to address in 2024 for help with weekend hours.
- Back Beach Excavation**: On hold until US Army Corps of Engineers embarks on the dune.
- Dredging**: The Administrator’s report covered this.
- NJ Avenue infrastructure pre-county**: The Engineer is working on for 2025 Plan.
- PW roof**: Waiting to go out to bid...in conjunction with Crest Pier coop.
- Bayside outfalls and capacity / bulkhead repairs / replacement**: Engineer touched on this – 5 street ends- raising bulkheads and tide flex valves, etc.
- Arts Pavilion Exterior – with CMCOS**: Administrator touched on it.
- Washington / Seaview – beach outfalls and capacity**: The Engineering report is complete and now it is with Jim Rutala to apply for funding.
- Update Landscaping and add lighting in Business district -NJ**- Planters are on order...hopefully installed by May.
- **Lightning Detection System**: According to Mr. Schiff, once the beach patrol headquarters are underway, he will come back with a recommendation.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**

Frances West added that she saw a surveyor on Buttercup and they discussed the flooding issue that comes from the bay and that something she called “flappers” were not working properly. The Mayor added that this what they discussed previously and that it will be a 2-3 year project depending on funding. They would like to replace the valves so they can be manually closed and there will be raising of bulkheads after an ordinance is passed to require homeowners to raise their bulkheads.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

Mayor Cabrera indicated that this weekend is Seafarer’s Weekend and our last official event of the season. Due to deteriorating weather conditions, the fireworks display has been cancelled. A decision will be made later on the vendors and events for Saturday.

Commissioner Franco: Due to closed sessions, commissioner comments were unable to be voiced. With that said, Mr. Franco wanted to extend his deepest condolences to the family of Robert Patterson. He served on the GWTIDA board and TDC and he will be missed.

Commissioner Schiff: No Comment.

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 10:01 a.m.

Dated: October 18, 2023

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Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk  
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