Note: Meeting Appears September 23, 2026
On Borough of Wildwood Crest Facebook page and You tube by date.
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 5:00 p.m. On roll call the following answered to their names:

Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera -- YES

Mr. Cabrera read the following statement: In compliance with the Open Public Meetings 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 Borough Hall, mailing and by E-mailing same to the Herald of Cape May County and the Press of Atlantic City for publication date of September 24, 2025.

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

Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fuscellaro seconded that Ordinance No. 1498 be placed on second reading and final passage by title only.
Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1498

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 8A OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST TO CREATE THE DIVISION OF BEACH PATROL WIHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fuscellaro seconded that a public hearing be held on Ordinance No. 1498.
Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

After hearing nothing from the public, Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fuscellaro seconded that a public hearing now be closed on Ordinance No. 1498.
Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fuscellaro seconded that Ordinance No. 1498 be passed on second and final reading and advertised by law.
Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1499

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 56, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST, ENTITLED RECREATION COMMISSION, SECTION 56-3, APPROVING AND CONFIRMING RATES AND FEES FOR THE RENTAL OF FACILITIES, PARTICIPATION IN CERTAIN EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Mr. Franco motioned and Mrs. Fuscellaro seconded that Ordinance No. 1499 be passed on first reading, advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on October 7, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.
Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-250

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST DESIGNATING COMMISSION MEETING DATES AND TIMES FOR YEAR 2027

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest desire to designate the following dates and times for Commission Meetings for the year 2027, all of which shall take place in the Meeting Room of Municipal Hall at 6101 Pacific Avenue Wildwood Crest, New Jersey 08260:

DATE		TIME
January 6 (Wednesday)		9:30 am
January 20		5:00 pm
February 10		9:30 am
February 24		5:00 pm
March 10		9:30 am
March 31		5:00 pm
April 14		9:30 am
April 28		5:00 pm
May 12		9:30 am
May 26		5:00 pm
June 9		9:30 am
June 30		5:00 pm

DATE		TIME
July 14		9:30 am
July 28		5:00 pm
August 11		9:30 am
August 25		5:00 pm
September 8		9:30 am
September 29		5:00 pm
October 13		9:30 am
October 27		5:00 pm
November 10		9:30 am
November 23 (Tuesday)		9:30 am
December 8		9:30 am
December 20 (Monday)		9:30 am

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 the above dates and times are hereby designated Commission dates for the Borough of Wildwood Crest in 2027.

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-251

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST DESIGNATING OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS FOR YEAR 2027

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest desires to designate the following dates for official employee holidays for the year 2027:

HOLIDAY	DATE OBSERVED	DAY
New Year's Day	January 1, 2027	Friday
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 18, 2027	Monday
President's Day	February 15, 2027	Monday
Good Friday	March 26, 2027	Friday
Memorial Day	May 31, 2027	Monday
Juneteenth	June 18, 2027	Friday
Independence Day	July 5, 2027	Monday
Labor Day	September 6, 2027	Monday
Columbus Day	October 11, 2027	Monday
Veteran's Day	November 11, 2027	Thursday
Thanksgiving Day	November 25, 2027	Thursday
Day After Thanksgiving	November 26, 2027	Friday
Christmas Eve	December 23, 2027	Thursday
Christmas Day	December 24, 2027	Friday

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 the above dates will be observed as holidays by the Borough of Wildwood Crest.

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-252

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

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

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

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

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

	ACCOUNT RECEIVABLE	**APPROPRIATION**
Body Worn Camera	922.00	922.00
ACE Environmental Stewardship Grant	0.00	2838.00
ARP Firefighter Grant	57.47	57.47
GWTIDA Summer Events 2023	0.00	10,621.75
GWTIDA Summer Events 2024	5,000.00	429.97
GWTIDA Summer Events 2025	18,500.00	19,499.02
2011 UEZ Administration	0.00	742.24
2022 JIF Safety	0.00	300.00
2022 Open Space – Public Access	0.00	42,810.39
2025 GWTIDA Create in the Crest	0.00	2,322.26
2026 UEZ Admin	8,155.00	8,155.00
TOTAL	**32,634.47**	**88,698.10**

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-253

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST CANCELING BOND ORDINANCE IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATION BALANCES

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

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

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

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

Ord. #	Date Authorized	Description	Amt. Authorized to Cancel

1341	12.29.2020	Various Improvements	
		D. Recreation	2,023.18
1370	02.16.2022	Various Improvements	
		B. Beach and Bay Improvements	2,541.81
		D. Recreation	38,681.40
1388	11.22.2022	Various Improvements	
		A. Beach and Bay Improvements	250.00
1400	04.21.2023	Various Improvements	
		A. Road and Drainage Improvements	63,931.02
		D. Equipment	46,131.65
1411	10.13.2023	Various Improvements	
		C. Purchase of Ambulance	500.00
	TOTAL AUTHORIZED TO BE CANCELED		$154,059.06

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-254

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER, THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE FOR A SHARED MUNICIPAL COURT

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, *et. seq.*, authorizes local units of this state to enter into agreements with any other local unit or units in order to provide or receive any service that each local unity participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1(c) allows two or more municipalities, by ordinance or resolution, to agree to provide jointly for courtrooms, chambers, equipment, supplies and employees for their municipal courts and agree to appoint judges and administrators without establishing a joint municipal court; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest has expressed a willingness to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Lower in order for the Township of Lower to provide all of the usual and ordinary services of a Municipal Court for the Borough of Wildwood Crest as well as the Municipal Court for the Township of Middle; and

WHEREAS, the existing Shared Services Agreement between the Borough of Wildwood Crest and the Township of Lower is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Lower Township, Wildwood Crest and Middle Township have agreed to enter into a Shared Services Agreement for a term of three years, commencing on January 1, 2027 and continuing through December 31, 2029; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of interlocal cooperation, and in furtherance of the principles underlying the Act, the Township of Lower, the Borough of Wildwood Crest and the Township of Middle have negotiated an Agreement and deem it necessary and proper to memorialize these terms, as set forth below, in order to outline their respective rights and responsibilities for the benefit of both parties; and

WHEREAS, this Shared Services Agreement has been authorized by adopted Ordinance No. 1416 on December 6, 2023.

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. All of the statements of the preamble are repeated and are incorporated herein by this reference thereto as though the same were set forth at length.

2. On behalf of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, the Mayor and the Borough Clerk be and they hereby are authorized to execute the Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Lower and the Township of Middle that is annexed hereto as Exhibit "A" and do hereby adopt and endorse the following agreement to outline their rights and responsibilities in order for the Township of Lower to provide the Borough of Wildwood Crest and the Township of Middle with all of the usual and ordinary services of a Municipal Court through the existing Township of Lower Municipal Court.

Mr. Cabrera motions, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.
Vote: Fuscellaro – ABSTAIN Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-255

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF NEGATIVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1- FY 2025 NJ WATER BANK NO. S340719-05 VARIOUS SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, **Charles Marandino, LLC,** PO Box 530, Milmay, New Jersey 08340 was awarded the contract known as **FY 2025 NJ WATER BANK NO. S340719-05 VARIOUS SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS** via Resolution No. 25-209 on June 25, 2025 for ($2,573,600.00); and

WHEREAS, Borough Engineer Marc DeBlasio of DeBlasio & Associates has reviewed the following: Stockton Avenue storm sewer modifications to avoid conflict during sanitary sewer installation, resurfacing of the 300 block of Stockton Avenue, and the Partial As-Built Quantity Adjustments and approves Negative Change Order No 1 **– FY 2025 NJ WATER BANK NO. S340719-05 VARIOUS SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS** with a decrease amount of $3,154.00 and revising the Contract Price for the Borough of Wildwood Crest's to $2,570,446.00.

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

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

2. That said Negative Change Order No. 1- decreasing the total contract amount by $3,154.00 and revising the Contract Price for the Borough of Wildwood Crest's to $2,570,446.00.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.

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-256

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AWARD OF EMERGENCY CONTRACT TO PERNA FINNIGAN INC. FOR EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIRS ON ST. LOUIS & ATLANTIC AVENUES IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 provides for the award of an emergency contract when an emergency affecting public health, safety or welfare requires immediate performance of services; and

WHEREAS, a road repair has occurred on St. Louis and Atlantic Avenues; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer does herewith declare that an emergency exists affecting the safety, health and welfare of the public, and recommend that the Borough engage a Contractor to be mobilized to effectuate the repair.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Commissioners of the Borough Crest, Couty of Cape May, New Jersey, that it is herewith declared that an emergency exists with the regard to the road repair on St. Louis and Atlantic Avenues which affects the public health, safety and welfare necessitating immediate repairs and that the Borough Engineer be directed to coordinate all necessary repairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6, an emergency contract be awarded to Perna Finnigan, Inc., the estimated construction costs for said emergency is more specifically set forth in the attached detailed breakdown of costs as supplied by the Borough Engineer which are made a part hereof by reference as if fully set forth. This emergency is subject to certification of availability of funds by the CFO as evidenced below by her signature:

Account Number(s)_____ Amount $10,545.88 Signature_____

Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.
Prior to the vote, Mr. Franco inquired about the start date and he was informed the work was completed as it was an emergency and gets resoluted after.
Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-257

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH WELLWORKS FOR ONSITE DERMASCAN SCREENINGS FOR EMPLOYEES AT THE NTE SUM OF $1,250 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT AND UTILIZING WELLNESS INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR PAYMENT

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, that a service agreement with Wellworks is hereby authorized and approved effective the date of the attached Agreement, for the express purpose of providing Onsite DermaScan Screenings for borough employees; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest is a member of the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund offers a Wellness Incentive Program designed to assist member in meeting their own Wellness objectives by providing financial reimbursement for wellness and health related items.

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 "Service Agreement," necessary to effectuate the award of this agreement.

3. That a Notice of Award shall be published on the Borough of Wildwood Crest's official internet website in compliance with P.L.2025, ch. 72 on September 24, 2026 this notice shall state that this Resolution and the contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-258

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SCOOP TAYLOR PARK BASKETBALL COURT RESURFACING

WHEREAS, a Notice to Bidders was authorized for advertisement by Resolution No. 26-236 on AUGUST 19, 2026 for the Borough of Wildwood Crest contract for SCOOP TAYLOR PARK BASKETBALL COURT RESURFACING; and

WHEREAS, Notice to Bidders was authorized on the Borough of Wildwood Crest's official internet website in compliance with P.L.2025, ch. 72 on August 20, 2026 with a receipt of sealed bids on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, five (5) sealed bid proposals were received, opened and reviewed on September 16, 2026 by the Bid Opening Committee who reviewed the bid proposals and determined that BROTHERS EOSSO PAVING, LLC, 383 CRANBERRY ROAD, FARMINGDALE, NEW JERSEY 07727 was the lowest responsive bidder in the amount of $107,331.00 for SCOOP TAYLOR PARK BASKETBALL COURT RESURFACING; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has reviewed the recommendations made by the Bid Opening Committee as well as the bid tabulation and recommendation, and the opinion letter of the Borough Engineer (September 17, 2026) and Borough Solicitor (September 17, 2026) recommending the award to that **BROTHERS EOSSO PAVING, LLC**, 383 CRANBERRY ROAD, FARMINGDALE, NEW JERSEY 07727; and

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

Account Number(s)_____ Amount $107,331.00 Signature_____

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

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

2. **SCOOP TAYLOR PARK BASKETBALL COURT RESURFACING** is hereby awarded to **BROTHERS EOSSO PAVING, LLC**, 383 CRANBERRY ROAD, FARMINGDALE, NEW JERSEY 07727 the lowest responsive bidder.

3. The award of this contract in the amount of $107,331.00 is contingent upon compliance with the Notice to Bidders; Bid Specifications and Information Packet; 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 certification from the Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of funds.

4. The Mayor and the Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a formal contract with **BROTHERS EOSSO PAVING, LLC**, 383 CRANBERRY ROAD, FARMINGDALE, NEW JERSEY 07727 in accordance with this Resolution, Notice to Bidders, Bid Specifications and Information Packet and the submitted bid proposal.

5. That a Notice of Award shall be published on the Borough of Wildwood Crest's official internet website in compliance with P.L.2025, ch. 72 on September 24, 2026 this notice shall state that this Resolution and the contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-259

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 6, 2026 AS KNOCK OUT OPIOID ABUSE DAY

WHEREAS, New Jersey is in the midst of a life-threatening opioid abuse epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the State Senate and General Assembly jointly resolved that October 6 shall be permanently designated as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day in New Jersey in order to raise awareness about the dangers of, and the link between, opioid abuse and heroin addiction and to educate health care providers, community leaders, state lawmakers and members of the public about the opioid abuse epidemic and its effects throughout the State of New Jersey and across the country; and

WHEREAS, there were 23 suspected overdose deaths in Cape May County in 2025 according to the NJ Office of the Attorney General, and 523 of the County's treatment admissions were for heroin/other opiates in 2024 according to the NJ Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services; and

WHEREAS, the Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day campaign is sponsored by the Partnership for a Drug Free New Jersey in cooperation with the Governor's Council for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and the NJ Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services to raise awareness of the potential for dependency on prescribed pain medicine and its link to heroin use rates in our state, reduce stigma of addiction and shine a light on the need for recovery support, and communicate to physicians information on safer prescribing messages found in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for prescribing opioids, which include considering other therapies, setting realistic treatment goals with patients and discussing with patients the positives and negatives of opioids; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest supports initiatives designed to raise awareness about opioid abuse in New Jersey and take steps to prevent addiction.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest encourages all residents to utilize the prescription drug drop boxes located at every Police Department in Cape May County, to dispose of unused and expired medications safely and securely.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that October 6, 2026, be recognized as Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day in the Borough of Wildwood Crest, New Jersey.

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-260

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – RECONSTRUCTION OF BAYVIEW DRIVE – TO REFLECT CURB EXTENSION AND IRRIGATION BETWEEN CURB AND SIDEWALK AND TOPSOIL - AT THE NTE SUM OF $36,400.00 FOR AMENDED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF $284,455.00

WHEREAS, a Notice to Bidders was authorized for advertisement by Resolution No. 26-53 on January 5, 2026 for the Borough of Wildwood Crest contract for the RECONSTRUCTION OF BAYVIEW DRIVE; and

WHEREAS, CHARLES MARANDINO, LLC, PO Box 20, Milmay, New Jersey 08340 was awarded a Contract known as RECONSTRUCTION OF BAYVIEW DRIVE via Resolution No. 26-78 on February 4, 2026 for $248,055.00; and

WHEREAS, Marc DeBlasio of DeBlasio & Associates has reviewed the request for additional work to **REFLECT CURB EXTENSION AND IRRIGATION BETWEEN CURB AND SIDEWALK AND TOPSOIL**

with an increase amount of $36,400.00 all of which is detailed in the attachment to the Change Order and revising the Contract Price to $284,455.00; and

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

Account Number: _____ Amount: $36,400.00 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 $36,400.00 and revising the contract price to $284,455.00 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.

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

BILLS: Mr. Franco motions, and Mrs. Fuscellaro seconded that all bills properly authorized, as submitted, be paid.
Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

REPORTS: Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, and Mr. Franco seconded that all reports received from the Court Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Tax Collector, Chief of Police, Supervisor of the Recreation Department, Construction Official, and the EMS Supervisor for the month ending August 30, 2026 be accepted as presented.
Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

MINUTES: Mrs. Fuscellaro motions, and Mr. Franco seconded that all minutes from the regularly scheduled meetings dated August 19, 2026 and September 3, 2026 be approved as presented.
Vote: Fuscellaro - Franco – Cabrera – YES

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Date: September 23, 2026

Capital Projects

1. Bayside Bulkhead Replacement and Flood Mitigation Improvements
   - The contractor has remobilized and completed all bulkhead replacements, stormwater valves and roadway restoration. The project is in the closeout phase.
   - The Borough has requested a change order cost from the contractor to replace the Sweet Briar Road bulkhead ramp.

2. Reconstruction of Bayview Drive
   - All concrete work has been completed and the final roadway paving is complete. The project is in the closeout phase.
   - The Borough has received a change order cost for sod and irrigation improvements along Bayview Drive.

3. Crest Fishing Pier Reconstruction
   - The Borough was notified by NJDCA that a $1,087,425.00 grant was allocated for the project.
   - The Borough was notified by the Cape May County Open Space Board that a $2,500,000.00 grant was recommended for funding.
   - The bids were rejected and the project was advertised for Re-Bid. The bid opening is scheduled for October 1st at 10:00 AM.

4. NJ IBank (NJIB) – Sanitary Sewer and Roadway Improvements
   - The NJIB advised the Borough that approximately $3,000,000.00 in grant forgiveness is available along with grant funding for engineering services.
   - The final roadway reconstruction is complete and the contractor is working on punchlist items.

5. New Jersey Avenue Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Improvements
   - The bid opening occurred on July 23, 2025 and the lowest responsible bidder is Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc in the amount of $3,345,500.00. Please note that this project contains Wildwood Water Utility

participating items in the amount of $1,051,126.50 and Borough participating items in the amount of $2,294,373.50.

- Utility work has been completed between Rambler Road and Sweet-Briar Road. All trenches have been base paved.
- Utility work between Cardinal Road and Cresse Avenue is ongoing and scheduled to be completed in June of 2026.
- The Contractor plans to remobilize on September 24th to complete the remainder of the work, which includes utility main work between Buttercup Road and Morning Glory Road along with property side water service replacements, as needed, between Lotus Road and Morning Glory Road.

6. FY2024 NJDCA Small Cities Program – Crest Pier Bathroom Improvements
   - The Borough was notified that a $400,000.00 grant was allocated by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for Crest Pier ADA Bathroom Improvements.
   - The bid opening occurred on May 14, 2026 and the apparent low bidder is Capri Construction Co., Inc., 4266 Post Road, Vineland, NJ 08360, in the amount of $526,850.00 for the Base Bid Plus Add Alternate Bid #1 and Add Alternate Bid #2.
   - A preconstruction meeting was held on June 18th.
   - Construction began on September 2nd, 2026.
   - The Contractor completed demolition of both bathrooms and the storage area and is framing each bathroom with metal studs. Electrical and plumbing work will begin after framing is complete.
   - Construction remains on schedule for completion by November 20th.

7. FY2025 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program – Reconstruction of Stockton Road
   - The Borough was notified that a $158,190.00 grant was allocated for this project.
   - The project was awarded to Landberg Construction in the amount of $191,232.22.
   - A preconstruction meeting at the Borough has been scheduled for Wednesday September 30, 2026 at 1:30 PM.

8. FY2026 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program – Reconstruction of Denver Avenue (Bayview Drive to New Jersey Avenue)
   - The Borough was notified that a grant in the amount of $116,187.00 was allocated for this project.
   - The project is currently in the design phase.

9. Scoop Taylor Park Basketball Court Resurfacing
   - The bid opening occurred on September 16, 2026 and the low bidders was Brothers Eosso Paving, LLC in the amount of $107,331.00 for Alternate Bid #1.

Grant Applications

1. FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance (BRIC) & (HMA)
   - The Borough is proposing to submit to FEMA BRIC for two (2) bayside storm sewer pump stations and associated storm sewer improvements in the northwest section of the Borough.
   - The Borough is proposing to submit to FEMA HMA for the Washington Avenue storm sewer improvements as outlined in the recently completed study.
   - Both grant applications have secured initial selection from FEMA.
   - Additional information was provided to NJOEM on November 14th.

2. FY2027 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program
   - Our office was authorized by the Borough to submit a grant application for the reconstruction of Denver Avenue from New Jersey Avenue to Pacific Avenue.
   - The application was successfully submitted in June, 2026.

The Mayor added that there will be a change order for Sweetbriar Road street end bulkhead to move the ramp.

Also, he clarified that the Fishing Pier was being rebid because the previous bids exceeded the allotted costs and they were removing the entire electrical portion from the bid and the new bid date and time are October 1, 2026 at 11:00 am.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Brian Schwartz requested following statement to be read into the record during the 9/23 meeting:

"As a regular user of the Wildwood Crest beaches, especially the Aster Road surf beach, I would like to commend the Wildwood Crest Beach Patrol for an outstanding summer. Every lifeguard I've observed this summer has consistently demonstrated professionalism and dedication in keeping our beachgoers safe and providing excellent service to everyone enjoying our beautiful beaches."

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Cabrera read the following OPMA statement.

The Open Public Meetings Act requires that a portion of every meeting of a municipal governing body be set aside for public comment on any issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the municipality.
To ensure an orderly and efficient meeting and to provide everyone an opportunity to be heard, here are the guidelines:

1. **Addressing the Body:** When recognized, please come to the microphone/lectern and clearly state your name for the record. All comments and questions should be addressed to the governing body as a whole and not to individual members or staff.
2. **Time Limit:** Each speaker will be limited to five (5) minutes. Speakers may only speak once during this portion. Time cannot be yielded to another speaker.
3. **Decorum:** Speakers and members of the public are expected to maintain proper decorum and shall civilly make their comments. Personal attacks, obscenity, derogatory or slanderous remarks, and disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Please do not mention employees by name.
4. **Responses:** The governing body is not required to respond to questions during the public comment period, but may choose to do so at the end of the session, or refer inquiries to appropriate staff for follow-up at a later date.
5. **Subject Matter:** Comments should related to any governmental issue affecting the municipality.
6. **Remote Participation (If applicable):** For those participating remotely, you will be acknowledged by me and must state your name before making comments.

The Chair reserves the right to interrupt or terminate a speaker's privilege if the rules of decorum are violated or if comments become disruptive or exceed the time limit.
Thank you in advance for your cooperation in ensuring a respectful and productive dialogue. We now open the floor for public comments."

Via telephone:
Public Comment — Bayside Tide Valve Operations
Good evening. My name is Ernie DiSandro, and I own property on Lake Road in the area affected by this issue.
I've owned on Lake Road since October 2012, and in nearly fourteen years I had never experienced flooding at my property from rainfall alone. My only flooding experience came during major storm events and tidal surge, a handful of times a year, which comes with living on the bay. That changed this year. My street flooded from ordinary rain on two separate occasions within a few days of each other — overnight into Thursday, September 3, and again early on the morning of Saturday, September 5. That's what sent me looking for answers. I knew the Borough installed manually operated bayside tide valves this year, and I saw the Mayor's Facebook post on September 4 explaining how the new valves work. I want to give credit to the Borough's leadership, and specifically the Mayor, for transparently and publicly addressing the issue in a timely manner. Reading through the comments on the Mayor's post, I also realized I wasn't alone in this.
After reading that post, I was curious specifically about the valve on Heather Road, closest to my house, so I filed an OPRA request for the Borough's own valve operation records. I also want to compliment the Borough Clerk on a timely, thorough response.
Those records confirm the valve was closed the entire time it was raining — in fact, it was closed for nearly two full days straight.
The Mayor's post also said procedures "may continue to be adjusted as we learn more from future tide and rain events." I'd genuinely like an update: have any adjustments been made based on what happened on September 3 and September 5, and if not yet, what's the timeline for deciding?
My ask tonight is simple. I'm asking the Borough to consider leaving valves open on the north side of the Borough, where rainfall flooding has historically been rare, closing them only when tide conditions there actually call for it — rather than applying one closure schedule borough-wide regardless of local risk.
Thank you for your time.

Mr. DiSandro inquired about procedural adjustments. The Mayor gave a detailed background from recognizing nuisance flooding and the installation of the manual valves. He went on to say that there are some street ends that don't have outfall lines and the whole process is new and we are learning tide cycles and rain events and constant monitoring. Also, Public Works may partially close valves and we have seen significant improvement. We are also waiting on longer term plan with potential FEMA grants for potential outfall lines and possible pump station…it is a work in progress. Mr. DiSandro thanked the mayor for the thorough response and the transparency.

DISCUSSION:

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:
-**Historical museum - 2025 –** On hold until 2027.
-**Back Beach Excavation**: This is pending outcome of USACE and DEP. Next meeting is scheduled for October 15th.
-**Dredging:** Looking at potential funding sources.
-**Washington / Seaview – beach outfalls and capacity**: We previously discussed.
-**US ACE / NJ DEP Dune**: There was a scheduled meeting for Oct. 15th.
-**Borough Hall Renovations**- There is a meetings scheduled for September 29th at 11:00 am.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Mayor Cabrera congratulated Dana Glodik for competing and winning her age group in Ironman. Also, Seafarer's Celebration is still on for now and fireworks are questionable.

After hearing nothing further from the public, Mrs. Fuscellaro motioned and Mr. Franco seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. The time was 5:32 p.m.

Dated: October 21, 2026

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Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

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