

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

September 7, 2022

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 on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and by e-mailing and same to the Herald of Cape May County and The Press on October 13, 2021.

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 and if there were any questions, please call the Clerk.

Mr. Franco motioned, Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1385 be placed on second and final passage by title only.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1385

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 59-3 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST, KNOWN AS THE "SALARY ORDINANCE," FIXING AND DETERMINING SALARIES AND COMPENSATIONS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST, AND PROVIDING FOR THE RAISING OF THE AMOUNTS THEREOF BY TAXATION AND FOR THE TIME AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

Mr. Franco motioned, Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1385 that a public hearing now be held.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Hearing nothing from the public, Mr. Franco motioned, Mr. Schiff that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1385 now be closed.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motioned, Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1385 be passed on second and final reading and advertised according to law.

Mr. Franco motioned, Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1386 be placed on second and final passage by title only.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1386

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 32A –ENTITLED FEES, SECTION 32A-5, FEES, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT SERVICES AND CHARGES, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST TO AMEND FEES FOR TRANSPORT SERVICES

Mr. Franco motioned, Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1386 that a public hearing now be held.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Gail Kelly, Columbine Road, wanted to speak about something other than Ordinance No. 1386 and realized this was not the time, then Mr. Franco motioned, Mr. Schiff that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1386 now be closed.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mr. Franco motioned, Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1386 be passed on second and final reading and advertised according to law.

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-279

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING NO CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN NEEDED FOR 2021 AUDIT

WHEREAS, the 2021 Audit was received by the members of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

WHEREAS, no comments or recommendations were made in the 2021 audit; and

WHEREAS, a Corrective Action Plan is not needed.

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. The members of the governing body have acknowledged that there were no comments and recommendations and a Corrective Action Plan is not required as set forth in the 2021 Audit.

2. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Division of Local Government Services, Chief Financial Officer and the Municipal Auditor.

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

Prior to roll call, Commissioner Schiff commended all for the job well done.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-280

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE BILLING

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, Cape May County, New Jersey, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise a Request for Proposal (RFP) Notice to Bidders in *The Herald of Cape May County* on September 14, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan and design as set forth in the Specifications on file in the Borough for the EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE BILLING is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Sealed proposal bids will be received by the Bid Opening Committee in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Wildwood Crest Borough Hall, on **Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 10:00am**, prevailing time, for furnishing the items hereinafter set forth in accordance with the Specifications on file in the Borough Hall. Said items are as follows:

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE BILLING 2023-2024

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

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-281

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER WORK ORDER FOR BOROUGH OWNED BEACH PROPERTIES – MAJOR SUBDIVISION – SURVEY AND MAPPING SERVICES AT THE NTE SUM OF \$23,000

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 **BOROUGH OWNED BEACH PROPERTIES – MAJOR SUBDIVISION – SURVEY AND MAPPING SERVICES** for engineering services which are more specifically set forth in the attached Proposal from Marc DeBlasio and the Firm

of DeBlasio & Associates, dated **August 22, 2022** 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 **\$23,000.00**; and

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

Account Number(s): _____ Amount: \$23,000.00 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 **\$23,000.00**.

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

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-282

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO ACCOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE NEW JERSEY URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY FOR THE 2022 URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM 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 received \$ 40,074.00 from the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority for the 2022 Urban Enterprise Zone Program Grant and wishes to amend its 2022 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 2022 in the sum of \$ 40,074.00 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:	
New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority:	
2022 Urban Enterprise Zone Program	
Grant	\$.....40,074.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$.....40,074.00 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:	
New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority:	
2022 Urban Enterprise Zone Program 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, Mr. Franco seconds that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

Mayor Cabrera confirmed the amount of \$40,074.00 and that the amount would be used for trash cans.

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

Vote: Schiff - Franco – Cabrera – YES

CORRESPONDENCE: The Beach Patrol received a letter of thanks for the great job done all summer. Mayor Cabrera also had several emails asking to extend the surfing hours on Hollywood and Topeka beaches. The Chief of the Beach Patrol will look into it.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

Jennifer Hladish, Monterrey Avenue, asked about the status of the property at the corner that is overgrown and she was told that the County did send a notice to the homeowner. Commissioner Schiff indicated that the Mosquito Commission couldn't get on the property. The Administrator indicated that she was waiting for updates from the county and would follow up repeatedly. The mayor added that the county was there this past week and there was no reason to believe that the property will be addressed, and that the borough will continue to keep this a priority. The Administrator added that the county was empathetic to the situation at hand.

Dave McWilliams, New Jersey Avenue, added that the county was in fact there and he assisted a county worker with looking at the property from his property. He added that there is overgrowth and mosquitoes are a problem there. He asked for a timeline on the complaint.

On the conference line, Sam Costa, Heather Road, added that the shed on Columbine issue was not an eyesore and that more attention should be spent on other pressing issues.

Gail Kelly (via telephone) Columbine Road thanked the commissioners for their impartial treatment to all parties on this sensitive issue. She voiced concerns over the shed or structure on Columbine and asked when a decision will be made. The mayor added we have openly discussed this situation for months and that there are three sides: the parties that have the shed, opposing parties and the borough. This is being talked through and the borough is diligently working through this and asked for patience and cooperation.

DISCUSSION:

NEW BUSINESS:

-NJ Avenue infrastructure pre-county: The mayor indicated that the County will be starting on Pacific Avenue from St. Louis Avenue to Diamond Beach and then New Jersey Avenue will be undertaken, and infrastructure (water and sewer) needs to be done prior to that work and asked for meetings to be set up to get this underway.

-Major reconstructing streets plan: The mayor asked the Engineer to get back to identifying streets that need major reconstruction.

-North / South street line striping / pedestrian cross walks: The mayor asked public safety to identify areas that may need striping or crosswalks for 2023.

-Pool roof and resurfacing: The mayor indicated that the pool roof is in bad shape and the pool itself is deteriorating and to keep in mind that they may need to address and fix the roof and redo the pool and decking.

-PW roof: The borough previously authorized the Engineer's work order and the fiberglass roof at public works is leaking and it needs to be addressed.

-Borough hall exterior and addition – office moves: The mayor added that the governing body was waiting on proposals from the Engineer on possible addition whether it be a second floor over the flat roof or utilizing the structure behind the police department. It appeared that utilizing the structure behind the police department would be the preferable alternative.

-Permanent pickle ball courts – east side wisteria courts: The mayor added that pickle ball has picked up popularity and that the east side of the courts will be pickle ball courts and the west side will remain tennis courts.

- Bayside outfalls and capacity / bulkhead repairs / replacement:** The mayor added there are concerns over bulkheads and the engineer did a report on the structural capacity ranking them back in 2019. According to the Storm Sewer Master Plan, the bulkheads are not at the level they need to be and should be re-evaluated.
- EV charging stations:** The mayor added the borough will have to budget some money for this in conjunction with the grants received.
- Arts Pavilion Exterior – with CMCOS:** The mayor asked if the governing body wanted to have parking on the south side of the building or not and the Engineer added that a CAFRA permit is required either way...just need to know. It was also determined that the parking would be metered if they wanted parking spots there.
- Low Speed vehicle parking:** There were requests for some low speed vehicle parking near the beach and the Chief indicated we have several spots around the borough strictly for low speed / motorcycle parking. Low speed vehicles can park in normal spots.
- Washington / Seaview – beach outfalls and capacity:** The borough received a BRIC grant for \$94,000 to include administrative engineer and study.
- Higbee field (bigger cutout for the infield):** There was a request to extend the infield of Higbee field to make it larger for travel baseball. The Assistant Recreation Supervisor added that it will attract more people and generate overnight stays. The Mayor asked if this was something that Public Works could handle and the Assistant Public Works Superintendent indicated he would look into it.

OLD BUSINESS –

- Historian:** The Commissioners agreed to have this removed.
- Back Beach Excavation:** There were no issues with ponding this year; Wildwood and Lower Township still have not signed their state agreements.
- Flood Mitigation Projects:** Previously discussed in new business.
- Referendum permitting one consumption liquor license in business zone:** The Commissioners agreed to have this removed.
- Dredging:** Commissioner Franco indicated they have had local dredging committee meetings that were very productive and have met with DOT and DEP officials as well. The Engineer indicated that there would be more internal meetings to get this completed.
- Beach Patrol Building:** The borough received word that they do not need a CAFRA permit for this, they need a Flood Hazard Permit (in writing) and there was a meeting planned for later that morning.
- CAFRA Permit:** The Engineer indicated he was waiting on Mr. Lomax to finalize the permit and would be sent within the next two weeks.
- Preston Park –** The Mayor indicated there was a rough estimate for project and would like to firm up the details.
- Phase 2 Beach Bump outs –** The borough received a grant from the Cape May County Open Space for \$2.5 million and additional money would be needed in 2023. Also, Bid Specs would be needed and they still needed to work through Wildwood Water issue.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

Jennifer Hladish, Monterrey Avenue, inquired about the form letters sent to homeowners from Wildwood Water. Wildwood Water is required to replace all of the galvanized services from the main to the meter at the Water Utility cost within the next 10-years. The homeowners do not need to do anything.

Taylor McCormick, 114 East Farragut Road, had several issues with public safety, namely speeding and crosswalks. He indicated there are no speed limits on cross streets and how to enforce crosswalks when people do not stop and signs are far and few between. Chief Lloyd that they performed plain clothes operations looking for people who do not stop and that yielded one motor vehicle stop. Speed limits on side streets in New Jersey is 25 mph when not marked. To reduce the speed limit to 15 mph requires an ordinance change and then purchasing and installation. Lastly, August alone had over 800 violations so the police are on top of it.

Dave McWilliams, New Jersey Avenue, had several follow up comments:

- inquired about Beach Bump Outs south of Rambler
- the percentage of low speed vehicle space is low

-Asked the commissioners to reconsider dogs on beach

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Franco thanked the staff for a great job and successful summer.

Commissioner Schiff echoed the same sentiments.

Mayor Cabrera had three comments:

- Moody's rating of Aa3 and job well done
- Welcome Madison Resorts who purchased the Ocean View
- Reminder that the 9/11 remembrance is Sunday at 5:30 pm.

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 10:33 a.m.

Dated: September 21, 2022

Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk

Tyler Ardron, from Risk Reduction Plus Group, immediately gave a presentation on Flood Insurance Ratings.