Note: Meeting Appears November 18, 2025

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 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 Date on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and by e-mailing and same to the Herald of Cape May County and The Press of Atlantic City on September 16, 2025.

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

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1470

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 35, FIRE PREVENTION, ARTICLE II SMOKE DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS, SECTION 35-10 CERTIFICATE OF SMOKE DETECTOR AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM COMPLIANCE; ARTICLE III ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 35-18 ADDITIONAL REQUIRED INSPECTIONS AND FEES; AND SECTION 35-19 PERMITS

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1470 be passed on first reading advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on December 3, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Vote: Schiff - Franco - Cabrera - YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1471

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 32A –ENTITLED FEES, SECTION 32A-1, FEES, GENERAL, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST TO PROVIDE FOR BEACH BOX RENTAL FEES

Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1471 be passed on first reading advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on December 3, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Vote: Schiff - Franco - Cabrera - YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BY TITLE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1472

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 Mr. Schiff seconded that Ordinance No. 1472 be passed on first reading advertised according to law, be brought up for second and final reading and public hearing on December 3, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Vote: Schiff - Franco - Cabrera - YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-300

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS FOR PERMIT #SO25-0604 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$530.00.

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has received written approval from the Borough Engineer, DeBlasio & Associates, on October 28, 2025 to refund escrow to David Butler for Street Opening Permit #SO25-0604, Block 32/Lot 23; and

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has confirmed that all Borough Engineer billings related to Street Opening Application #SO25-0604 are complete; and

WHEREAS, David Butler, 139 W. Cardinal Road, Wildwood Crest, New Jersey 08260 made an escrow payment to the Borough of Wildwood Crest of \$1,000.00 on June 6, 2025 for Street Opening Permit for location 139 W. Cardinal Road, Block 32/Lot 23 and has requested return of the unused escrow balance; and

WHEREAS, the escrow used totaled \$470.00 and the Borough of Wildwood Crest Construction Official is recommending the return of the unused escrow fee of \$530.00.

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 \$530.00 to David Butler, 139 W. Cardinal Road, Wildwood Crest, New Jersey 08260 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 \$530.00 to David Butler, 139 W. Cardinal Road, Wildwood Crest, New Jersey 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. 25-301

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE VMS SINGLE TURNER VALVE MAINTENANCE SKID AND ONE VMT SINGLE TURNER VALVE MAINTENANCE TRAILER FOR PUBLIC WORKS UNDER BUYBOARD COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

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 One VMS Single Turner Valve Maintenance Skid and One VM Single Turner Valve Maintenance Trailer; and

WHEREAS, the procurement of goods and services through a cooperative purchasing program is considered to be open and fair process under the New Jersey Pay-To-Play Law N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Wachs Utility Products (Contract #685-22) 600 Knightsbridge Parkway, Lincolnshire, IL 60069 has provided a quote dated October 9, 2025 for \$137,964.13; and

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

| Account Number(s) <u>C-04-55-143-0C1</u> | Amount \$137,964.13 |
|--|---------------------|
| 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 for the purchase of One Single Turner Valve Maintenance Skid and One VMT Single Turner Valve Maintenance Trailer for Public Works contract based upon the quote received from Wachs Utility Products (Contract #685-22) in an amount not to exceed \$137,964.13.

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. 25-302

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE TO PURCHASE 2026 FORD F-450 CAB & CHASSIS EXTENDED CAB 4X4 PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UNDER STATE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$108,883.00

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 2026 Ford F-450 Cab & Chassis Extended Cab 4X4 Pickup Truck; 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, Winner Ford (State Contract # 24-FLEET-107621) 250 Haddonfield/Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034; and

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

| Account Number(s) | <u>C-04-55-145-0C1</u> | Amount | \$108,883.00 |
|-------------------|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| 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 2026 Ford F-450 Cab & Chassis Extended Cab 4X4 Pick Up Truck based upon the price quote from Winner Ford (State Contract # 24-FLEET-107621) in an amount not to exceed \$108,883.00.

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

Prior to the vote, Commissioner Schiff asked about leasing and the CFO indicated that this was pulled from the 2025 budget and a bond ordinance was done for this dump truck.

Vote: Schiff - Franco - Cabrera - YES

THE CLERK READS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY TITLE:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-303

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND FUNDS FOR PERMIT #SO25-0903 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,275.00.

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has received written approval from the Borough Engineer, DeBlasio & Associates, October 28, 2025 to refund performance bond for Street Opening Permit #SO25-0903, Block 62.01/Lot 19; and

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Crest Construction Official has confirmed that all Borough Engineer inspections related to Street Opening Application #SO25-0903 are complete; and

WHEREAS, Steve Mallozzi, 107 Buck Run, Lebanon, PA 17046 made a performance bond payment to the Borough of Wildwood Crest of \$6,275.00 on September 24, 2025 for Street Opening Permit for location 210 E. Lotus Road, Block 62.01/Lot 19 and has requested return of the unused performance bond; and

WHEREAS, the performance bond used totaled \$0.00 and the Borough of Wildwood Crest Construction Official is recommending the return of the unused performance bond fee of \$6,275.00.

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 performance bond account in the amount of \$6,275.00 to Steve Mallozzi, 107 Buck Run, Lebanon, PA 17046 be and hereby is approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to return the balance of the unused performance bond account in the amount of \$6,275.00 to Steve Mallozzi, 107 Buck Run, Lebanon, PA 17046.

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. 25-304

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:

| <u>Ord.</u> # | Date Authorized | <u>Description</u> | Amt. Authorized to Cancel |
|---------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 1299 | 03.20.2019 | Various Improvements C. Improvements to Buildings | 7,424.09 |
| 1341 | 12.29.2020 | Various Improvements A. Road Improvements B. Beach and Bay improvements | 60.52 17,777.85 |
| 1345 | 02.10.2021 | Library Improvements | 17,161.65 |
| | TOTAL AUTHORIZED TO E | BE CANCELED \$ | 42,424.11 |

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. 25-305

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST TO AMEND ESTABLISHED SALARIES FOR 2025 STIPEND AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest on January 22, 2025, approved stipends for the 2025 year;

WHERESAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to amend the stipends for the 2025 year as follows;

Remove starting 01.01.2025:

Francine Springer Deputy Business Administrator \$5,000.00

New starting 01.01.2025:

Steve ShearerRecycling Coordinator\$5,000.00Walter BellesEMS Communications Stipend\$5,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, New Jersey, that the Board approve the amended stipends for the 2025 year.

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. 25-306

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE CANCELATION OF TRUST ACCOUNT BALANCES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest has monies held in certain trust accounts that were previously paid from Current Fund Appropriations and not properly applied to the trust account balances from several years ago; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has reviewed these dormant accounts and recommends that the funds be transferred to the Current fund to offset expenditures in previous years.

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 following Trust accounts reserves are hereby authorized to be canceled to fund balance in the Current Fund:

Reserve for Street Opening – Maintenance \$ 13,470.00 Reserve for Street Opening - Performance \$ 20,650.00

Total \$ 34,120.00

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. 25-307

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FOR THE PURCHASE OF LIFTMASTER GATE CONTROLLER FOR PUBLIC WORKS UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT PURCHASING PROGRAM CONTRACT #42274

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 new LiftMaster Gate Controller; and

WHEREAS, the procurement of goods and services through a cooperative purchasing program is considered to be open and fair process under the New Jersey Pay-To-Play Law N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Aurora Environmental General Construction (Contract #42274) 1102 Union Ave, Union Beach, NJ 07735 has provided a quote dated November 4, 2025 for \$18,940.00; and

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

| Account Number(s) C-04-55-143-0B2 | <u>Amount \$18,940.00</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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 for a new LiftMaster Gate Controller based upon the quote received from Aurora Environmental General Construction (Contract #42274) in an amount not to exceed \$18,940.00.

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. 25-308

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE (1) CLASS II POLICE OFFICER

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Safety desires to appoint One (1) Class II Police Officer for the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Commissioner of Public Safety to appoint Litzy Reinosa as Class II Police Officer for the Borough of Wildwood Crest, to serve in an "at-will" capacity at the pleasure of the Commissioner of Public Safety at an annual salary as contained in the current year salary ordinance of the Borough of Wildwood Crest; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest has determined that it is in the best interests of the Borough of Wildwood Crest to confirm and ratify the appointment of Litzy Reinosa as a Class II Police Officer.

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

- 1. The above recital paragraphs are incorporated herein as if fully set forth at length.
- 2. The appointment of Litzy Reinosa as a Class II Police Officer effective the date of passage of this resolution, at an annual salary as permitted within the parameters of the range established in the current year "Salary Ordinance" of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, be and the same is hereby confirmed and ratified.

3. That said unclassified appointment shall be "at-will," at the pleasure of the Commissioner of Public Safety and shall remain in full force and effect until further notice.

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. 25-309

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST ESTABLISHING A NEW BANK ACCOUNT WITH CREST SAVINGS BANK FOR DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT AND AUTHORIZING SIGNATORIES FOR THE ACCOUNT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest has closed Disbursement Account #990199838 and established Disbursement Account #990243503; and

WHEREAS, authorizing resolution must be provided to Crest Savings Bank in order to establish a new bank account number.

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 municipal officials listed hereinbelow are hereby designated as signatories on the above listed account when necessary or required as follows:

| Francine B. Springer | | | | or | Alexa Campilango |
|----------------------|--------|--------------------|----|------------|------------------|
| | | | | and | |
| Don Cabrera | - or | Joseph Franco, Jr. | | or Joseph | M. Schiff |
| | | | | and | |
| Patricia A. Fel | ketics | | or | Victoria N | Mason |

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

Vote: Schiff - Franco - Cabrera - YES

<u>BILLS:</u> Mr. Franco motions, and Mr. Schiff seconded that all bills properly authorized, as submitted, be paid.

Vote: Schiff - Franco - Cabrera - YES

REPORTS:

Report from Chief Lloyd: Calls for Service: 1259

Calls Requiring Multiple Officers: 361

Criminal Investigations: 40

Service Calls: 202 Traffic: 269

Motor Vehicle Stops: 125 Traffic Summons Issued: 26

Accidents: 5 Arrests: 2

Training Hours: 775
Property Checks: 318

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 of the Recreation Department, Construction Official, Fire Prevention, Emergency Services Coordinator for the EMS and the Wildwood Crest Volunteer Fire Company for the month ending October 31, 2025 be accepted as presented.

Vote: Schiff - Franco - Cabrera - YES

<u>MINUTES</u>: Mr. Franco motions, and Mr. Schiff seconded that all minutes from the regularly scheduled meetings dated October 22, 2025 and November 6, 2025 be approved as presented.

Vote: Schiff - Franco - Cabrera - YES

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Capital Projects

- 1. <u>Bayside Bulkhead Replacement and Flood Mitigation Improvements</u>
- The contractor has completed all of the underground storm sewer system piping and has completed the bulkhead installation at Primrose, Myrtle, Lotus, Fern, Forget-Me-Not, Columbine, Sweetbriar Road and Cardinal Road.
- The contractor has remobilized and started the stormwater valve installations and remaining bulkhead replacements at Palm Road and Wisteria Road.

2. Reconstruction of Bayview Drive

Our office submitted a proposal on July 9, 2025 and upon authorization, we will begin work immediately.

3. <u>Crest Fishing Pier Reconstruction</u>

➤ Our office submitted a proposal on September 9, 2025 and upon authorization, we will begin work immediately.

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 bid opening occurred on June 24, 2025 and the apparent low bidder is Charles Marandino, LLC in the amount of \$2,573,600.00. The preconstruction meeting was held on July 24th and sanitary sewer replacement began on Stockton Road.

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.
- ➤ The preconstruction meeting was held on October 16th and construction is scheduled to start late-November 2025.

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. FY 2024 NJDCA Boardwalk Preservation Fund

- The Borough has selected to submit the Reconstruction of the Heather Road fishing pier.
- ➤ The grant application requests \$3,600,000.00 for the replacement and extension of the fishing pier including ADA accessible walkways, fishing nodes and pavilion.
- ➤ The Borough was notified by NJDCA that a \$1,087,425.00 grant was allocated for the project.

3. Federal Funding Grant Opportunity-Congressman Van Drew – FY2024

- > Our office has been in contact with Congressman Jeff Van Drew's office to discuss federal funding opportunities for Borough capital projects.
- ➤ On December 28, 2023, our office submitted a funding request for bayside flood mitigation improvements.
- > On March 12th, our office and the Borough met with representatives of Congressman Van Drew's office and were informed that the project was selected for special funding consideration.

4. FY2025 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program

- ➤ The NJDOT is accepting grant applications for Bikeway, Pedestrian and Roadway Improvement Projects. The application deadline is July 1, 2024.
- Our office has been authorized by the Borough to submit the Reconstruction of Stockton Road as the grant application.
- The grant application was submitted on May 28, 2024.
- ➤ The Borough was notified that a \$158,190.00 grant was allocated for this project.

5. 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.

6. Cape May County Open Space Board (CMCOSB) Application - Crest Fishing Pier

- > Our office was authorized on May 14, 2025 to prepare and submit a grant application to the CMCOSB.
- > The application was successfully submitted on September 2nd and we presented the application on September 16th.

7. Federal Funding Grant Opportunity – Congressman Van Drew – FY2025

- Our office has been in contact with Congressman Jeff Van Drew's office to discuss federal funding opportunities for Borough capital projects.
- > On March 13, 2025, our office submitted a funding request for Crest Fishing Pier Reconstruction.

8. FY2026 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program

- ➤ The NJDOT is accepting grant applications for Bikeway, Pedestrian and Roadway Improvement Projects. The application deadline is June 30, 2025.
- Our office was authorized by the Borough to submit the Reconstruction of Denver Avenue as the grant application.
- The application was submitted to the State on June 12, 2025.

The Engineer indicated the borough just received an award from the NJDOT for the Reconstruction of Denver Avenue in the amount of \$116,187.00.

Also, noted that with the IBank project for FY2026, that the borough is now through Step 3, which means it has been accepted and ranked. If awarded, this will allow for 3 million in loan forgiveness. If this gets awarded by June 30, 2026 timeline for Park Blvd from Cresse Avenue to Rambler Road, then the entire project can be done either in entirety or in phases depending on finances.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Congratulations to Matt Tomlin on being selected for induction into the Al Carino Basketball Club of South Jersey Hall of Fame (from his days as girls basketball coach at Wildwood Catholic).

DISCUSSION:

NEW BUSINESS: N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

- **-Box Truck Ordinance** a draft is in circulation for 2026 introduction.
- -250th birthday committee- Volunteers are still being solicited; looking to set up a fall meeting (end of November).
- **-WC Municipal App-** On hold; budgetary item for 2026
- -Historical museum 2025 On hold.
- **-Traffic Calming** Waiting to hear back from grant writer. Traffic calming along Park Boulevard is slated for an IBank project
- **-Back Beach Excavation**: Public Works received plans from Lomax Consulting for snow fence installation to raise low levels.
- -Dredging: Should have feedback in December.
- **-Washington / Seaview beach outfalls and capacity**: Waiting to hear about award and could be as much as 25 million from FEMA.
- -US ACE /NJ DEP Dune : We received word that funding has been suspended. North Wildwood is pursuing litigation against the state. Unsure about status of NWW v. WC litigation.
- -Borough Hall Renovations- OSK Architects has provided plans for all to review. This will be addressed in 2026.
- **-Fishing Pier** The borough is still "value" engineering the project. Hoping to receive 2.5 million from CMC Open Space and we are looking at applying for the DCA (ADA) Grant in the amount of \$400,000.00
- -Trees on Atlantic the Clerk forwarded idea to Environmental Consultant, Planning Board and Green Team for their feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Five minutes maximum)

The Mayor read the following 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:

- 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."

Dave McWilliams inquired about the scope of the back beach excavation with respect to the snow fencing and the Mayor indicated that it would extend from the previous spot south to approximately Topeka Avenue. He then asked when the last time the fees referenced in the ordinance amendments were last changed and it was within the past few years for beach boxes and recreation fees are examined yearly. He followed up with asking if there were plans for more beach boxes and the Mayor indicated there were not for any in 2026. Mr. McWilliams then asked about the outfalls since they get covered and the dune project was now suspended. The Mayor added that Public Works will maintain and the grant speaks to capacity and that adding won't solve the flooding issues. If the grant is awarded, there is a possibility of merging outfalls. Mr. McWilliams added that if work in the borough is being done on both New Jersey Avenue and Park Boulevard in 2027 that it will be a nightmare. Lastly, he thanked the governing body members and employees for their service and thanked outgoing Commissioner Schiff on his dedication to the borough.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Schiff extended his thanks and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Franco also extended Happy Thanksgiving wishes and encouraged all to partake in the TJ Hunt 5k race on Thanksgiving Day.

Mayor Cabrera wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and encouraged all to shop local for Black Friday.

After hearing nothing further from the public, Mr. Franco motioned and Mr. Schiff seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The time was 9:54 a.m.