

May 1, 2014
Margate City, New Jersey

THE PRESS AND THE DOWNBEACH CURRENT WERE NOTIFIED OF THESE MEETINGS AND A COPY OF SAME WAS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AND THE MUNICIPAL WEBSITE

The Margate City Board of Commissioners held a work meeting on the above date at 4:00 p.m. The meeting began with a flag salute & roll call: Mr. Becker, Mr. Blumberg & Ms. Taube were present. Mr. Abbott, Mr. Hiltner & Mr. Deaney were absent. The following department heads were present: Chief Wolfson, Chief Tabasso, Mr. Galantino, Ms. Freed, and Joe Johnston (Remington Vernick & Walberg)

Lisa Dougherty and Bill Dougherty spoke on the turtle fencing project on Margate Bridge Causeway: replacing sections which were lost due to Hurricane Sandy with a new material which will act as a trench and fencing, installation will occur on May 10th, this should be a permanent fix with only minor repairs needed, \$1500 more is needed for material (*Chiefs Tabasso & Wolfson to contact unions for assistance with fundraising*), working in conjunction with Wetlands Institute

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Mr. Galantino: assisting Mr. Rubin with permitting, etc. while he is away on vacation; reminded everyone that residents entitled to 25% discount on flood insurance rates

Chief Wolfson: money has been appropriated for tennis court repairs; drug disposal available 24/7 at the Police Dept.

Chief Tabasso: fire at 205 N. Lancaster Avenue on 4/27 (*reminder that everyone should check electrical after Hurricane Sandy*); high pressure gas line broke at Fremont & Argyle Avenues – 12 homes evacuated – no injuries at either location; fire department night at the Library July 9th @ 6:30 pm; beach opening dates scheduled; kudos from Mr. Becker for quick response time in the emergencies (*approximately 3 minutes*) which is key to saving lives and property; Ms. Freed thanked the department for quick response to emergency at Blessed Sacrament Church on Good Friday and for the professionalism shown

Mr. Johnston: updated projects within the city

Mr. Blumberg: contacting attorneys re: Dunes – when any show interest in evaluating city concerns, all commissioners will be notified (*solicitor already involved*)

Ms. Taube: clarified Ordinance 13-2014 & reaffirmed her “yes” vote as there was some confusion after the last commission meeting & her vote

Public Participation: John Sewell asked that the vote on Ordinance 13 be withheld until asbestos removal matter & school board responsibilities clarified. Sharon Simon: renovations to Fire Station #2 must be addressed (*Chief Tabasso: working on this with Mr. Becker & now in planning stage*); Mr. Becker must be a stronger advocate on behalf of residents re: Dunes. Steve Woerner against spending money to keep dunes out of the city. On motion by Ms. Taube this portion was closed with a vote of three ayes. On motion by Ms. Taube the meeting was adjourned with a vote of 3 ayes.

Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, New Jersey

Attest: _____ Rosemarie A. Freed, RMC, Deputy City Clerk