

February 5, 2015
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, Ms. Taube, and Mr. Blumberg were present. The following department heads were present: Chief Wolfson, Chief Tabasso, Mr. Galantino, Mr. Verna, Ms. Larkin, Mr. Rubin, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Walberg Mr. Abbott & Mr. Deaney.

Department Reports

Mr. Walberg: Current Road Program lost a week of work due to weather but is back. Need to Authorize and advertise Bids for Granville Ave. concrete and Pipes for Essex Ave. Gas Company will do the pave curb to curb on streets with moratoriums. There will be new mains and service to the city. Kailey is responsible for Coolidge to Jerome. Lantere is responsible for Jerome to Fredericksburg. Jim Rutala has applied for a \$350,000 Grant for Street Scape, It was approved but is on hold till the resolution is signed. The project should begin late winter early spring. There should be no disruption when the summer season is here. The Washington Ave. building will probably start in the fall. There will be a prebid meeting to bring out more contractors. That building's emergency generator is coming and will be located where it will be the least disruptive.

Mayor Becker praised Chief Tabasso for the great job done by his fire department on the Lancaster Ave. fire. Chief Tabasso thanked Chief Wolfson for his support.

Chief Tabasso: taking the lead in Beach Patrol contracts. Fire works for July 4, 2015 are moving forward. Mothers Club has \$3,000 to give back towards this year.

Ms. McLaughlin: Life Enhancement Contract of \$5,000 needs to be approved and added to February 19th agenda. Budget is under review with Mr. Deaney. Capital is up \$3,500,000 and Utilities is up \$1,500,000. The Statue Report will be filed ahead of due date. The report is attached.

Chief Wolfson: Filing the End of Year Trust. The prescription drug drop off box is filled every two days. The department is looking to get a larger box.

Mr. Deaney: Thanks the staff the job well done during this busy time of the year, with the loss of the Clerk and the Deputy Clerk. The forming of ad hoc committees will be helpful. Reports on January 9, 2015 before the Superior court in Camden. The key issue is to be heard as well as compensated. It was a 28 page report which he surmised. Margate has a right to be heard. The Army Corp. of Engineers cannot reward the contract knowing they don't have control of the property. They were going to award the contract in November but they were held up by the court case. Presumably they will have to file in state Court; then we will object, based on their necessity to take our property. There were no questions from the Board.

Mr. Abbott: Thanks Mr. Deaney for awarding the contract for Acting Temporary Clerk. Thanked Rosie Freed for her service. Feels we have a great team.

Mr. Rubin: Very busy on the Planning Board. We will meet twice this month. The change in the ordinance for pool setbacks will save the Board from more cases.

Jim Galantino: Thanks Johanna Casey for working with everyone. Working on a Study to look at bulldheads and dunes.

Ms. Larkin: Everything is good.

Mr. Verna: AARP Tax Assistance Program is been allowed to use the Facility. All appointments need to be made thru AARP. They are here on Mondays until April 15th.

Commissioner Blumberg: Thanked Mr. Deaney for doing three times the work any man can do.

Commissioner Taube: Expressed that she wanted to publicly thank Rosie Freed.

Public Participation: John Sewell – solicitor should present a formal request to Federal judge on January 15th to consider a master jetty off coast of Longport. Steve Altman –ordinances should be enforced re: snow removal on sidewalks; city should consider purchasing small Zamboni to clear snow. On motion by Mr. Blumberg this portion was closed with a vote of three ayes. On motion by Mr. Blumberg 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, City Clerk