

**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION – MARGATE CITY**

JANUARY 19, 2017

MARGATE CITY, NEW JERSEY

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The Margate City Board of Commissioners held a work meeting on the above date at 4:05 p.m. The meeting began with a flag salute & roll call: Mr. Becker, Mr. Amodeo and Mr. Blumberg were present. The following department heads were present: Mr. Walberg, Mr. Verna, Mr. Rubin, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Galantino, Chief Tabasso, Ms. Casey, Ms. Larkin, and Chief Wolfson. Mr. Deaneay and Mr. Abbott were also present.

PROMOTIONS: Margate City Police Officers- Joseph Scullion and Lawrence Dickerson to rank of Sergeant.

Items for Discussion:

Department Reports:

Chief Tabasso- All is good in the Fire Department. Went to Philadelphia Fire Department and received 50 free smoke detectors for our residents.

Ms. McLaughlin- Standard and Poor's has improved our Bond Rating from AA- to AA. Based upon strong and stable status of extension granted until April 21, 2020

Mr. McLarnon- Yearly maintenance contracts have been renewed. Planning Board meeting will be here next Thursday.

Chief Wolfson- Another great day in the Police Department.

Mr. Deaneay- Thanks Scott in regards to the Ventnor/ Margate Pump Station Contract. There are two small grant applications on the agenda, one of which will be handled by Ed Walberg and the other by Jim Rutala.

Mr. Walberg- 2015 State Aid from Jerome to Amherst will be starting soon. The Road program with LEXA will be starting on February 6th. Gladstone Avenue Water tank will start as soon as warmer weather starts. 2014 State Aid Program, Amherst Avenue, is waiting on paving course.

Mr. Galantino- Congratulations to the Police Department, and Congratulations to Linda Morgan, Tax Collector on her 25 years and Happy Belated Birthday Rich Deaneay. Thanks to Mr. Amodeo, Mr. Deaneay and Mr. Abbott for their assistance with an issue we had in the Building Department. Building Department is very busy.

Mr. Verna- Nothing to report.

Mr. Ricciotti- 2 weeks ago we had a snow storm and our crews were out from 5am until 6pm and we used 75 tons of salt. We had 10 houses with frozen pipes.

Mr. Abbott- The Ventnor Pump Station is a fair allocation between the two Municipalities. Margate Terrace Agreement is now signed and they are applying for refinancing.

Beach Case with the homeowners and DEP; we are not involved in.

Mr. Blumberg- Thank You to all Margate City employees and congratulations to Linda Morgan, Tax Collector on her 25 years of services.

Mr. Amodeo- Commend Mr. Ricciotti and the team for well-maintained city during the snow storm.

Mayor Becker- Commend Mr. Ricciotti and the team for well-maintained city during the snow storm.

Public Participation:

Mr. Sewell- 22 West Drive- Speaks on return to taxpayers due to AA rating.

On motion by Mr. Blumberg, second by Mr. Amodeo public portion was closed with a vote of three ayes. On motion by, Mr. Amodeo, second by Mayor Becker the meeting was adjourned with a vote of three ayes.

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

Mayor, Michael Becker

Commissioner John F. Amodeo

Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: _____ Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk