

October 2, 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, Ms. Taube, and Mr. Blumberg were present. The following department heads were present: Chief Wolfson, Mr. Walberg, Chief Tabasso, Mr. Ricciotti, Mr. Verna, Ms. Larkin, Mr. Rubin, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Galantino, Ms. Freed, Mr. Abbott & Mr. Deaney.

Department Reports

Mr. Walberg: Updated projects

Mr. Abbott: Executive session tonight to discuss strategy in the Hiltner v. Margate law suit; recent \$100,000 settlement for trip/fall – JIF attorney to review city policy to help avoid future situations that would bring about litigation

Mr. Hiltner: Excess water bills mailed next week with a due date of November 5th

Mr. Rubin: Busy with new home buildings and house raisings

Chief Wolfson: No problems at Funfest; successful “drug take-back” over the weekend

Mr. Ricciotti: Funfest successful; cleaning beaches and removing summer equipment; many new homes creating water/sewer hook-ups

Chief Tabasso: Funfest successful; wrapping up Beach Patrol items; visiting schools and public facilities during Fire Prevention Week October 5-11

Ms. McLaughlin: Health insurance open enrollment beginning; Harleysville Insurance now Nationwide (*authorizing resolution needed at next meeting*); insurance brokers shopping the market for rates; working on acquiring remaining money from FEMA (*Hurricane Sandy*)- \$3 million received year to date and more expected; **presented 2015 Best Practices Inventory report** – based on responses the city to receive 100% of State Aid – some recommendations:

creating a Finance Committee (*B.A., CFO, Commissioner of Revenue & Finance*), eliminating sick time pay-outs for future employees, making changes in policy for worker’s compensation

Mr. Verna: Meeting with Broadley’s tomorrow with check list regarding Direct Install program

Mr. Deaney: Updated Dunes Project – project should not begin within next 30 days, DEP Commissioner Martin requested Mr. Becker voluntarily grant easements where needed & if not the state will begin condemnation process within next 30-60 days, state appraisers will issue written offer of compensation after viewing condemned lands with city representative then negotiate for 14 days before state can commence with formal condemnation proceedings, meeting with county and state officials (*started today*) to explain city position and offer alternatives; consulting engineer issued final report, immediate action will be taken to consider strategies should earlier action be taken by state; explained tonight’s bond ordinance (*money to cover higher costs in repairing 1 S. Washington Ave.*)

Mr. Becker Addressed the problem brought by Mrs. Bentz, Monmouth Avenue at last meeting regarding lack of lighting by her home – cost would be approximately \$790 – Chief Wolfson inspected the site & will contact Mrs. Betz directly to suggest spotlight on her property since 2 lights already exist & it is her driveway area that is dark

Ms. Taube: Kudos to Funfest organizers; authorized Mr. Deaney to look into feasibility of miniature golf in the city (*commissioners agreed*)

Public Participation: John Sewell – Re: Best Practices report - consider shared services with schools; use American Arbitration Association to send ballots out to seasonal residents re: the Dunes project & non-binding matters which would affect them. On motion by Ms. Taube 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: _____ Thomas D. Hiltner, RMC, City Clerk