

February 20, 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 were present & Ms. Taube was absent. The following department heads were present: Mr. Deaney, Mr. Abbott, Chiefs Wolfson & Tabasso, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Verna, Ms. Larkin, Mr. Walberg, Mr. Ricciotti, Mr. Galantino, & Ms. Freed.

Department Reports

Ms. Larkin: Requested raising penalties for certain violations (*Mr. Blumberg asked that she prepare a report with comparison of other towns & submit to commissioners for review*)

Mr. Walberg: updated ongoing projects; met today with SJ Gas Co. re: converting mains to high pressure (*this project completed in Ventnor & Atlantic City*)

Mr. Ricciotti: New surf rake should be delivered within 30 days; working on pot holes, cleaning ball fields, storm drains, and repairing main breaks

Ms. McLaughlin: Prepared written finance update & will continue this practice on a regular basis; explained Ordinances #7 & #8 on tonight's agenda; ordinance cancelling prior debt will be coming; updated JIF & MEL loss ratio, etc.; \$1million estimate from contractor for Washington Avenue City Hall; working on getting health fair for employees at no cost to city

Mr. Deaney: No tax rate increase with new budget – kudos to all department heads for decreasing their budgets; acceptance of schematic for Washington Avenue City Hall will be on next agenda; announced Chief Wolfson will be the assistant BA while Mr. Deaney away

Mr. Abbott: Explained Ordinance #6; all parties have signed the Ventnor Gardens Agreement clearing the way for work to begin on storm pipe (*Mr. Walberg to attend design meeting tomorrow*); updated Rumson Avenue possible exchange of land for new bulkhead & similar situation at S. Quincy Avenue but buyer will pay for appraisal of parcel and then this amount will be deducted from selling price

Mr. Hiltner: Board of School Estimates must meet during March 24 – 31 (*Both commissioners available any day during that time – BOE will set date*)

Mr. Galantino: Being vigilant in supervising work sites for safety, cleanliness, etc.

Mr. Verna: Commented on today's AC Press re: Sustainable NJ - Mr. Verna already completed much of the work & supplied documentation (*Advised to send to Ms. Taube*)

Mr. Becker: Suggested naming the Dog Park in memory of recently deceased Anne Pancoast (*Mr. Becker will ask other commissioners for approval*)

Mr. Blumberg: Thanks to all for a good budget & special thanks to Public Works for good work during all the winter storms

Public Participation: John Sewell strongly encouraged school services consolidation with Ventnor. Sharon Simon asked where money coming from to pay legal bills & asked legality of attorneys working without contracts for 2014. (*Mr. Abbott explained*) On motion by Mr. Blumberg this portion was closed with a vote of two ayes. On motion by Mr. Blumberg the meeting was adjourned with a vote of two ayes.

_____ Mr. Becker

_____ Mr. Blumberg
Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, New Jersey

Attest: _____ Thomas D. Hiltner, City Clerk