

November 21, 2013  
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. The following department heads were present: Mr. Deane, Mr. Abbott, Chief Wolfson & Tabasso, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Verna, Mr. Galantino, Mr. Rubin, & Mr. Ricciotti. The meeting began with a presentation of the proposed city website from Mr. Verna and Ed Berger, MBA President. They were joined via cell phone by Mr. Rose from Virtual Towns & Schools which is the company creating the website. The costs stated were \$6,000 initial set up and then \$2,000 annually for maintenance, training, hosting, etc. which is a savings from current costs. It was also explained that the website will have the capability to allow residents to pay taxes, water & sewer, tickets, etc. on line.

#### **Department Reports**

Mr. Galantino: Attended a meeting with Mr. Walberg at Stockton College concerning the new flood insurance rates for 2015 (*no substantial changes seen from currently used map*)

Ms. McLaughlin: Payment due for emergency notes on December 26<sup>th</sup> - \$750,000

Mr. Ricciotti: Most holiday lighting is up; working on water & sewer services with all the new construction in town; repairing decorative lighting on Washington Avenue

Mr. Deane: Analysis of city water & sewer rates with NJ American Water Co. and several surrounding municipalities, last rate increase adopted in 2008, with a proposed annual increase from \$505 to \$570 this extra revenue will help to pay water & sewer debt, draft ordinance will be presented for introduction next meeting

Mr. Walberg: Updated ongoing projects; quotes received for replacement of emergency generator at the Police Dept. with Scalfo Electric lowest - \$64,5000 without replacing the automatic transfer switch (*additional \$19,000 cost*) – approved for tonight’s agenda; working on raising elevations at the bay and beach fronts by 1.2’ –completed documents will be presented to the commissioners; meeting Tuesday to discuss stormwater pump station cost estimates

Mr. Hiltner: Preparing resolution for ice cream vending license auction date with minimum bid of \$60,000-70,000, possible license award – one year with option to renew for 1 year two consecutive years – particulars presented next meeting

Mr. Abbott: Explanation of Ordinances #22 (*addresses storm mitigation within the city & the resident will own the Rumson Avenue bulkhead*) & #23 (*Holy Trinity property change in zoning*) with Mr. Rubin correcting #23 (*from S-25 to S-30*) – introduction tonight with correction

Chief Wolfson: Webinar with Mr. Verna for *Lexus Nexus* to computerize accident reports at no cost to city which will make them readily available to individuals and insurance companies without going into the police station & \$5 for every request made goes to the city – Mr. Abbott to review and proceed

Mr. Blumberg: Read resolution (see following pages) confirming non-binding referendum question results with the intent to send to State and local officials – Ms. Taube & Mr. Becker both in agreement therefore resolution will be placed on tonight’s agenda

**Public Participation:** John Sewell: state money for dunes should be reallocated in Margate for an alternative beach replenishment plan. Sharon Simon asked that language in resolution (*Dunes*) be very clear and specific & Glen Klotz suggested a compromise may be worked out with state officials on this matter. Fred Weinstein suggested that state officials be notified of the resolution prior to sending out. (*Mr. Becker already spoke with governor’s legislative aide*)

Steve Altman asked if his questions about traffic safety have been addressed – Chief Wolfson responded: city traffic safety personnel working on strategies to disseminate a PSA & he has contacted state regarding a “practice 911” run and it was concluded this cannot be safely done.

Chief Tabasso explained that lock boxes (*mounted outside a home*) which cost approximately \$175 each are available as an option with only fire department having a key. These are currently in use at businesses and some residences. Steve Jazecki asked for explanation of Ordinance #23 (*Mr. Rubin responded*). This portion was closed on motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of three ayes.

The meeting was adjourned on motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of three ayes.

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Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, NJ

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas D. Hiltner, City Clerk