

July 3, 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 MUNICIPAL BULLETIN BOARD AND WEBSITE

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate held a work session on the above date at 4:00 pm. After a flag salute, led by Bill Potts, a roll call was taken: Mr. Becker, Mr. Blumberg, Ms. Taube were present. Department heads present were: Chief Wolfson, Mr. Galantino, Mr. Ricciotti, Ms. Larkin, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Rubin, Mr. Verna, Mr. Deane, and Mr. Abbott.

Presentation of 2012 Audit by Mike Garcia and Leon Costello from Ford Scott Associates, LLC

- Explanation of Current Fund Balance & Liability
- Only 1 Comment & Recommendation (*corrective action already taking place for 2013*)
- Positive financial position (*especially considering effects of Hurricane Sandy*)

Ms. Taube: any beach badge problems (*minor and are addressed in Management Letter*)

Department Reports

Chief Wolfson: Manpower set for July 4th festivities; jaywalking enforcement program in force (*warnings given out & public safety messages distributed*)

Ms. Larkin: Credit card payment implemented in Longport; PVOs doing good job

Mr. Galantino: Phone number available to receive text messages from FEMA with storm alerts

Mr. Rubin: Continued building boom; July 23rd set for Planning Board meeting re: amend zoning ordinance to conform to new FEMA mapping

Mr. Verna: PD phone system crashed (*voice mail totally inoperable*) upgrading system with BA & QPA approval (*public safety emergency*) & money still available in IT capital budget

Mr. Abbott: Introduced Mr. Millay, 205 N. Argyle Avenue – offered \$3,000 to purchase piece of his back yard that is owned by city & to pay all associated property taxes (*assessed value \$32,000 but no taxes collected*), neighbors have no interest in property (*letters presented*) therefore, BOC to review and advise Mr. Millay

Mr. Deane: Rutala Associates submitted grant application for \$3 million to completely rebuild 1500' of Amherst Avenue bulkhead which is failing & a danger to public safety; Mr. Rutala to submit an application for Disaster Loan Program (*\$5 million limit with 1% or less interest rate for hurricane damage repairs*) which acts like a line of credit (*Mr. Deane: not necessary & all implications should be considered any time money is borrowed*) – BOC to review

Ms. McLaughlin: Explanation of Resolution #140 (*rollover of existing BAN*)

Mr. Ricciotti: Action Landscaping monitored (*work improving & will cut on July 4th*); \$5,500 estimate to paint walls in municipal building – will begin next week; LG HQ still in bad condition; gazebo for Dog Park should be in within next 4 weeks

Mr. Blumberg: Thanks to MBA, city workers, volunteers for successful Beachstock; questioned

Mr. Becker re: Ventnor's participation in city Dog Park – Mr. Blumberg: opening park is neighborly thing to do & park not overly utilized, Mr. Abbott: park is public property but BOC can make policy, Mr. Becker: Ventnor mayor has 1 resident repeatedly asking to use park but Mr. Becker expressed concerns about real numbers of Ventnor dog owners & concerns about promises made to dog park neighbors when dog park created.

Ms. Taube: Thanks to all for Beachstock; per auditors municipalities not allowed to make donations to private organizations (*Little League, Pirates football*) therefore, city donations must stop; Ventnor Pump Station update, confusion exists because mayors now calling meetings without notifying Ms. Taube & Ms. Kelley & they have been handling this matter (*requested mayors continue to allow them to handle*) & to help keep city solicitor fees under control County in-house attorney to draft interlocal agreements, cost estimates (*work*) refined after Ventnor opens station during low tide to assess existing conditions

Mr. Becker: Thanks to all for Beachstock

Public Participation: Bill Potts favors line of credit at a low interest & asked that work continue on Ventnor Pump Station regardless of who attends meetings. John Sewell stated that dog park neighbors must be consulted before any changes; canine census must be taken, and discouraged continued bond indebtedness. Anne Pancoast agreed dog park neighbors must be consulted & opposes opening it up to Ventnor because of neighbors and possibility of large numbers of dogs. Steve Woerner agreed with above comments concerning dog park neighbors.

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 three ayes.

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

Attest: _____ Fred Verna (acting clerk)