

January 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, Mr. Blumberg, & Ms. Taube were present. Mr. Hiltner was absent with Ms. Freed as Clerk. The following department heads were present: Mr. Deane, Mr. Abbott, Chief Wolfson Deputy Chief Adams, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Verna, Ms. Larkin, Mr. Ricciotti, Mr. Galantino.

**Discussions:** Annual Appointments for Prosecutor, Conflict Prosecutor, Public Defender, Conflict Public Defender (*commissioners agreed on retaining those currently serving*) & appointment of Tara Mazza as Registrar of Vital Statistics (*agreed*) – all will be added to tonight’s agenda.

**Department Reports**

Ms. McLaughlin: Explained Resolution #1 (*statutory amount for temporary budget*) & #4 (*carryover of \$500 for FSA according to IRS regulations*); JIF safety budget \$2000 – recommended reducing JIF assessment by that amount and then getting reimbursed when safety money spent (*agreed*); more FEMA money received for debris removal; auditors preparing Annual Financial Statement and Debt Statement

Mr. Deane: “Complete Streets Policy” acknowledged with a plaque (*improvements @ Ventnor & Washington Aves.*); grant application filed for improvements at Bus Station; discussion - letter from Dave Rosenblatt from DEP re: DUNES project (*NJ will begin invoking eminent domain if the city does not voluntarily obtain easements as needed for the project*) – solicitor will advise BOC but letter acknowledging the letter & asking for time to review will be sent from solicitor, Mr. Abbott will be city spokesperson in this matter with DEP

Mr. Abbott: Explained Margate Terrace resolutions on tonight’s Agenda; amendment to recycling ordinance drafted re: definition of “rigid plastic”

Deputy Chief Adams: Preparing for snow storm and reviewing 2013 procedures

Mr. Ricciotti & Chief Wolfson: Preparing for tonight’s snow storm

Ms. Larkin: 1<sup>st</sup> Court session scheduled for January 13th

Mr. Becker & Mr. Blumberg: Happy New Year

Ms. Taube: Asked commissioners for opinion re: amending salary ordinance or preparing an additional one for merit raises so they will be public & voted on by commissioners (*Mr. Becker: not in favor of merit raises at all & Mr. Blumberg: every department should be run as its head & commissioner think appropriate*)

**Public Participation:** John Sewell commented on press article about DUNES project & against merit raises for employees & against granting health benefits to part time prosecutor. Sharon Simon asked if any bulkheads were destroyed by the Hurricane (*Ms. Taube: Kenyon, Lancaster & Sumner Aves.*) & asked for clarification from Mr. Abbott on above DEP letter as discussed above (*Mr. Abbott: State can take over city beaches with statutory authority & without cooperation of city*). Steve Woerner emphasized State can take over beaches. On motion this portion was closed with a vote of three ayes.

On motion the meeting was adjourned@ 4:40 p.m. with a vote of three ayes.

---

---

---

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Rosemarie A. Freed, Deputy City Clerk