

November 7, 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 & Ms. Taube were present & Mr. Blumberg & Solicitor Abbott were absent. The following department heads were present: Mr. Deaney, Mr. Greenberg, Chiefs Wolfson & Tabasso, Ms. McLaughlin, Ms. Larkin, Mr. Verna, Mr. Galantino, Mr. Rubin, & Mr. Ricciotti.

**Department Reports**

Mr. Galantino & Mr. Greenberg: Mr. Galantino thanked Mr. Greenberg for help with Hazard Mitigation Plan & both will participate more with county on this matter; county mitigation plan established through grant money at no cost to municipalities

Mr. Greenberg: Emergency shelter update (*needs for this building to be used as such, especially new generator*)

Mr. Verna: Emphasized new generator needed for Union Avenue location since the entire building would be non-functioning if generator inoperable; Mr. Deaney agreed that this purchase should become part of the capital plan since the value is approximately \$500,000 and is necessary; Mr. Deaney will include generator as part of needed items for Mr. Rutala to search out grant money; eventually all emergency management functions should be consolidated in this building & the city will contact Longport re: this consolidation; meeting with county on *Project 25* regarding dispatch services & frequency updates & old radios may be auctioned on GovDeals (*prices more competitive now & work can be completed in stages but must be done*)

Chief Tabasso: EMS calls are on the upsurge

Ms. McLaughlin: Recommended award of contract to DM Billing for 3<sup>rd</sup> party ambulance billing (*proposal has no increase from last year but did suggest increase in transport fees from \$695 to \$715 – ordinance will be drafted for same*); recommendation from Innovative Risks is to remain with State Benefit Health Plan for upcoming term since it is most cost effective

Mr. Ricciotti: Tree planting & winterizing

Mr. Deaney: Information almost completed to submit to FEMA re: 1 S. Washington Avenue rehab; working with clerk's office on administrative code for all state & code compliance; federal money may be available for funding bay bulkheads; discussion next meeting on bulkhead heights with a formal recommendation from engineer

Mr. Hiltner: Consider 1 or 2 year term for ice cream vending license so auction date can be set; RFQ for planning consultant - James Rutala Associates (*only bidder but qualified for the position & he will meet with community members for viable suggestions to make the community better after Hurricane -State to use this info to disperse funding*); Tuesday election went smoothly & resolution (*re: Referendum question*) will be needed when results certified; working with residents on excess water bills (*if hurricane related*); Sustainable Jersey grant money has become available

Mr. Rubin: Planning Board voted 5-2 favoring zoning change to Blessed Sacrament Church property (*recommendation to commissioners next meeting*)

Ms. Larkin: Reviewing proposed court changes with AOC for compliance

Chief Wolfson: Concrete barrier placed at Washington & Ventnor Avenues until permanent structure placed there

**Public Participation:** John Sewell commented on generator purchase. Sharon Simon also commented on generator & suggested Building Dept. hire more employees since it is so busy. (*Mr. Becker will review matter with Mr. Galantino*). This portion was closed on motion by Ms. Taube with a vote of two ayes.

The meeting was adjourned on motion by Ms. Taube with a vote of two ayes.

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Mr. Becker

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Ms. Taube

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