# WORKSHOP

MEETING

MINUTES

MAY 19, 2021

#### BOROUGH OF WEST WILDWOOD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## WORKSHOP MEETING Via online access through Zoom.us

Official Action may be taken MAY 19, 2021 9:00 AM

#### **MINUTES:**

Mayor Ksiazek called the meeting to order, read the OPMA statement:

THIS WORKSHOP MEETING WAS CALLED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW. NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS RE-ESTABLISHED IN RESOLUTION 2021-062. NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS SENT TO THE ATLANTIC CITY PRESS AND THE CAPE MAY COUNTY HERALD ELECTRONICALLY AND POSTED CONTINUOUSLY ON THE OFFICIAL CLERKS BULLETIN BOARD AND BOROUGH WEBSITE

Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance

#### **ROLL CALL: Present**

Comm. Banning
Comm. Segrest
Mayor Ksiazek
Solicitor Lyons
Deputy Clerk Carl O'Hala
CFO Elaine Crowley
Municipal Clerk Donna L. Frederick

After the roll call the clerk read the following resolution to go into closed (executive) session.

#### **RESOLUTION: CLERK READ BY NUMBER & TITLE:**

### <u>2021-0177</u> –AUTHORIZING A CLOSED (EXECUTIVE) SESSION MEETING FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS

Clerk asked for a motion to adopt resolution.

Motion by Mayor Ksiazek; Second by Comm. Segrest

Roll Call Vote: Comm. Banning, yes; Comm. Segrest, yes; Mayor Ksiazek, yes.

Resolution Adopted

After the closed session meeting was completed, a motion to reconvene the workshop meeting was call for by the clerk.

Motion to reconvene: Motion by Comm. Banning; Second by Comm. Segrest

Roll Call Vote: Comm. Banning, yes; Comm. Segrest, yes; Mayor Ksiazek, yes.

Motion Carried

Clerk reviewed known regular meeting agenda items, ordinances 592(2021) and 593(2021) which are up for second reading and public hearing; three resolutions, one appointing an additional records custodian for the police department and the renewal of both liquor licenses.

Mayor discussed the D.O.T. state aid application which is due by July 1, 2021. He met with the borough engineer and concluded that the area of Maple Avenue from Arion to Neptune Avenue would be a high priority in need of reconstruction. Clerk will prepare a resolution authorizing the borough engineers to file the State Aid D.O.T. application for the June regular meeting. A discussion ensued regarding drainage issues and sewer I & I, at A Avenue and Pine Avenue D.O.T. projects.

Comm. Segrest inquired for TRIAD to search for possible grant monies for bulkheads and vehicles. Clerk reminded him that the borough has not appointed them for that specific task.

Mayor discussed the publication of a borough newsletter. Solicitor provided information on a company who provides this service for municipalities at very minimal cost, because they seek advertisers to offset the cost to the towns. Mayor will follow up and further discuss this after he has more information.

Mayor stated Taggart Park has been repaired from the storm and is open, the benches were removed as they were deemed unsafe. The memorial plates which were affixed to the benches are the possession of DPW to be returned to the families. Mayor would like to install a saw pole at Venice Avenue Park to properly maintain the sprinkler system and to light up the flagpole. The cost would be minimal, and he would volunteer his time as an electrician to hook up the saw pole and the DPW can do everything else.

Mayor would like to start a beautification program and has residents willing to volunteer with planting flowers at the parks. CFO Crowley stated that a dedicated fund would have to be established. Comm. Segrest suggest that he has higher priorities but was not against it. Comm. Banning said if it is easy, he has no problem with it. Solicitor stated a dedicated by rider resolution will be necessary. Clerk will prepare the resolution for the June 4 regular meeting.

There was a discussion to permit dogs to have access to the beach in the off-season, solicitor will have the ordinance for the August meeting, so it is in place for the fall.

Mayor stated it looks like things will be opened and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade will be able to take place. He has a band that is willing to play at the event. Mayor would like to prepare a speech for the occasion and asked if the other two commissioners would also like to say a few words.

Comm. Segrest asked the Solicitor the status of the Fair Housing Matter and raised concerns regarding the ability of the borough to collect enough funds to meet the rehab obligations over the next five years. Solicitor Lyons stated the hearing was scheduled for 10:00am this morning and there will be a date set to finalize everything. Solicitor will prepare a resolution for the trust fund which needs to be established for the collection of developer fees for the June 4, regular meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding implementing a smoking ordinance restricting same on public properties, i.e.: beach, playground, and parks. Solicitor will prepare one for introduction at the regular June 4 borough meeting.

Having no further matters Mayor called for a motion to adjourn.

#### **Motion to Adjourn:**

Roll Call Vote: Comm. Banning, yes; Comm. Segrest, yes; Mayor Ksiazek, yes. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Frederick, RMC, Municipal Clerk

This is a generalization of the Workshop meeting on May 19, 2021 and not a verbatim transcript. THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE JUNE 4, 2021 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

MAYOR MATTHEW J. KSIAZEK

COMMISSIONER JOHN J. BANNING

COMMISSIONER JOSPEH D. SEGREST