

November 14, 2012

A special meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bay Head was held on November 14, 2012 at 10 a.m. in the Bay Head Fire House, 81 Bridge Avenue, Bay Head, New Jersey.

Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He asked everyone to stand and join with him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The roll was called for attendance. Present were Mayor Curtis and Councilmembers DeFilippis, Green, Barnes, Glass, Magory, Lyons and Lauren Staiger, Borough Attorney.

Mayor Curtis first I would like to thank the Bay Head Fire Department for all they have done, I forgot at the last meeting. They have been here before, during and after the storm helping in any way they could. Debris, as of this morning, will be picked up by Ash Britt. They hold a State Contract. Because of the amount of debris and because of it being an eyesore, health and safety issue we hired them. The pick up will start first on Bridge, Osborne and Main. Please remove all vehicles from the streets. Ash Britt will make three complete passes through town. All items must be placed at the curb not in the street. White items, refrigerators, stoves, washer and dryers will be picked up by hand not with the debris. The only place in town to stage this operation is the ball field at Howe Park. It will be an inconvenience to neighbors and it could be there for four weeks. A number of homes are still without power. JCP&L is on the firing line and we are on top of it. They are going house by house on East, Lake and Main turning on the power. If you have a red tag on your meter you will need to have an electrician check the meter and the circuit box. Once you do that you then bring the information to our Building Department and our Electrical Inspector will inspect. Once that is done the Building Department will fax a cut in card to JCP&L and hopefully they will get your power back on. Our municipal office is now located at 106 Bridge Avenue, Unit #2. The police are still operating out of the command center at Public Works.

Mayor Curtis called for New Business and Resolutions.

Councilmember Lyons offered Resolution 2012-130 authorizing Special Emergency authorization in the amount of \$1,250,000 to cover costs of Hurricane Sandy.

Councilmember Lyons offered Resolution 2012-131 requesting permission for the Dedication by Rider for a Trust Fund for donations received to assist with the extraordinary expenses created by Hurricane Sandy required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29.

Councilmember Lyons moved the above resolutions be adopted. The motion as seconded by Councilmember Green and passed on roll call vote. YEAS: DeFilippis, Green, Barnes, Glass, Magory, Lyons. NAYS: None. A copy of each resolution is attached to these minutes.

Mayor Curtis opened the meeting to the public.

Lynn Bonzulak, 64 Twilight Road: Does Twilight Road have gas?

Councilmember Glass: You have gas.

Mayor Curtis: Gas is going to every home – it was never turned off.

Bob Hein, 204 East Avenue: If no one was home when the gas company came through a lock was placed on the gas meter – if it is locked you need to call them and give your name and address.

Nick Gilman, 810 Main Avenue: Do not turn the gas on yourself – that is the law.

Richard O'Connor: Is the gas on south of Main?

Mayor Curtis: Yes.

Stan Niedzwiecki, 42 Johnson Street: Will there be an adjustment as to taxes?

Councilmember Lyons: This is an unprecedented event. We will have to speak with our Assessor, Carey Rowe and get an answer for you. We are looking at funding options and exploring all areas to take care of our expenses on a long term basis. As to FEMA – most emergency services will be 100% covered and most of the others will be 75%. Until I get concrete answers I can't say. We are working on it.

Councilmember Green: We will be looking at strengthening the dune system and raising the rock revetment. We have received DEP approval to move forward. This benefits everyone in town. We are working with Stephens Institute and they will be here on Friday so please join us. They recently

completed a shoreline analysis for us. Thank you for your patience and please do not move forward individually.

Mayor Curtis: It is very important to work together as a whole in the beach repairs.

Pat Everst, 170 Osborne Avenue: What about the Osborne walkover?

Councilmember Green: We are responsible for the beach ends. We are thinking of redesigning all walkovers and platforms. We are looking into it.

Bill Kennedy, 564 East Avenue: Where will the meeting be on Friday?

Councilmember Green: Here in the Fire House.

Ellen Akersten, 128 Cranberry Avenue: How long with the National Guard be here?

Chief Hoffman: Through Sunday. We hope to have through Wednesday.

Mayor Curtis: As long as we can.

Roger Gross, East Avenue: What about the rock pile on the beach?

Councilmember Green: It was placed there in anticipate of the northeaster last week, it is temporary.

Tony Heidrich, 19 Howe Street: A lot of debris was pushed up on my corner, will the town remove it?

Mayor Curtis: They will remove what is placed at the curb.

Jim Grey, Cranberry Avenue: What about all the debris in the lake?

Mayor Curtis: That is a different project.

Kathleen Silverman, 300 East Avenue: I have a pole blocking my driveway.

Mayor Curtis: The pole will be removed.

Councilmember Barnes: If you have not registered to receive notifications from the town through the Instant Alert System, I urge you to do so. You can do so by going to our web-site or you can see me after the meeting.

Mr. Niedzwiecki: What can you do to clear up the messages that go out – some are very hard to understand.

Councilmember Barnes: AT&T cell service has been in and out – therefore the message at times has been broken.

Ms. Akersten: We have debris in our backyard from the lake – who is responsible for the clean up?

Ms. Staiger: What falls on your property is your responsibility.

855 East Avenue: If we do not have a sticker on our electric meter, do we still have to call?

Mayor Curtis: No.

Helen Thompson, 31 Goetze Street: I have sand on my property, what do it do?

Mayor Curtis: Do not put it in the street. You must place it on the street end.

Councilmember DeFilippis: We are trying to get small equipment to move the sand back to the beach.

Tom & Vera Jones, formerly 549 East Avenue: I am sure Planning Board will be very busy in the months ahead. Will they have a second meeting each month?

Mayor Curtis: People have also asked about changes to our ordinance and yes there will be changes.

856 Main Avenue: There are sink holes on the property on the Clayton Avenue side.

Ms. Staiger: A structural engineer will have to look at that.

Mayor Curtis: We will take care of it.

Chris Bartel, 25 North Street: When will we have gas – 6 months?

Councilmember Magory: Water and gas is through the town.

Joanne Pehlivanian, 332 Western Avenue: We have gas – we are experiencing moisture and some of the appliances have gone out. Does anyone else have this problem?

Mayor Curtis: You need a professional to check your gas or electric appliances before you turn them on. JCP&L pulled the meters if they were submerged.

Ms. Thompson: Do you need a permit to sheetrock?

Mayor Curtis: No.

Ron, 56 Johnson Street: Mayor you are doing a terrific job.

Jeanne Sasse, 136 Main Avenue: Who placed the red tags on the homes?

Mayor Curtis: Doug Applegate, Construction Official.

Lynn Bonzulak, 64 Twilight Road: Can you estimate when the recycle center will open?

Councilmember DeFilippis: I don't know. Presently the Police are working from the recycle center.

Chris, 452 Lake Avenue: Hazzard Mitigation Grant Program through FEMA to elevate your home – can you give any guidance?

Mayor Curtis: We will look into it.

Gail Coulter, 51 North Street: We have two new piles of sand in the middle of North Street which were placed there by a contractor clearing it from a homeowner.

Mayor Curtis: We will look into it.

Jim Urner, 42 Mount Street: A number of people are questioning what is covered by insurance and what isn't. Would it be possible to have an insurance expert come in and speak with us?

Mayor Curtis: Everyone should file with FEMA and contact your insurance company.

Susie VanSchoick, 111 Meadow Avenue: I am concerned with the staging of the debris on Howe Park. How will our homes be protected?

Mayor Curtis: There will be security overnight and they will have to comply with DEP regulations.

Shannon Curtis, 549 Main Avenue: With the staging at Howe Park will it be sanitized after the debris is gone?

Councilmember Green: Yes and also Centennial Park.

Ms. Curtis: Will caregivers be given access to enter Bay Head?

Chief Hoffman: The checkpoints are not a hard lock down. Contractors, grandparents, caregivers have to state the name and address of the property they are going to and show ID.

Joe Rhyne, 600 Main Avenue: Will future meetings be posted?

Mayor Curtis: Yes – they are post to our web-site and published in the newspaper.

Ms. VanSchoick: My I suggest installing dune fencing along Howe Park.

Mayor Curtis: We will comply with the requirements of DEP.

Kay Tell, 143 Bridge Avenue: Will there remediation as to sewage?

Mayor Curtis: There were no sewage breaks.

Ms. Tell: Then why sanitize the playgrounds.

Councilmember Green: The soil will be tested and if it warranted we will sanitize.

Ms. Tell: There were no sewage breaks.

Councilmember DeFilippis: Both the pump stations are working and we have found no breaks in our lines.

Adrienne Kissel, 32 Strickland Street: Sewage came up through our toilets.

Mayor Curtis: NJAW was flushing hydrants which created brown water.

Sue Shore, 128 Osborne Avenue: FEMA asked if we are a cobra town – are we?

Councilmember Green: We haven't heard any of that.

Ms. Shore: What do we do with brush and trees – hire someone to remove?

Mayor Curtis: If those items are placed at the curb Ash Britt will take them.

Ms. Shore: Are you issuing passes for contractors?

Mayor Curtis: No – they need a letter from the homeowner they are working for and ID to pass through.

Lauren, Mount Street: If you need help removing trees – there is a group from Wisconsin here to help. Call 609 314-2686.

Lauren: It is very frustrating trying to reach FEMA.

Mayor Curtis: We are trying to get them to set up in Bay Head for you to file here.

Mary Beth Repkin, Main Avenue: We had no flooding in our area, should I register with FEMA and my insurance company?

Mayor Curtis: That would be my recommendation.

Mary Beth: Does it benefit the town in anyway.

Mayor: No.

Mitch Shivers, 68 Egbert Street: Do contractors need to register? Who will be picking up our household trash?

Mayor Curtis: Suburban Disposal will continue to pick up the household waste on Monday and Thursdays. We have suspended rear yard pickup so your cans should be placed out by the curb and separate from the storm debris.

Ms. Curtis: All contractors must be registered by the State of New Jersey. All out of state contractors will have to register. Please ask for an estimate in writing before you hire a contractor. You can also register on line with FEMA and if you need help I will file for you.

Robert Jones, East Avenue: We have 20 or 30 pictures which have been found – is there a lost and found to leave them?

Mayor Curtis: As soon as we find some office space we can take them.

Jeff Monacelli, 147 Cranberry Avenue: I don't believe you can file with FEMA unless it is your primary residence.

Pat Regan, 145 Osborne Avenue: I have All State Insurance and they filed by FEMA application for me. There are also Independent adjusters who you can hire if you disagree with your settlement from your insurance company – but they will charge you a fee.

Jonathn Jones, 629 Lake Avenue: We do not have a red sticker from JCP&L – do we have to be there to get the power back on?

Mayor Curtis: No.

Lisa Beatty, 421 Lake Avenue: JCP&L placed the red stickers on some meters and NJNG has locked some meters.

Irene Conte: Could the BH stickers on cars be used as a pass?

Mayor Curtis: The National Guard requires ID to admit you through the check points.

Peter, 325 Lake Avenue: The NJNG will not turn your meter on if it has been compromised and you must be there. I have five feet of sand in my backyard – who is responsible for the removal?

Mayor Curtis: You are responsible.

Helen Thompson, 31 Goetze: Does the south end of Bay Head have power?

Mayor Curtis: They are working on it.

Joanne Pehlivanian, 332 Western Avenue: I would like to thank the police and the fire company for their quick response to the fire in our crawl space. Beware of water in your crawl space.

Jim Urner, 42 Mount: Governor Christie declared this to be Super Storm Sandy and not a hurricane. That will change your deductible.

Ana, 68 Bridge Avenue: I don't have renters insurance and I had a lease until June but I was told I had to vacate the rental by December 12th.

Mayor Curtis: We will speak with you after the meeting.

There being no further comments the meeting was adjourned.

Patricia M. Applegate, Municipal Clerk

William W. Curtis, Mayor