

December 3, 2012

A special meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bay Head was held on December 3, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Point Pleasant Beach Municipal Building, Council Chambers 416 New Jersey Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey.

Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order and welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to Point Pleasant Beach. 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 Borough Attorney, Jean L. Cipriani.

Mayor Curtis: Bay Head Home and School tree sales will be at the school on the tennis courts, every Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 4 pm until all the trees are sold. If you are a Bay Head or Mantoloking resident you are invited to A Season of Hope sponsored by the Bay Head Yacht Club and the Bay Head Business Association on Saturday, December 8th from 4 to 7 pm at the Bay Head Municipal Parking Lot. There will be tree lighting, singing by the Bay Head School children, performance of the Nutcracker by Bay Head School of Ballet, food, beverage and Santa. The following shops will be open next week – Therapeutic Touch, Bay Head Travel, Donnelly Real Estate, Tangerine.

Mayor Curtis called for Committee Reports.

Councilmember DeFilippis, Public Works: We will be videoing sections of the sewer system comparing the old with the present. The pump station at Strickland Street is operating and it should be, as is the one on Bridge Avenue. We are trying to be proactive.

Councilmember Green, Parks, Grounds and Recreation: Thank you all for coming. Our proposed lake clean up has been cancelled for December 15th. It would be just too dangerous for volunteers, the debris is so massive in size that there would be safety concerning.

Councilmember Barnes, Legal & Planning: I have been in contact with Maria Laface, Ocean Monmouth Legal Services who will be providing free legal assistance at 2 pm this Thursday at the Bay Head firehouse. This is to provide assistance to you and I urge you to take advantage of this service. They will be working with FEMA.

Councilmember Glass, Public Safety, had no report. I would like to thank our police, the extra police, the National Guard and Bay Head fireman for keeping us safe.

Councilmember Magory, Public Services: The streets are looking a lot better in our community and Phase 1 is complete. December 9th is your last opportunity to place items on the curb. Removal of sand started today on the east side of Main Avenue. A number of letters have been sent to those who received significant damage and we are asking them to respond if they will repair or demolish.

Mayor Curtis: December 9, 2012 is the last day to place items out by the curb. Ash Britt will go street by street for their final sweep, it will be up to you after that date.

Councilmember Magory: The items must be placed by the curb not in the street.

Councilmember Lyons, Finance: Kelley Mickle is instrumental for coordinating our finances to get reimbursement from FEMA. Thanks to her many expenses will be reimbursed 75% but we don't have the final numbers at this time.

Mayor Curtis called for Unfinished Business. There was none.

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Councilmember Lyons offered Resolution 2012-138 amending Resolution 2012-75 Providing for Salaries and Compensation of Borough Officials and Employees for 2012.

Councilmember Green offered Resolution 2012-139 appointing Hatch Mott MacDonald LLC as Consulting Engineer Regarding Dune, Beach and Flooding issues arising from Damage Inflicted by Superstorm Sandy for the Borough of Bay Head.

Councilmember Lyons offered Resolution 2012-140 authorizing Transfer #2 in the 2012 Municipal Budget.

Councilmember Magory offered Resolution 2012-141 authorizing the execution of a Shared Services Agreement between the Borough of Bay Head and the Borough of Mantoloking for Joint Utilization of the Bay Head Howe Park for the temporary storage of debris from Hurricane Sandy.

Councilmember Barnes moved the above resolutions be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Magory 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.

Tom Jones, formerly 549 East Avenue presently 200 Howe Street Loveland Town: I would like to compliment the excellent letter written by Bob Hein that was published in the Ocean Star last week.

Mayor Curtis: I will accept the claps after Labor Day next year.

Bob Hein, 204 East Avenue: The postal services has been trying for years to shut down the office in Bay Head – this would be the perfect opportunity to do so – I urge you to make a strong bid to maintain it.

Mayor Curtis: You are right and we will do everything in our power to keep the Post Office in town.

Mary Billick, owner of 82-84 Bridge Avenue: How long will the National Guard e here?

Kelley Mickle: December 16th – they then will be released to Mantoloking. Our main goal was to have them here for the debris pick up.

Ms. Billick: I do believe they will be back as far as I know. I own the building and they have paid their rent for November and December. We are doing everything in our power to get it opened as soon as possible.

John Rupter, Landscaper: I understand the last day to place items out at the curb is December 16th. I sand included in that date?

Councilmember Magory: We don't have an estimate on that date.

Mr. Rupter: Will it be removed from individual homes?

Mayor Curtis: It must be place at the curb – the 9th is the last day for bulk pick up.

Councilmember Magory: We can't go on people's property to pick up the sand.

Chip Tillson, Public Works Supervisor: The sand will be processed at Bridge Avenue and transported where we direct.

Mayor Curtis: The sand needs to be brought to the curb. Ash Britt will take it to Bridge Avenue where it will be processed and then it will be distributed back on the beach under the direction of Bob Mainberger, Hatch, Mott, MacDonald.

Roger Bauer, 338 East Avenue: Is there electric to East Avenue?

Mayor Curtis: Electric should be there but maybe not to your house.

Councilmember Magory: Once you have an electrician inspect your home and you get a DR number from Jersey Central bring it in to our Building Department. Our Electrical Inspector will inspect your property and then fax that inspection to JCP&L who will then turn the power back on to your property.

Mr. Bauer: Is there gas on East Avenue?

Councilmember Magory: There is gas through the entire town. You need to call NJNG to see if you have a lock on your gas meter.

Mr. Bauer: Refrigerators and freezers – are they being taken away?

Councilmember Magory: Yes – they are separate from the debris.

Arigo Conti, West Lake Avenue: We have a gas meter and the plumber changed the furnace, do we still have to call the gas company?

Councilmember Magory: If you have gas you don't have to call anyone.

Eric Beyer, 517 Bay Avenue: When will the roads be open so that businesses that can open have access to their stores?

Mayor Curtis: Hopefully they could open this week – the roads can't be open until they clean up the debris and sand.

Chief Hoffman: We will see how things pan out tonight – we have been back and forth about having Bridge Avenue open up so people can access the businesses that can open.

Mayor Curtis: They can open – we are looking into removing the guard on Bridge Avenue to allow people to access the stores south of Bridge.

Gerald Harvey, 336 Main Avenue: I texted your number and I appreciate you getting back to me. I am happy to be a resident in Bay Head. The garbage isn't being picked up.

Councilmember Barnes: They are coming very early.

Mr. Harvey: I have three cans at the end of my driveway and they didn't collect 336 or 338 today or last Thursday. Can we include paint cans in the debris pick up?

Mayor Curtis: Leave the paint cans where they are it will be picked up separately.

Mr. Harvey: The curbing is taken a real beating – how will it be restored?

Mayor Curtis: There is a lot of damage to the curb but it is planned to be taken care of with the Rt. 35 roadwork.

Mr. Harvey: Can an account be set up so funds can be given to those who have worked so hard?

Mayor Curtis: All those volunteers will be recognized this Saturday.

Ms. Cipriani: In order for the municipality to accept funds a dedicated rider account would have to be set up to accept the funds and it has to be specific as to what the funds will be used for.

Councilmember Lyons: We did set up a special account to accept funds for the municipality.

Mayor Curtis: To honor those who have helped us – we will work together on doing something.

Cynthia Juenemann, 37 Howe Street: The curbs in the front of my house and sidewalk are in disarray. Will something be done about that?

Councilmember DeFilippis: We haven't decided on sidewalks that we will be repairing.

Mr. Burke, 359 East Avenue: Hatch Mott McDonald has been hired to engineer the placement of sand on the dune but where can I find information as to the long term plan for the groins?

Mayor Curtis: Part of what they will be doing involves groins.

Councilmember Green: We will be looking at the long view and are working together to shore some protection with the guidance of our consultant.

Mr. Burke: Will the Army Corps of Engineer be involved?

Councilmember Green: At the last meeting, there was a discussion on the beach. The last design by the Army Corps of Engineer required the residents to sign an easement which at the time was a stumbling block. We have always said the Borough will not act as an agent but that it will be up to the individual residents. I am sure there will be discussion with them in the near future.

Ms. Cipriani: The process Councilmember Green explained was being pushed by the Army Corps of Engineers to obtain easements. The parameters with the Army Corps have not been established and what they are offering is not clear.

Councilmember Green: We will keep all the residents informed.

Ms. Billick: I was told by my insurance company that to prove an interruption of service I would have to prove the National Guard was in town.

Kelley Mickle: I will request a copy of their orders – they came to us by an E Team request.

Ms. Cipriani: The State is operating on going evacuation order which might help.

Michael Conway, 200 Woodland Avenue: I was told by FEMA that there are mitigation hazard grants available to help elevate my utilities. Do you have any information on the grant money?

Ms. Cipriani: FEMA through ICC grant has available up to \$30,000 but the funding comes from FEMA not the Borough of Bay Head. In order to receive the grant you must be in compliance with the municipal zoning code. FEMA is to release the new standards the week of December 10th then municipalities will look to amend their codes. Your premium will be based on the flood risk so the more you comply the lower your premium will be.

Mr. Conway: Do we go to FEMA to apply?

Ms. Cipriani: Yes but you have to wait for FEMA to get the new standards out. The Municipality will look to come in compliance with their standards. Application is available on the FEMA web-site.

Councilmember Magory: The 10th is for the first release and one week later we will have information for Ocean County. DEP will also weigh in on the regulations. To apply the house has to have been financially damaged or repeatedly damaged.

Councilmember Green: You need to clarify the information you were given. What has been represented by our representatives is that funding will come to Ocean County and be distributed to those applicants.

Mr. Conway: I will wait for the standards.

Mayor Curtis: On behalf of the Council and all our employees I would like to thank you for seeking information and for being patient. Our new headquarters are located at 106 Bridge Avenue #2. Call with any questions you have and we will do whatever we can to help you.

There being no further comments Councilmember Lyons moved to approve the vouchers for payment, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Magory and passed on roll call vote. YEAS: DeFilippis, Green, Barnes, Glass, Magory, Lyons. NAYS: None. A list of the vouchers is attached to these minutes.

Mayor Curtis: Our next meeting will be held on Monday, December 17th at 7 p.m. in this room.

The meeting was adjourned.

Patricia M. Applegate, RMC

Municipal Clerk

William W. Curtis, Mayor

