

AUGUST 15, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bay Head was held on August 15, 2022 at 7:00PM in the Municipal Building, 83 Bridge Avenue, Bay Head NJ.

Mayor Curtis asked everyone to stand and salute the flag.

Mayor Curtis read the following statement:

Ladies and gentlemen, pursuant to the applicable portions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been given. This meeting is listed on an annual schedule of meetings of this Governing Body which was posted on the bulletin board at 83 Bridge Avenue on January 4, 2022 and was published in the Ocean Star and Asbury Park Press on January 7, 2022.

The roll was called for attendance. Present were Mayor Curtis, Councilmembers Gates, Shaning, MacPherson, Cornell; Borough Attorney Jean Cipriani, Borough CFO William Antonides and Borough Administrator Frank Pannucci.

Mayor Curtis then welcomed everyone to what is yearly called the Non-Voting Taxpayer meeting of the Borough of Bay Head. In lieu of committee reports, for this meeting Mayor Curtis introduced everyone on the dais and asked everyone to speak a little about themselves for those in the audience that might not be familiar everyone's individual responsibilities.

Councilmember Gates introduced himself and gave a brief synopsis of the Public Services Committee.

Councilmember Cornell introduced herself and gave a brief synopsis of the Public Works Committee and the Legal Committee on behalf of Councilmember Barnes.

Councilmember Shaning introduced himself and gave a brief synopsis of the Public Safety Committee.

Councilmember MacPherson introduced herself and gave a brief synopsis of the Beautification, Parks and Recreation Committee.

Mayor Curtis introduced himself and gave an overall synopsis of Administration and the day to day operations of Borough Hall. Mayor Curtis also thanked Mr. Pannucci for everything he has been doing in the capacity of Administrator and praised our unique Shared Service with Point Pleasant Borough. Mayor Curtis also went on to talk about the lobbying efforts the Barrier Island Mayors' Association is undertaking to get more State Aid for beach replenishment.

Mr. Pannucci introduced himself and gave a brief synopsis of what his responsibilities are as the Administrator and presently as Deputy Municipal Clerk. Mr. Pannucci then thanked the Mayor and Council for everything they do mentioning that these are essentially part-time/volunteer positions but each Councilmember and the Mayor treats them as fulltime jobs. Mr. Pannucci then pointed out that because of their hard work, Bay Head was voted as the best place to live in all of Ocean County. Mr. Pannucci also thanked all the Borough Employees on behalf of the governing body and wished our Clerk, Patti Applegate, a speedy recovery once again.

Borough Attorney Jean Cipriani introduced herself and gave a brief synopsis of her duties and said Bay Head is a uniquely special place to be and thanked everything.

Borough CFO William Antonides introduced himself and gave a brief synopsis of his duties and the overall financial picture of the Borough of Bay Head.

Mr. Pannucci then read aloud Clerk's Correspondence to be voted On Consent via Resolution No. 2022-111. The requests were a sidewalk sale fundraiser in front of Port Coffee Roasters on August 20th, a road closure on September 11th from Bridge Avenue to Willow Drive for St. Paul's, and a block party on Grove Street on September 3rd.

Public comments was opened and no one from the public commented on said correspondence.

Councilmember Gates motioned for approval, Councilmember Shaning second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Pannucci then read the following resolutions aloud to be voted On Consent:

Resolution No. 2022-112 accepting funds as a special item of revenue from Save Barnegat Bay for the STEM Program and Resolution No. 2022-113 renewing our annual membership in the Ocean County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

Public comments was opened and no one from the public commented on said resolutions.

Councilmember Gates motioned for approval, Councilmember Shaning second, all voted in favor.

The Second Reading / Public Hearing on ordinance No. 2022-10 was had for appropriating funds for the Lake Avenue improvements road work.

Public comments was opened and two residents asked questions of the ordinance:

Lisa Blaney of Lake Avenue asked questions which were answered by Councilmember Cornell explaining this is to help alleviate flooding and ties into our flood mitigation studies stemming from Twilight Lake.

John Younghans asked a question about financing for it and thanked Mr. Pannucci for explaining that almost half of the project is covered by grant money.

Borough Attorney Cipriani explained that while the hearing portion of this ordinance has been satisfied, the vote will have to take place at the next Council Meeting as one more member is needed to vote on a bond ordinance.

Councilmember Gates motioned to table the vote to the next meeting, Councilmember Shaning made the second, all voted in favor.

There was no new or unfinished business by the governing body.

Mayor Curtis then opened up the Public Discussion portion of the meeting.

Pam Stittle of W Lake Drive asked a question about the library which Mayor Curtis answered.

Robert Marino of Mount Street asked a question about the bollards and thanked the Council for reducing the number of them behind the tennis courts. He also asked about pickle ball and tennis of which Councilmembers MacPherson and Cornell answered.

Larry and Beth Cofsky of East Avenue asked about traffic concerns and safety issues around beach entrances. Chief Hoffman and Councilmember Shaning asked follow up questions and thanked them for bringing up their issues and will look more into for them for potential solutions.

Sharon Applegate asked a question about Grove Street which was answered by Councilmember Cornell.

John Younghans asked questions about pickleball and tennis of which was answered by Mr. Pannucci and Councilmember MacPherson.

Sally Younghans asked questions about pickleball and tennis along with various traffic issues. Chief Hoffman addressed her traffic questions and the Mayor said we will be coming up with rules for our courts after the Summer to use going forward. Sally Younghans also thanked the Chief for acting quickly on her various concerns.

Tom Gage rose to say said he would be in favor of coming up with solutions for after hours beach issues.

Lisa Baney of Lake Avenue asked questions about pickleball, tennis and traffic issues which were answered by Mr. Pannucci and Councilmember MacPherson.

John Younghans rose again to ask about possible parking restrictions around the beach areas to which Borough Attorney Cipriani said she would look into.

Sally Younghans rose again to thank everyone for their hard work and service to the town.

Mayor Curtis then thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and reminded everyone they can always call him or come to Mayor's Hours. Mayor Curtis said it is his mission to keep Bay Head the special place that it is.

John Younghans rose again to ask about streaming meetings to which Mr. Pannucci answered that Bay Head, like most towns now, will not be streaming meetings anymore now that the pandemic has essentially ended and everything is back to being in person. Mr. Younghans then asked about various issues before the Planning Board of which Ms. Cipriani handled since Mr. Younghans is a member of the Planning Board and would need to be addressed at the Planning Board level.

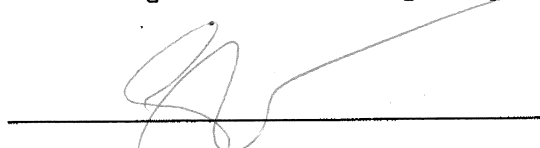
Mayor Curtis then closed public comments seeing no other residents wishing to speak.

Councilmember Gates Motioned to pay the vouchers, Councilmember Shaning made the second, all voted in favor.

Councilmember Gates motioned to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Shaning made the second, all voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.

I, Frank Pannucci Jr., MPA, QPA, RMC, Deputy Clerk of the Borough of Bay Head, hereby certifies that these are the minutes of the public meeting of the governing body of the Borough of Bay Head held in Borough Hall on Bridge Avenue the evening of August 15, 2022.



Frank Pannucci Jr., MPA, QPA, RCM, Deputy Clerk