

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF
THE BOROUGH OF STONE HARBOR HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
June 20th, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Davies-Dunhour at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Judith M. Davies-Dunhour, Mayor
Megan Brown, Deputy Clerk
Marcus Karavan, Solicitor
Manny Parada, Interim Borough Administrator

PRESENT

Councilmembers
Frank Dallahan
Victor Foschini
Bunny Parzych
Robin Casper
Jennifer Gensemer
Reese Moore

Mayor Davies-Dunhour announced that the meeting was now open. Adequate notice of the meeting was provided by posting a copy of the time and place on the Municipal Clerk's bulletin board and mailing a copy of same to the Press and the Cape May County Herald on January 4, 2023.

FOR THE RECORD, THIS WORK SESSION WAS HELD VIA VIDEO/TELEPHONE
CONFERENCE IN A ZOOM FORMAT AS WELL AS IN PERSON

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Reports of Standing Committees:

PUBLIC SAFETY - Councilmember Dallahan

Fire Department Report – Chief Stanford Presented the May 2023 Report

1 Cooking Fire, 1 Brush Fire, 8 Medical Assists, 2 Beach EMS Assists, 1 Motor Vehicle Accident, 1 Search for Person in Water, 1 Trench Rescue, 1 Water Rescue, 1 Surf Rescue, 1 Watercraft Rescue, 6 Natural Gas Leaks, 1 Arcing Wires, 13 Fire Alarms, 2 Carbon Monoxide Alarms.

Chief Stanford was asked by Mr. Dallahan to give a summary of the need for the purchase of the Fire Truck. Chief Stanford explained in detail the need for the truck.

Police Department Report – Chief Tom Schutta Presented the May 2023 Report

130 Motor Vehicle Stops, 5 motor vehicle accidents; 5 suspicious vehicles; 12 animal complaints; 2 OPRA requests were responded to; 20 open doors and or windows.

Update on personnel: We have two SLEO II recruits in the academy, they will graduate June 29th. SLEO I graduated last week and there are 4 working. In the next few weeks will begin to fill the full-time vacancy.

Stone Harbor Municipal Court- everything is running well- nothing to report.

Councilmember Dallahan asked Chief Schutta if there has been a significant increase in the number of tickets issues. Chief Schutta responded that last year in May they issued 33, this year 564 in May. The increase comes from the new system having their own method of warning the person their time is running out, they no longer have to issue a warning as they would've done in the past.

Lifeguard Captain – Captain Sandy Bosacco: May 28th annual lifeguard try outs were held, 21 were selected and are being trained. Guards and taggers will be fully staffed. Captain responded to the complaints about fishing; he advised the guards have been instructed to monitor for any unsafe conditions or any complaints & are to contact headquarters immediately. He also mentioned the dredging, they have a system down, to close about 2 streets at a time and it seems to be working well.

Office of Emergency Management – Frank Vault, OEM Director: 2023 we have been in a la Nino cycle which is resulting in increased ocean temperatures. The division of National Weather Service predicts near normal activity in the Atlantic this year. NOAA is forecasting a range of 12 to 17 Named storms, which is a storm that's 39 mph or higher; of those five to nine could become hurricanes; with a hurricane being winds of 74 mph or greater, of those one to four are predicted to possibly be major hurricanes. NOAA has a 70% confidence level in the ranges as far as preparedness related to the Borough. This year NOAA is implementing a new hurricane forecast model and extending the tropical cyclone outlook graphic from five to seven days, in hopes of providing their emergency managers and communities with more time to prepare for storms.

Recreations and Tourism – Councilmember Victor Foschini

Recreation – Shannon MacPherson, Rec Director

Basketball leagues start on Monday the 26th. Beach patrol will be certifying all our summer staff in CPR and first aid this week. Next week starts our family nights so they will take place on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:15 PM on the shuffleboard courts at 97th street. Bocce league teams are being selected, which will run for 10 weeks. Sandbag beach challenge is July 1st.

Tourism – Jenny Olson, Tourism Director

Special Event applications-

Saint Brendan the Navigator Wedding of the Sea- Aug 15th
Sea Shore Home supply- annual tent sale. Sept 2, 3rd

Natural Resource Committee – Councilmember Robin Casper

Doug Gaffney provided an update on the beach fill project.

Stone Harbor Point Update: 3 pairs of Plovers, 18 pairs of American oyster catchers, 420 black skimmers, 26 common terns & 4 least terns, there is also one pair of nesting American oyster catchers located at 117th St.

Councilmember Casper provided an update on recycling waste cans that are no longer able to be used in Stone Harbor with the new truck.

Council Member Gensemer gave an update on the house tour, which is returning this for the first-time post COVID. The tour will be this Saturday between 12:30 to 4:00 PM. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce. It'll feature six houses including the newly remodeled Pebbles & the garden of kindness. The all-new lifeguard station will be open for our residents to tour.

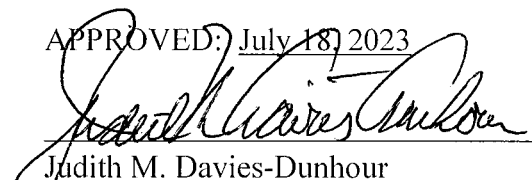
Discussion:

No Further Discussion.

Upon Motion by: Councilmember Frank Dallahan
Seconded by: Councilmember Victor Foschini

That the Work Session Meeting of Mayor and Council be adjourned at 5:40p.m.

APPROVED: July 18, 2023


_____, Mayor
Judith M. Davies-Dunhour

ATTEST: 
_____, Borough Clerk