

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF STONE HARBOR HELD IN THE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
September 19th, 2023**

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

ROLL CALL

Judith M. Davies-Dunhour, Mayor
Emily Dillon, Borough Clerk
Marcus Karavan, Solicitor
Manny Parada, Interim Borough Administrator
Marc DeBlasio, Engineer

PRESENT

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

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

Public Safety Report – Councilmember Dallahan

Fire Department- Chief Roger Stanford

Report for August 2023-75 fire responses,94 EMS responses,1 Building Fire, 4 Cooking Fire, 1 Chimney Fire, 28 Medical Assists, 5 Beach EMS Assists, 1 Pedestrian Motor Vehicle Accident, 3 Surf Rescues, 4 Watercraft Rescues, 1 Gasoline Spill, 4 Natural Gas Leaks, 4 Arcing Wires, 16 Fire Alarms, 2 Carbon Monoxide Alarms.

Police Department – Chief Tom Schutta

Report for August 2023- 241 Motor vehicle stops; 72 motor vehicles summonses; 755 parking summonses; 20 motorist assists; 26 motor vehicle accidents, 15 suspicious vehicles investigated; 21 animal complaints; 3 OPRA requests were responded too; 19 noise complaints; and 5 adults were arrested.

Beach Patrol- Captain Sandy Bosacco

Report for August 2023- 26 rescues, 13 medical calls, and 24 lost children were found. Mr. Bosacco states the remaining lifeguards will be stationed throughout the end of September with updates to which beaches on social media. Mr. Bosacco acknowledges and thanks his department and employees for another safe and successful summer as well as their dedication. Councilmember Gensemer encourages Mr. Bosacco to research Avalon's beach patrol social media platforms that provide the public with training and safety information while celebrating the Beach Patrol department.

Office of Emergency Management – Frank Vault

Mr. Vault reports there were 7 national weather service notices and the emergency operating plan was submitted and approved by the office of the Attorney General Department of Law. Mr. Vault states he has also updated the Federal and State FEMA sites with the correct information.

Recreations and Tourism – Councilmember Victor Foschini

Recreation – Shannon MacPherson, Recreation Director

Ms. MacPherson states the fitness classes are continuing to be taught outside weather permitting with no charge to participate, and the Borough's social media accounts will be kept up to date with the schedule. Ms. MacPherson mentions Crafternoons will be held Tuesdays from 3:30PM-5:00PM starting September 26th and encourages people to register as there is a limited number of spaces available. Ms. MacPherson states the tennis and pickle ball courts remain open and asks the public to utilize them between 8:00AM-8:00PM and no reservation is necessary. Ms. MacPherson announces registration for Halloween is now open through the Borough website and requests residents register by October 20th to have the maps prepared by October 27th.

Tourism Director – Jenny Olson

Ms. Olson announces the Savor September event needs to be rescheduled to the weekend of September 29th and 30th due to upcoming inclement weather and may need to be moved into October weather dependent. Ms. Olson mentions she has a special event application for approval for the PTC Halloween Carnival on October 27th 6:00PM-8:00PM and request to utilize the recreation parking lot and basketball pavilion. Ms. Olson states the details for upcoming events that will be updated on the website with dates and information.

Natural Resource Committee – Councilmember Robin Casper

Ms. Casper states that Mott MacDonald is currently working on an application for the NJDEP, and have informed the State to remove the 127th Street groin from the application and the revisions to the environmental impact statement are also being addressed. Ms. Casper mentions the committee anticipated doing a second point survey to support the GPS program with SHPOA but since that effort has been paused and states the Natural Resources committee recommends a reallocation of survey resources to the beaches spanning from 82nd Street to 122nd Street. Ms. Casper states the US Army Corps Philadelphia district will be dredging local Stone Harbor waterways on September 21st- 24th in daylight hours. Ms. Casper announces the NJ Fish and Wildlife has requested a continued extension of the recreational vehicular closure at Stone Harbor Point until September 22nd. Ms. Casper states prior to the construction of the new pump house project, Princeton Hydro will be do a fall spot treatment for phragmites. Councilmember Moore questions the status of the beach surveys that were to be completed by the Army Corps following the beach renourishment. Mr. Parada clarifies the survey has been completed but not transmitted to the Borough yet.

Discussion:

Navigational Impacts of 96th Street Construction

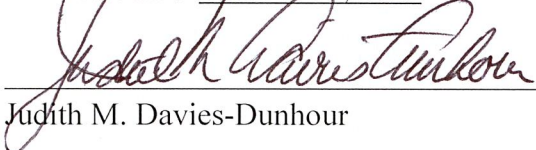
Mr. Parada states he has been in contact with the County regarding the street closures and the long term planning for the reconstruction of the 96th street bridge. Mr. Parada states the County will be hosting a public session Tuesday September 26th on Microsoft Teams at 10AM with the link to the meeting on the Borough website detailing the navigational impacts for water crafts. Mr. Parada states there will be future public sessions for information on the impacts on motorists and pedestrians.

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

That the Work Session Meeting of Mayor and Council be adjourned at 4:55PM.

Vote 6 Councilmembers AYE

APPROVED: October 17, 2023


_____, Mayor
Judith M. Davies-Dunhour

ATTEST 
_____, Borough Clerk
Emily Dillon