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A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon was held on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 4:32 p.m. in the Meeting Room, 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon, New Jersey.

Attendance: Public - - - - - - - - - - 10 Reporters - - - - - - - - - - 2

The meeting was called to order by Council President Dean.

 Roll call: Council President Dean Present

 Councilman Burns Present

 Councilman Covington Present

 Council Vice President Hudanich Present

 Councilman McCorristin Present

Also present:

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator

James Waldron, Assistant Business Administrator

Stephen D. Barse, Esquire, Borough Solicitor

William Macomber, Director of Public Works/Utilities

Paul E. Short, Sr. Code Enforcement Officer

Chief William McCormick

Thomas R. Thornton, P.E., Borough Engineer, Hatch Mott Macdonald, LLC

Council President Dean read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

Notice of this Regular Meeting was included in the Annual Schedule of

Meetings dated June 24, 2015. It was given to the news media and posted on the Official Bulletin Board as required by law.

Public comments regarding Resolutions:

None.

Resolution No. 145-2015: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF

SURPLUS PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED

FOR PUBLIC USE WITH AN ONLINE AUCTION SERVICE

Motion made by Council President Dean, seconded by Councilman Covington that the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

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Resolution No. 146-2015: ARESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

 OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON

 AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE CAPE

 MAY COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ALL

 HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN

Motion made by Councilman McCorristin, seconded by Councilman Burns that the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Resolution No. 147-2015: ARESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE

 APPOINTMENT BY BOROUGH COUNCIL OF A

 CLASS III MEMBER TO THE

 PLANNING/ZONING BOARD OF THE

 BOROUGH OF AVALON FOR A CERTAIN

UNEXPIRED TERM

Motion made by Councilman Covington, seconded by Council Vice President Hudanich that the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Abstain

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Resolution No. 148-2015: ARESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUSINESS

 ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF AVALON

 TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR POST EVENT

 EMERGENCY RESPONSE & DISASTER RECOVERY

 SERVICES FOLLOWING A NATURAL OR

 MANMADE DISASTER EVENT

Motion made by Councilman Burns, seconded by Council President Dean that the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Resolution No. 149-2015: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by Council Vice President Hudanich, seconded by Councilman Covington that the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

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Reports of Officials:

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator, gave the following detailed report to Borough Council:

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT—WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH 2015

Beaches: Avalon’s beachfront, along with all beachfronts in New Jersey, received some scarping issues due to a northeasterly wind on Friday/Saturday, August 7th and 8th. This past weekend, at times, sections of the beach between 9th Street and 24th Street were closed to bathers as a precaution due to scarping along the new beach that was completed about one month ago. The Avalon Beach Patrol paid very careful attention to this issue over the weekend and communicated with me to help get the word out about beaches that were open, and closed. The Avalon Department of Public Works did a fabulous job with knocking down the scarp and is commended for working safely to get the beaches re-opened as soon as possible.

Back Bay Dredging: We have been working diligently on the next phase of Avalon’s back bay dredging project. At the request of the Mayor, Tom Thornton received permission to reduce the osprey restriction from September 15th until August 15th; this will simply allow Mobile Dredging to work on the Weir box at the CDF before the commencement of the next round of dredging. We also received approvals for the removal of material from Bay Park Marina and the Third Avenue Waterway following environmental sampling. Letters are going out this week to the property owners in Avalon who will see channel dredging adjacent to their properties. The cost for pre- and post-slip surveys has remained the same. Channel Marine will again conduct the dredging of the private slips, working in conjunction with and under the contract held by Mobile Dredging. Mobile intends to touch up some areas in Princeton Harbor on September 15th before moving to Pennsylvania Harbor in Avalon.

Wendy Torroni: I am pleased to report to Council that Wendy Torroni has become a Certified Municipal Court Administrator this month by the New Jersey Supreme Court. Achieving this certification is a challenging process. Following a prescribed curriculum of study, each candidate must sit for both a written and oral examination. The oral exam is designed to test a candidate’s ability to apply and explain the principles of municipal court operations and management in various practical settings. Wendy also submitted a written court improvement project based on a theme that contributes to the administrative of justice and furthers the Court’s interests in a positive fashion. Now, Wendy must participate in a continuing education program requiring 45 contact hours of approved professional development seminars. We congratulate Wendy on this significant achievement.

Townsend Inlet Bridge: On July 29th, Councilman John McCorristin, Sergeant John Roscoe, and I attended a meeting in Sea Isle City with officials from that community along with Cape May County Engineer Dale Foster regarding the next phase of work at the Townsend’s Inlet Bridge. Mr. Foster confirmed that it is very likely road improvements at the bridge, along with some repairs to the bridge itself, will occur during the next two winters. However, in the next two upcoming winters, due to environmental restrictions, the work must finish on or before March 15th with no exceptions. At the TI Bridge, the road on the Avalon side, from the base of the bridge for about a quarter mile along the seawall, is being rebuilt with steel sheet piling on each side.  This is being done with funds resulting from super storm Sandy, for which the county received the necessary authorization last month.  The planned work will enable the road to withstand severe storms that, several times in the past decade, have severely compromised or destroyed it.  The project is currently being advertised for bids, and contingent on receipt of a responsible bid, a construction contract will be awarded by the Freeholders in September.  Work is expected to start in November, and the project must stop by March 15 due to environmental restrictions.  The current plan is that the bridge will be closed for a 2 month period between December and March to allow road construction to take place at the base of the bridge that can only be accomplished with a total road closure.  The balance of the project will provide for one lane of traffic.  Because of the environmental restrictions, this will be a two season project. In season two, there will be no road closure.

Also at TI Bridge, a submarine cable that provides electric power to the movable section of the bridge is scheduled to be replaced.  A contract has not yet been awarded, but the project is expected to take place this winter.  There will be no impact to vehicle traffic; with marine traffic being diverted for perhaps a week during daylight hours while the cable is being placed with divers.  There can be no work in the water after March 1st, so the marine impact will be at the slowest time.

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ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT—WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12th 2015- Continued:

Atlantic City Electric: We continue to hold meetings with Atlantic City Electric as we move towards the second and final year of the construction of the new Peermont Substation, and pole replacement program along Avalon Boulevard and Ocean Drive. Atlantic City Electric presented detailed information and graphical depictions for the next phase of the project during the AHLOA meeting on Saturday, August 8th. The entire presentation is posted for the public’s benefit at avalonboro.net. It is Atlantic City Electric’s intentions to begin work soon after Labor Day weekend. As mentioned at Saturday’s meeting, the de-energizing of the current substation is expected to create a one-time outage of approximately 15 minutes in September. We are working with Atlantic City Electric to distribute information about this outage as effectively as possible.

Dewatering Pool Ordinance Meeting: At the request of Borough Council, we hosted a meeting with pool contractors in Avalon to discuss potential policy changes regarding the dewatering of properties for the installation of swimming pools. Councilman McCorristin was in attendance along with the Committee formed to explore the issues. The meeting was well received with a dozen attendees in the audience representing several pool companies. We engaged in a 75 minute dialogue with the contractors who are crystal clear regarding the Borough’s intent to eliminate any safety concerns and to reduce public nuisance created by the dewatering of pools. It is fair to say the Committee learned new information regarding the process of pool installations. Our intention is to have a second meeting with the pool contractors with a revised suggested ordinance before we present to Council at the Wednesday, September 9th meeting.

Extension of Fishing Pier: On Monday, August 10th I hosted a meeting in my office with Tom Thornton and the contractor awarded a contract by the Avalon Fishing Pier to extend the Pier an additional 200 feet. It is anticipated that the project will take four months, and begin in mid to late October and be completed in late February or early March. Various safety procedures were agreed upon and cleared by Ed Dean, who chairs our safety committee. Work will largely be conducted during daylight hours on weekdays. There will also be prohibitions to the contractor working on week days that will fall within the Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, and Presidents Day weekends. The beach will continue to remain open and accessible with various safety fencing installed for the protection of the public.

Public Comments:

None.

Motion made by Councilman McCorristin, seconded by Councilman Burns to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Regular Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

 Respectfully submitted,

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 Marie J. Hood, Borough Clerk

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 Richard E. Dean, Council President