

Discussion regarding Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Caterpillar Model D2 Track Type Tractor through the Sourcewell National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.

William McCormick indicated the Department of Public Works has requested this purchase to help with beach work conducted throughout the year. In the previous years of beach replenishment projects, such equipment has been rented or borrowed. There is a similar piece of equipment owned by the Borough that is a model year 1989 received in 2015. Certification of Funds has been provided by the Chief Financial Officer, and the equipment is ready to be delivered upon approval by Borough Council.

Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be prepared for the May 22, 2024 Council Meeting.

Discussion regarding Resolution appointing a Class I and Class II Special Officer.

Chief Christopher announced the hiring of an additional Class I Special Officer, and an additional Class II Special Officer to help staff the Police Department during the summer season, and asked Borough Council to look favorably upon these appointments.

Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be considered at today’s meeting.

Discussion regarding Resolution accepting award of the 2024 Cops in Shops Grant.

Chief Christopher noted the Avalon Police Department applies for this grant each year, and this year has received \$1,440 in grant funding. He mentioned this grant funding helps get the message out to the public that the Borough of Avalon does not tolerate the serving of alcohol to underage patrons.

Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be considered at today’s meeting.

Discussion regarding Resolution amending Resolution 92-2024 concerning award of contract to Yannuzzi Group, Inc. for Contract M-137, 2024 Beach Renourishment to correct the award amount to \$350,500.00.

Thomas Thornton reported a typographical error was made in the report of bids received for this project. The original incorrect amount was \$350,000; however, the correct contract amount was \$350,500. This amended amount does not impact the standing of the lowest bidder.

Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be considered at today’s meeting.

Minutes:

Council Meeting – April 24, 2024

Motion made by Council President McDermott, seconded by Councilwoman Coskey that the minutes be approved as submitted.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Councilwoman Coskey	Aye
	Councilman Johnson	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman Wierman	Aye
	Council President McDermott	Aye

Public comments regarding Resolutions:

None.

Council President McDermott asked if any Councilmember wished to have any Resolution acted upon independently of the consent agenda.

There were no requests from any member of Borough Council to act upon any Resolutions independently.

- Resolution No. 95-2024: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACTIVATION OF PLENARY CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO 0510-33-004-005 HELD BY 24TH STREET, LLC FOR THE LICENSE TERM COVERING JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024
- Resolution No. 96-2024: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR 22ND STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT, CONTRACT M-130
- Resolution No. 97-2024: A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH AND THE WEEK OF MAY 13TH THROUGH MAY 19TH AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK
- Resolution No. 98-2024: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLASS I SPECIAL OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF AVALON
- Resolution No. 99-2024: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS, (N.J.S.A. 40A:4 87), NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL FOR COPS IN SHOPS SUMMER SHORE INITIATIVE 2024
- Resolution No. 100-2024: A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO 92-2024 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH YANNUZZI GROUP, INC. FOR CONTRACT NO. M-137, 2024 BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECT TO AMEND THE CONTRACT AWARD AMOUNT TO THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$350,500.00)
- Resolution No. 101-2024: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Motion made by Council President McDermott, seconded by Councilwoman Coskey that Resolution 145-2023 through 148-2023 as listed on the consent agenda be adopted.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Councilwoman Coskey	Aye
	Councilman Johnson	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman Wierman	Aye
	Council President McDermott	Aye

Reports and Recommendations by Mayor and Officials:

Reports of Officials:

Scott Wahl read the following report:

8TH Street Tennis Courts: On Tuesday, May 7th, Avalon’s new bank of tennis courts at the 8th Street Complex were opened for business. The three new tennis courts replace the former courts which were converted into pickleball courts. Avalon is awaiting work on our State grant application that would be applied towards capital improvements at our 39th Street Tennis Court complex.

Turtle Fencing: At the request of the Borough of Avalon, the County of Cape May is now installing turtle fencing along Avalon Boulevard in Middle Township. Avalon for years has provided the turtle fencing at its own expense on the Avalon portion of the Boulevard to assist in the preservation of turtles who cross the road during mid to late spring. This morning, staking was occurring on the Boulevard in Middle Township to continue Avalon’s successful efforts with this program. Avalon is grateful for the interest.

Avalon Police Training: I want to commend Chief Jeff Christopher and his staff for presenting two very informative security meetings in this room yesterday. The presentations were informative, professional, and engaging. For the benefit of the public, we are having notice that this training will continue next Monday, May 13th, when employees will be actively participating in a security drill. This will require the delayed opening of Borough Hall next Monday only. Borough Hall will open to the public on that date at 9:30am.

NJDOT Presentation: One week ago, myself and Connie Mahon, Administrator, Wildwood Crest, were asked to join a forum to present opportunities and challenges for back bay dredging projects. The New Jersey Department of Transportation asked us both to discuss the 2014 dredging project that involved Avalon, Middle Township, and the NJDOT to dredge main navigation channels and allow slip owners to have their slips dredged by a subcontractor. Some takeaways from the conference include:

-Avalon has the most valuable asset for dredging projects, a CDF which is located in Middle Township but purchased by Avalon. The NJDOT represents CDF's are the most preferred option for placement of dredge materials during a project. We were asked to represent to other municipal and state officials that the first task of any dredging project is where to put the material before you decide where and when to dredge. This is an asset that will pay Avalon dividends for decades to come as other means of disposal are far less preferred and more difficult to permit.

-Partnerships matter when big dredging projects are contemplated. Avalon's partnership agreements saved taxpayers \$3.4 million, with higher costs savings projected with future projects.

-Continual evaluation every two or three years of navigation channels is a smart investment for communities. When a Sandy-type of event pushes material into navigation channels and towns have a recent evaluation of conditions, they are in a much better position to get FEMA funding to clear out the channels than do communities without recent surveys.

-A reasonable plan to be discussed at this year's capital budget planning meeting is to conduct sediment sampling of the material from the last project in the CDF, with a survey of our navigation channels the following year, followed by partnership agreements to cost-share the removal of material from the CDF before another dredging project is put out to bid. This will provide a path for the mayor and the Council Finance Committee to plan future spending for a project that may be necessary in the next three to five years.

Pending Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Public Comments:

Martha Wright, 632 7th Street, thanked the Mayor and County Commissioners for the installation of turtle fencing along Avalon Boulevard, and detailed the response she received to OPRA Requests seeking copies of Code Enforcement Reports, which included notes of inspections done in connection with the property known as 5609 Dune Drive. She noted the Code Enforcement Official visited the site of this property on numerous occasions for standard inspections, with some dates falling after the suspected date of the illegal clear-cutting was done. She mentioned notes made during the final inspection which indicated the property was fully compliant, with no mention of the desecration of the dunes. She expressed confusion at statements made by the Borough indicating their knowledge of such transgressions, while no documentation of this fact exists, while imploring the Borough to improve and better enforce Dune Vegetation Management Plans.

Elaine Scattergood, 75 30th Street, noted the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) found the violations at 5609 Dune Drive as a result of a citizen complaint, while giving a history of many citizen complaints that have been placed as they pertain to cutting of the dunes and natural vegetation. She encouraged the Borough to visit the site to experience the clear-cutting at 5609 Dune Drive in person, while stressing the importance of enforcement.

Motion made by Councilwoman Juzaitis, seconded by Councilman Johnson to adjourn the Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Coskey	Aye
Councilman Johnson	Aye
Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
Councilman Wierman	Aye
Council President McDermott	Aye

Council Meeting adjourned at 4:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Danielle Nollett
C. Danielle Nollett, Borough Clerk

James T. McDermott Jr.
James T. McDermott Jr., Council President