

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Harvey Cedars, NJ was called to order by Mayor Oldham at 4:30pm. Commissioners Gerkens and Garofalo were present.

The Mayor asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pursuant to the applicable portions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been given. The schedule of this meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Harvey Cedars is listed in the notice of meetings posted on the bulletin board located in the Borough Hall and the Borough's website and was published in the Beach Haven Times on December 15, 2016 and the Asbury Park Press on December 10, 2016.

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, August 4, 2017, was made by Commissioner Gerkens, seconded by Commissioner Garofalo.

The Mayor read the following resolution by title only and asked for a motion to adopt. Copy of the full resolution is attached hereto and made a part hereof:

RESOLUTION #2017-088: Bills

Motion to adopt: Commissioner Gerkens

Second: Commissioner Garofalo

TOPICS OF INTEREST –

The Mayor stated the Fire Company's Dog Day Race is this weekend; the golf tournament will be September 28th. Commissioner Gerkens said it was race weekend, the Blue Claw Crab Race on Saturday and the Dog Day Race on Sunday.

The Mayor stated there were sightings of dredges and pipes, but to the best of his knowledge the beach project should start sometime in October or November.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR –

Ellen Robb, West Essex Ave., thanked the town for placing the blue mats on the Essex beach entrance. She noted, however, that it is slippery on the way down, but very helpful on the way up. She asked if there were any other reviews. Mayor Oldham said he has heard favorable comments, although some do not like the blue color.

Ms. Robb stated the house on the corner of Essex and Harvest was recently sold. She is concerned the new property development may cause additional flooding to the area and loss of wildlife. She asked if the town would purchase the property as Open Space before any construction takes place. She stated it is a great piece of property the whole town can use for fishing or crabbing. Commissioner Gerkens stated the Open Space Committee will only deal with willing sellers; there is a committee meeting Friday night and she will bring it to the committee's attention. She added that the committee is only an advisory committee; the Board of Commissioners has the final decision.

Lisa Lazar asked Commissioner Garofalo if he had a chance to review the paperwork given to him last meeting (security camera issues). Commissioner Garofalo stated he did review most of it and at this time he is not in favor of an ordinance per se, but he does think a policy could be established. He invited Ms. Lazar to join himself and the Chief to come up with guidelines and a policy. Ms. Lazar accepted, and arrangements will be made to meet after the summer season.

Bettie Greber, East 80th Street, stated she has been using the Polaris service offered by the town. She requested the following modifications and asked what the plan will be moving forward:

- Ending the service at 4:30pm vs. 3pm
- Scheduling modifications – calling 24 hours in advance is not convenient, efficient or practical. Changing weather conditions burdens the booth with changes and cancellations.
- Bookings should be scheduled 15 minutes apart; multiple bookings for the same time slot causes planning difficulties.

- Beach access is needed in September, May and June.
- Access is needed before 10am and after 3pm and for personal breaks.

The Board discussed the following with the Grebers:

- The horsepower limit in the ordinance is incorrect. The ordinance was based on specs of a .75 hp motor, but there are 2 motors in the example used at .75 each – the ordinance will be corrected.
- Electric powered beach wheelchairs are authorized on the beach; the Borough does not endorse a specific brand, merely a device that will work and be safe on our beach.
- Extension of afternoon hours for the program has been discussed with lifeguards and is being worked out.
- Scheduling in May, June and September is a work in progress and will be considered.
- 24 hours in advance scheduling will guarantee pickups, but pickups can be accommodated when possible in less notification time.
- Beach vehicle permit fees for fisherman vs. a permit for accessibility reasons should be differentiated.
- Meeting the needs of the handicap population as a whole is the Borough's responsibility.

Mayor Oldham said the Chief, the lifeguards and Commissioner Garofalo will work on the program and address the Greber's concerns. Commissioner Garofalo stated that not everybody is going to be completely happy with the program; he is trying to make the best, most fair and equitable program for the public as a whole; the town will have to be informed by someone else if the program is against any (federal) regulations.

Ellen Robb asked if the meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee is open to the public. Commissioner Gerkens stated it is.

Motion to adjourn: Commissioner Gerkens
Second: Commissioner Garofalo

Meeting adjourned at 5:08pm.