

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Harvey Cedars, NJ was called to order by Mayor Oldham at 4:50pm. 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 10, 2015 and the Asbury Park Press on December 15, 2015.

**Motion** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, August 5, 2016, was made by Commissioner Gerkens, seconded by Commissioner Garofalo.

The Mayor read the following resolutions by title only and asked for motions to adopt after reading each title. Copies of the full resolutions are attached hereto and made a part hereof:

**RESOLUTION #2016-077: Bills**

Motion to adopt: Commissioner Gerkens  
Second: Commissioner Garofalo

**Public Property Usage requests:**

1. **Birthday Party – Sunset Park**

A motion was made by Commissioner Garofalo, seconded by Commissioner Gerkens, to approve the request to use Sunset Park to Brittany Brady for a child's birthday party on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 3pm.

2. **Soccer Camp – Ballfield**

A motion was made by Commissioner Garofalo, seconded by Commissioner Gerkens, to approve the request to use Sunset Park to Martyn Rushmore for soccer camps for 5 weeks in July & August of 2017 from 9am to 1pm.

Mayor Oldham stated he was on the dredge this week; the Army Corps finished the south end of Harvey Cedars; Harvey Cedars is fortunate to get sand now but there is concern that once the Island project is complete, the dredge will be hard to get back due to lack of funding. The DEP can do a cost share of 75% - 25%; it costs \$4million just to mobilize the dredge; the FCCE money needs to be approved.

Mayor Oldham announced the Fire Company's Dog Day Road Race is this Sunday.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR –**

The Mayor acknowledged several residents from 85<sup>th</sup> Street that were in attendance to discuss the lack of drainage on their street. He stated the Borough Engineer is working on different designs to address the flooding issue including a storm drain the length of the street to drain through the bulkhead, a swale on the edge of properties and requesting the County to install a drain on the Boulevard. Paul Miller, W. 85<sup>th</sup> Street, will email a video to the Clerk that shows the flooding. Mr. Binetsky asked about the timeline; the Mayor said approximately \$150k needs to be budgeted first; work may be done in the spring time.

Other matters discussed with members of the public and Trustees of the Taxpayers' Association:

- Steep beach walkovers.  
The Taxpayer's Association is willing to work with the town to provide rollouts or some other solution. Public Works recently purchased a new bobcat and CDBG funding is coming for 400' of beach mats. Storms, such as Jonas this year, leave significant erosion, sand usually comes back in time to be bulldozed but not this year; it didn't start coming back until late; manpower is down. The walkovers should be better and will be worked on.
- Beach Raking.  
Complaints were voiced about a tremendous amount of seaweed on the beach, but there are those in favor of the seaweed on the beach, it belongs there and helps collect the

sand. Mayor Oldham said he would follow up on the raking, but it should be done 2 to 3 days a week.

- **Beach Funding.**

The Taxpayers Association is willing to help with campaigning for beach funding with letter writing or whatever is necessary. The Mayor said he will be in touch with Association's President about the beach; the project depends on receiving FCCE money which would rebuild the walkovers.

- **Open Space Tax.**

Mr. Reinhold Emrich of Buckingham Ave. had questions regarding the binding referendum of the open space tax. He voiced his concerns about asking taxpayers to agree to an additional tax without knowing exactly how the money can be spent; he stated that his hometown and County up north had the open space tax which was abused. The Board stated if the referendum is passed the details of the ordinance will be introduced and passed with the usual public meetings and with consultation of the Taxpayers Association; the Board wants to protect against abuses in the future with a well-written ordinance. If the tax was in place, the James Street property is an example of what could have been purchased. A sunset clause was mentioned that the Board will look into.

**Motion** to adjourn: Commissioner Garofalo

Second: Commissioner Gerkens

Meeting adjourned at 5:08pm.