

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 18, 2014.

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, August 7, 2015, was made by Commissioner Garofalo, seconded by Commissioner Gerkens.

Motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting, August 12, 2015, 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 #2015-070:

AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL COURT SERVICES

Motion to adopt: Commissioner Gerkens
Second: Commissioner Garofalo

RESOLUTION #2015-071:

DESIGNATING BANK SIGNATORIES FOR MUNICIPAL COURT FUNDS

Motion to adopt: Commissioner Gerkens
Second: Commissioner Garofalo

RESOLUTION #2015-072:

AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATIONS FOR 7 EAST 73RD STREET

Motion to adopt: Commissioner Gerkens
Second: Commissioner Garofalo

RESOLUTION #2015-073: Bills

Motion to adopt: Commissioner Gerkens
Second: Commissioner Garofalo

Public Property Usage requests:

1. Lacrosse Camp – Sunset Park

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerkens, seconded by Commissioner Garofalo, to table the request by David Bucchino/One Nation Lacrosse for a lacrosse camp the week of July 25, 2016 until further information regarding the camp is received.

2. Community Block Party – Cedars Ave.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garofalo, seconded by Commissioner Gerkens, to approve the request by Kathy Ries to close off a section of Cedars Avenue for a block party on Saturday, September 5, 2015 from 3pm to 9pm.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR –

Mike Songer asked about the outcome from the last meeting regarding the open space tax. The Board stated that the question for open space is being held until next year to give the Commissioners an opportunity to get more input from taxpayers.

Mike Songer stated he was attending the County Freeholder meeting tomorrow and requested the Clerk to email some correspondence regarding the three lanes.

Jim Loudon stated that many people (from the Taxpayers' Association) are hesitant about the canine program. Commissioner Garofalo stated he understood their concerns and that is why

the police started a “Go Fund Me” account. He explained there are more drug stops this year and the response time for a search dog from the County or other towns is too long; the Police Department needs tools to succeed in their work; our department promotes themselves very well through Twitter and Facebook; he hopes the program succeeds, but if there is not enough funding at any point, the program can be disbanded. Commissioner Gerkens added that the dog can also be used for tracking; finding lost children and locating missing adults. Mike Songer said the canine officer will be at the Taxpayers’ Association meeting on the 29th to speak one on one to the residents.

Bob Danno stated the school tax issue will be discussed at the Taxpayers’ meeting. Mayor Oldham said the Joint Taxpayers’ Association needs to engage all the Island mayors in this issue and we are all waiting to see what happens in Cape May. Commissioner Gerkens said that some have said it may be much worse (higher taxes) if the school tax was equalized across the State.

Motion to adjourn: Commissioner Garofalo
Second: Commissioner Gerkens

Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm.