

Council Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2023

Held in-person at Borough Hall Council Chambers, 416 New Jersey Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach.
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The Governing Body reserves its right to amend and supplement
the purposes of executive session by motion at the public meeting.

Mayor Kanitra called the regular meeting to order at 7:36PM. The Municipal Clerk read the notice indicating compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act: “Adequate notice of the time and place of this meeting was given under the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act and was posted and sent to the officially designated newspapers in compliance with the law.” Present were Councilmembers Vitale, Testa, Byrnes, Ramos, Crowley and Migut.

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APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:

Motion by Councilman Vitale to approve the June 20, 2023 Council meeting minutes was seconded by Councilwoman Testa and carried by roll call vote.

VOTE: Councilmembers Vitale, Testa, Byrnes, Ramos, Crowley, Migut....YEA

MOMENT OF SILENCE: For Howard Schneider, Board of Adjustment

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Vitale: recognized employee anniversaries for July – Michael Allegretta 3 years, Jeffrey Latshaw 3, Tyler Zukowitz 3, Megan Palmer 3, Brian Patton 9, Kristin Troncone 2; gave the Chief's report since the last meeting – 63 arrests resulted in 86 criminal charges, there were 1,112 Borough ordinance violations and more than 3,000 parking tickets; the Recreation Summer Concert Series is underway – announced the lineup – Summer Camp is in its 2nd week with 130 campers, 16 Counselors and 2 Directors – Ukelele/Guitar on the Beach started July 10th with a mix of kids & adults – registration is still open for Summer Skate Board II, August 2-25 – Bags on the Beach cornhole tournament at Jenk's North will be held on August 26th, with registration open for teams – Tug of War planning is underway for October 8th, with teams being created, can reach out to him or see the Rec Facebook page; gave a shout out to PPB Little League Jr. Baseball Team who were a win away from advancing to the regionals – they were the District 11 and NJ Section 3 champs and the NJ State runner-up – congratulated the boys and coaches – suggested a proclamation at a future Council meeting; requested that item 20 be carved out for more conversation (will be Resolution 4); asked Atty. Riordan for a brief explanation of 1L, the town's obligations and costs (Atty. Riordan: he was not involved in the discussions; Mayor Kanitra: was spoken about at either the NJ Conference of Mayors or NJ League of Municipalities – all are talking about the PFAS situation – it is in just about every water system in NJ and has severe health implications – a group was there who can help municipalities recover money to help treat it and fix the problem appropriately – they are the only experts in this situation – even though our water gets piped in from Brick Twp., they seem to think we are eligible – no cost to Borough – they operate on a contingency fee basis; Atty. Riordan: has concerns with the agreement – they want complete

control over spending and expenses and we could be responsible, so there's some tweaking, but that's not a big deal – the contingency fee means that if they recover money for the Borough, the Borough pays them 35%, which is higher than the allowed percentage in NJ – has concerns about whether they're licensed in NJ too, but is sure they will hire a NJ-licensed lawyer, as most specialists do – has looked at the agreement – recommends letting him negotiate it with them, if hired – added "contingent upon attorney review" to the resolution.

Councilwoman Testa: gave the Building Committee report – year-to-date 477 building permits have been issued, which is 80 more than last year – \$203,258.00 in permit fees and violations have been collected – there have been 67 grease trap applications, which has doubled since last year – had 361 seasonal rental units approved, which is more than last year – have 412 approved business registrations – have received 230 flood plain development applications, with 133 approved so far – the floodplain staff is looking into joining NJPPI, a working group to help improve our floodplain and CRS discount over time – the Building Dept. has collected more than \$395K in fees so far this year; gave the Arts Committee report – work by artist Laura Lutz is on display in Borough Hall – looking at a possible meet and greet with her in August – the mural by Yeager Lumber will start in the coming weeks and will take about a month – the Kids Art Classes in the park are going great; the Beautification Facebook page is up and running – looking for volunteers – are weeding this Saturday by the boats at 8 o'clock – talking about a possible Sand Castle Contest in September for children.

Councilwoman Byrnes: the Fire Company reports a busy season with heavy calls and a rigorous training schedule; the Shade Tree Commission, with tonight's anticipated appointments, has a full roster – the downtown Christmas tree is doing very well and they are grateful for the extra water help; the Golden Gulls are planning several events – had the biggest turnout this morning at Zumba and Chair Yoga – last Tuesday's Ice Cream Social was enjoyed by many – last Thursday was the Oldies Show at PNC Arts Center – was able to secure VIP seating – thanked BA/CFO Riehl, who provided transportation, with no cost to attendees, and Councilwomen Testa & Crowley, who chaperoned; PPB gave a show of solidarity with Hands Across the Beaches, that was held throughout the State – impromptu, but a nice turnout with more than 100 – mats/entrance looked beautiful – a handicapped guest pointed out no handicapped parking around the Maryland Ave. Beach (BA/CFO Riehl: there is one designated space; Mayor Kanitra: incredible how the Councilwomen stepped up and made the wind event happen and represented PPB strongly).

Councilman Ramos: school is out – Bd. of Ed. is regrouping for the new school year – congratulated recent graduate, Joe Beley, who received the Sam Mills award during the Monmouth & Ocean County football game – David Fant and Chris Valente were also recognized at the game with academic honors; met with DPW Super. Trout – all is going well; on Monday, the Environmental Commission took pictures of the water bottle filling station on the Boardwalk – fantastic location – sent an article to the newspaper – there is a nice plaque on it – it is dedicated to the Fisher Family Fund.

Councilwoman Crowley: echoed what Councilwoman Byrnes said about the wonderful senior event – honored to attend, along with Councilwomen Byrnes & Testa – spent a good time with our seniors – really nice night – seniors enjoyed it – wonderful transportation with nice cold air conditioning, as it was a very hot night – thanked Councilwoman Byrnes for organizing it and allowing her to participate; she and Councilwomen Byrnes & Testa were, at the last minute, able to organize with other communities and attend the Save the Ocean from the Big Wind/Hands Across the Sand, to stand up against wind turbines – big challenge – hope they are heard – are up for the fight – great day with other residents and organizations; DPW is in full force maintaining properties and doing a great job; thanked the Fisher

Family for doing wonderful things for our community – having the water machine, so we don't have all that plastic affect our ocean is a great thing.

Councilman Migut: despite the weather, parking revenue through June is up \$17K over 2022.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Kanitra: Boardwalk is filthy – ice cream and grease stains, etc. – not a good look – DPW looked at pressure washing, but that doesn't work – Borough Engineer found a cleaning solution, but it causes slight discoloration – would prefer that over a disgusting Boardwalk – asked BA/CFO Riehl to use the Simple Green product and an industrial brush – whatever we have to do – not a perfect solution – will require man hours and expenditures – the other option is to wait 10 years and replace it; final cuts of the commercial should be done in 2 weeks – will ask for expenditure to put it on News 12 and/or some tailored streaming platforms at the next meeting – to push a year-round family population, ensure the school system is viable long-term, and other goals – can maybe show it on TV at the next meeting; Pop's Corner partially opened today – so nice – official grand opening is on Thursday – will be a huge asset for the town; spent most of the day with Jim Breuer from Saturday Night Live – Sen. Testa from Southern NJ asked him to come down for a video and podcast they were doing on the wind situation, which wound up passing by 1 vote – the State gave a \$1B subsidy a couple weeks ago – gave a corporate bailout to Orsted, which is Danish Oil and Natural Gas – QOL Dir. O'Rourke put a note in his comments about them previously getting a bailout from Goldman Sachs, which got picked up by the national media, but no one cares – are putting money into infrastructure and will pay more in rates when the system goes live and they will make billions and send it back overseas.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

BA/CFO Riehl: gave an update on Rte. 35/Arnold Ave. intersection improvements – they reduced 4 lanes to 3, which is not ideal – goal was to widen the left turn lane – not completely satisfied; Ocean Ave. Water Main Project is substantially complete – looking for closeout in August; remainder of the drainage-related improvements on Boston Ave. will be done after Labor Day; Pleasure Park Fencing Improvements are scheduled to begin August 21st; met with DPW Super. and another vendor who will provide a quote for resurfacing the courts; the Coast Guard Station is on track to close in late August; plans have been submitted to the County for the Bikeways Project – expect approval to be sent to DOT this week and hope to bid an award by mid-Sept.; Lincoln Ave. Outfall permitting and application reviews are in progress – hope to have permitting approvals done and go out to bid this summer and construct in the fall; were awarded the grant for the Inlet Walkway Project – changed the specs – going out to bid with 2 concept plans – one has more concrete – Rubberecycle is way more expensive than concrete – will email everyone the renderings; are awarding the engineering for the Dartmouth/Richard Road Project tonight; have award of demolition for 301 Trenton Ave. – expects the judge's final go-ahead at the next meeting in August; have authorization to go out to bid on the monopole on the agenda for the Water Tanks Rehabilitation Project – will take a about 1½ years to construct that pole, paid for by the carriers – equipment on the tank will then be relocated to that pole – will paint the 150,000 gallon tank first, then the 600 gallon, then the other – hope to have everything finished by early 2025 – will send logo renderings for the water tank to the Mayor; are continuing with Channel Dr.; had a kickoff meeting for Safe Routes to School with STV and DOT and are moving forward with that.

Clerk announced additions and revisions to the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BEGAN AT 8:10PM

Dave Cavagnaro, 118 Parkway, PPB: asked about 1B (Mayor Kanitra: usually skip one meeting in summer – took the liberty of choosing this one) concerned about 1/month (Mayor Kanitra: no issues); asked about 1J (BA/CFO Riehl: buying a stand-up mower and blowers – using grant money – for Water/Sewer and DPW); asked about 2AA & 2EE – if our own Engineer can do them (Mayor Kanitra: don't have the software, etc.; BA/CFO Riehl: we do an RFP and get quotes from all Special Project engineers on all projects now).

E.J. Geiger, 115 Arnold Ave., PPB: asked about 2CC (Mayor Kanitra: doing the same thing as for Sanborn – litigation is so we are covered, insurance-wise; BA/CFO Riehl: if we do the demo, we will bill the property owner – if owner doesn't pay, will sell a lien against the property at Tax Sale); asked if 2A is coming out of grant money (yes); concerned with the cancelled Council meeting, with so much going on in summer.

Kitty Stillufsen, 54 Channel Dr., PPB: echoed about August meeting cancellation; asked about 1L (Mayor Kanitra: spoke about it earlier with the water system and the contingency fees); asked when the last MAC meeting was (Councilwoman Testa: about a month ago – have one one/month – little slow in summer because school is out – at the last one, talked about the graduation project and went over funding – working closely with the school counselor and Super. Smith because they know what's best – asked if she'd like to be on the committee) is wondering where the minutes are (Councilwoman Testa: they should all be online) not since 2021 – a violation of the Sunshine Law (Councilwoman Testa: thanked her for letting them know – will correct that) she was removed from a commission in town for violation of town rules – this is against the law – interesting that the same members are being reappointed when there is a violation of the law; asked when the Channel Dr. revitalization rendering will be available to the public (BA/CFO Riehl: had the presentation in June – public outreach is being initiated – will be a meeting where all can see the design and project scope) asked, since she lives on the street, if she will be notified (BA/CFO Riehl: more than likely, yes); asked if there are no plans for bike lanes (Mayor Kanitra: our roads were assessed – we can't have bike lanes – will have sharrows); asked if voting to dissolve the Parking Authority (Councilman Vitale: that item was carved out to talk more about it).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ENDED AT 8:19PM

Motion by Councilwoman Testa to close public participation and approve the items listed below was seconded by Councilwoman Crowley and carried by roll call vote.

CONSENT RESOLUTION 1:

- 1a Approval of payment of Payrolls #13 (\$368,844.70) & #S14 (\$390,697.68)
- 1b Authorization to cancel the August 1, 2023 Council meeting
- 1c Appointment of A. LaPointe as 2023 Rec Summer Camp Counselor
- 1d Approval of payment of hand checks from Planning Bd, Bd of Adj & Developer escrow accounts
- 1e Approval of payment of insurance opt-outs for Jan-June 2023 (\$30,498.23)
- 1f Approval of payment to Keystone Plastics for 2023 brooms (\$3,031.80)
- 1g Approval of payment to Brick Township MUA for June bulk water usage (\$144,583.79)
- 1h Approval of payment to NJ DCA for 2nd Quarter State Training Fees (\$45,012)
- 1i Approval of payment to the State of NJ for employee & retiree health benefits for July (\$153,613.79)
- 1j Approval of payment to Pantano Nursery for landscape equipment (\$9,648.96)
- 1k Approval of payment of refund of W/S overpayment to D. Kinnear for 28 Harborhead (\$1,548.51)
- 1l Auth for Mayor to execute a legal svcs agmt with Stag Liuzza, LLC, related to PFAS litigation svcs, contingent upon Attorney review – REVISED PER COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 1m Memorialization of approval to waive S/E fees for PPB Library's Musical Performance, Bandshell, 7/24

- 1n Approval of pymt to MRS-Municipal Record Svc for traffic tickets & special complaint books (\$3,916)
- 1o Approval of payment to PPB Bd of Ed for August-December allocations (\$5,922.995)
- 1p Appointment of H. DeVivi, Beachwood, to the seasonal position of Comfort Station Attendant
- 1q Approval of payment to Integrated Technical Systems for parking meter contract Apr-July (\$6,600)
- 1r Appointment of D. Smith as regular member & T. Lipari as alt member of the Shade Tree Commission
- 1s Appointment of A. Lightburn as a regular member of the Environmental Commission
- 1t Appointment of R. Simunovich & B. Mee as members of the Recreation Committee
- 1u Approval of payment of hand checks from Collector, W/S & Trust accounts (\$124,766.92)
- 1v Appointment of K. Orlando & M. Hyman to the Non-Resident Taxpayer Committee
- 1w Reappointment of A. Testa, K. Gant, K. Morse, K. Greenberg & S. Yengo to Municipal Alliance Cmte
- 1x Approval of S/E App for PPB Recreation Committee's Kids Inlet Fishing Derby on 9/17
- 1y REMOVED
- 1z Approval of payment to Civic Plus for municipal website (\$10,038.60)

CONSENT RESOLUTION 2:

- 2a Approval of payment to STV for Channel Dr. Revitalization (\$41,062.41)
- 2b Approval of 2023/2024 ABC License renewal for Beach Bay Bar LLC
- 2c Approval of pymt to Van Cleef Eng for water tank repair/repaint & NJIB H2 Loan Prog (\$3,539.08)
- 2d Resolution to accept FY '24 funding for peer leadership for the Municipal Alliance Committee
- 2e Resolution to accept FY '24 funding for the Municipal Alliance Committee
- 2f Approval of ABC S/A App for Chamber to serve beer at the Tug of War at Inlet lot on 10/8 (rain: 10/14)
- 2g Denial of S/E App for B. Tekpinor to sell accessories on the Boardwalk on various July dates
- 2h Approval of S/E App for The Project Matters' Summer Music Festival/Fundraiser at the Bandshell, 9/9
- 2i Approval of S/E App for First Aid Squad's Monster Dash 5K & Fun Run on Bdwlk & streets on 10/28
- 2j Approval of S/E App for R. Somerville's Addison's Birthday Party/Block Party on Boston Ave, 9/23
- 2k Memorialization of approval of S/E App for Summertime Surf Camp at MD Ave Beach, M-F 6/19-9/1
- 2l Approval of S/E App for Rec Cmte Concert in Park/Summer Jazz Ensemble, Bandshell, 7/28 (rain: 7/29)
- 2m Approval of S/E App for Rec Cmte Summer Skateboarding-2nd Session, 8/21-8/25 (rain: 8/26 & 8/27)
- 2n Memorialization of approval of unpaid LOA for employee 000844803
- 2o CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AS RESOLUTION 4 – PER COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 2p Auth to go out to bid for a monopole for cellular antennas
- 2q Auth to petition County to reduce speed limit on Ocean Ave & on Arnold Ave. from Ocean to train tracks
- 2r Approval of payment to Comfort Central of NJ for HVAC service (\$10,350)
- 2s Approval of payment to Turbo Electric for DPW lights (NTE \$5,860)
- 2t Approval of payment to Rio Supply for water meter parts (\$7,194)
- 2u Approval of payment to Detcon for loadmaster cylinder & gasket (\$4,499.27)
- 2v Approval of payment to Jesco for street sweeper repairs (NTE \$4,479.08)
- 2w Approval of payment to Hudson County Motors for sanitation truck parts (\$3,429.46)
- 2x Approval of payment to Ocean County Treasurer for 3rd Q tax levy (\$2,605,062.71)
- 2y Approval of PO to Allegiance Trucks for roll off truck and hoist (\$172,759.73)
- 2z Approval of payment to Turf Equip & Supply for deck and spindles (\$5,534.33)
- 2aa Award of engineering svcs to Remington & Vernick for Dartmouth, Richard & Arbutus Imp (NTE \$44K)
- 2bb Approval of S/E App for Pt. Pleasant Elks Special Needs Parade on Arnold, Ocean, Bdwy & 35S on 7/26
- 2cc Award of 301 Trenton Ave Demo to Barten Enterprises, LLC (NTE max budget allowed under LFL)
- 2dd Officially impose CSC residency requirement for initial appts to career svcs positions
- 2ee Authorization to appoint Colliers Engineering as Traffic Study Engineer (NTE \$13,500)
- 2ff Authorization to hire J. Pasola, PPB as P/T Code Enforcement Officer

CONSENT RESOLUTION 3:

- 3a Approval of computer-generated vouchers (\$1,822,017.47)

- 3b Appointment of SLEO I (1)
 - 3c Appointment of M. Samaritano, Pt. Pleasant, as Parking Enforcement Officer
 - 3d Amendment to Res. 2023-0102/2U-1 (N. Billiniski & M. Gajewski should be SLEO II, not SLEO I)
 - 3e Approval of payment to Winner Ford for 2022 Ford F350 for the PD (\$66,073)
 - 3f Approval of payment to NJ Fire Equipment for PPBFC Mercedes for the Fire Dept (\$6,650)
 - 3g Approval of payment to Motorola Solutions for Monitor V1 for the Fire Dept (\$3,138)
 - 3h Approval of payment to All Covered for IT/Maintenance for June, including for the PD (\$6,454.17)
 - 3i Memorialization of appointment of L. Parody as temporary P/T clerk in the PD
 - 3j Approval of payment to Glenco Supply for traffic cones for PD (\$2,600)
 - 3k Approval of jr. membership in Ocean Fire Co. 1 for A. Michigan, Pt. Pleasant
 - 3l Approval of payment to NJ Business Systems for maintenance contract (\$23,500)
 - 3m Approval of PO to Continental Fire & Safety for supplies for Fire Co. 1 (\$2,580)
 - 3n Approval of payment to Ocean Fire Co. 1 for annual contribution (\$18K)
 - 3o Approval of payment to PPB Fire Co. 2 for annual contribution (\$23K)
 - 3p Approval of payment to PP First Aid & Emergency Squad for annual contribution (\$38,500)
- VOTE: Councilmembers Vitale, Testa, Byrnes, Ramos, Crowley, Migut (except 3f, 3k, 3m, 3n, 3o)...YEA
 Councilman Migut (3f, 3k, 3m, 3n, 3o)...ABSTAIN

RESOLUTION 4: Authority for Administrator & Special Counsel Collins to take all steps to dissolve the Parking Authority (PREVIOUSLY RESOLUTION 2o)

Mayor Kanitra: the Parking Authority is a vestige of another time, not fiscally responsible or prudent anymore – has gotten convoluted over the years – don't own their own lots – not streamlined – their budget has gotten bigger over the last five years (BA/CFO Riehl: it's gotten smaller) have asked for more money this year – \$5.5K is spent on secretarial services, \$3K on a financial audit, \$2.2K on engineering services, \$410 on insurance, \$2K on attorney services – only a portion is spent on landscaping, maintenance, and snow removal – political pressure is what stopped it from getting chopped 5-7 years ago – it needs to go away (Councilman Vitale: has done the research there are other implications including the PAT ticketing system) PAT system is an easy fix – can have a Parking Agency and call someone a Director – suggested Karen Mills, who has been doing their secretarial services for 20 years – can still issue electronic tickets – don't have to spend the extra money and Town Hall can absorb the work (Councilman Vitale: snow removal is a big issue – met with DPW Super. Trout this morning – there is currently no contract for snow removal – if there is a significant snowfall, are now counting on DPW and lack of resources to handle the lots – they will hit Borough lots, schools and streets first, before the Borden's, Valentine and Train lots – unfair burden to them) every time we look at something that can save money, that results in work for DPW, they find a way not to do it – it's 4 parking lots (Councilman Vitale: it's still a significant amount of resources) we have trucks with plows and workers who operate them – businesses aren't opening in a massive snowstorm, so they can get to them last – if it's a 2"-3" snowfall, they can tackle it easily – this nebulous idea of it's more work, which isn't quantified, is how DPW gets out of taking on more work (Councilman Vitale: only a few people drive the plows – will be detrimental to snow removal services) can issue our own RFP for \$20K for snow removal and save \$30K (Councilman Vitale: are rushing into this – suggesting tabling until it's all figured out) a study was already done (Councilman Ramos: let's see it – wants quantifiable numbers; Councilman Migut: the Parking Authority is composed largely of business owners, who spend their days downtown with eyes on the lots 10 hours /day and they throw things back and forth at their meetings about what is needed – losing 7 sets of eyes on the ground – that in itself has value) those 7 sets of eyes couldn't tell that signs were broken, weeds were overgrown, wires were hanging and exposed – snow removal is one small component (Councilman Migut: the problem with landscaping was with the landscaper – they have a new one this year, who is doing an admirable job – asking for more money because they are losing the

banking kiosk; BA/CFO Riehl: numbers are “the ask,” not “the get” – DPW didn't say they wouldn't or couldn't do it – they said it wouldn't be their first priority, which is the streets – doesn't want to portray that they said they won't do it; Councilwoman Testa: hears both sides – is not in favor of dismantling right now – need more discussion – this is all new to her – looked into it – can maybe sit down with them and talk about weeding more than once/month, etc. – someone could fall on ice because DPW can't salt right away – thinks there is benefit to the Parking Authority – should discuss concerns with them and revisit this next year; Councilman Ramos: doesn't necessarily disagree with the Mayor – wants to know numbers – would be increasing the footprint of what DPW is responsible for; Atty. Riordan: former Councilman Mayer championed this idea a few years ago and did a very thorough study; Councilwoman Crowley: if a meeting was held with DPW, which she is liaison to, that she should have been included to get their feedback on what they can and can't do and what they feel it would cost – asked to be included in the future; Councilman Vitale: suggesting looking at the numbers for maintenance, paving, etc., and updating the numbers on the old survey - are other things to look into – can't just make a rushed decision) doesn't think it's rushed – have numbers in front of us – he could care less (Councilwoman Crowley: asked BA/CFO Riehl for copy of the study; Councilwoman Testa: asked who is on the Parking Authority; Councilman Migut: listed them) someone else is going to have to stay on top of them next year.

Motion by Councilman Vitale to TABLE Resolution 4 was seconded by Councilwoman Testa and carried by roll call vote.

VOTE: Councilmembers Vitale, Testa, Byrnes, Ramos, Crowley, Migut....YEA

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 2023-06 (Auth to Acquire by Purchase Public Property/24 Inlet) was considered on second reading. Mayor Kanitra opened the public hearing.

Kitty Stillufsen, 54 Channel Dr., PPB: asked the Governing Body to reconsider – there is a beautiful \$3M waterfront property for sale on Channel Dr. – the Open Space Committee asked the town to consider purchasing it – can have a boat ramp and fishing dock – are beautiful buena vistas with birds in summer – faces Gull Island – is as inexpensive as it will ever be – if putting money into revitalizing Channel Dr., the town should at least own property there – understands the historical significance and value of the Coast Guard Station, but there are other ways to protect it – it's already protected as a designated historical landmark, even if a private person bought it as a house – asked about monthly maintenance costs (Councilwoman Testa: BA/CFO Riehl knows – was discussed at the last Council meeting; Mayor Kanitra: are putting together an RFP to lease out the kitchen, which will provide revenue and probably pay for the monthly maintenance) asked who would lease it and if there is parking (BA/CFO Riehl: identified 7 parking spaces that would be on Inlet – if leasing the kitchen, would issue an RFP and give everyone a chance to bid) asked what use is being envisioned for the Coast Guard Station (Mayor Kanitra: committee space, town museum, surfing and boating museums – would be space on the walls and space for committees to run events – semi-permanent spaces – could be some room for the A.J. Meerwald, when it comes, as well – and a luncheonette space, or whatever) asked how the number was arrived at (Mayor Kanitra: BA/CFO Riehl did an excellent job negotiating and it's 1/3 the price of the Channel Dr. property; BA/CFO Riehl: both sides did appraisals – we submitted an offer – they countered – we settled at \$1M) asked if it's still run by the Federal Government (BA/CFO Riehl: it is now – it will be ours once we officially close – have financing in place – bond ordinance passed for financing – this is the second component, the actual authorization to acquire the property – there is a deed to be executed – once money is exchanged, are looking in August, we will officially own the property).

Motion by Councilwoman Tesa to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance 2023-06 was seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes and carried by roll call vote.

VOTE: Councilmembers Vitale, Testa, Byrnes, Ramos, Crowley, Migut....YEA

Ordinance 2023-07 (Multi-purpose General Cap Bond Ord - \$3,431,350) was introduced on first reading. Motion by Councilman Vitale to approve Ordinance 2023-07 on first reading was seconded by Councilman Migut and carried by roll call vote. The public hearing will be held on August 15th.
VOTE: Councilmembers Vitale, Testa, Byrnes, Ramos, Crowley, Migut....YEA

Ordinance 2023-08 (Multi-purpose W/S Utility Bond Ordinance – amending Bond Ordinance 2022-12 - \$2,901,000) was introduced on first reading. Motion by Councilman Vitale to approve Ordinance 2023-08 on first reading was seconded by Councilman Migut and carried by roll call vote. The public hearing will be held on August 15th.
VOTE: Councilmembers Vitale, Testa, Byrnes, Ramos, Crowley, Migut....YEA

Ordinance 2023-09 (Multi-purpose W/S Utility Bond Ordinance – amending Bond Ordinance 2022-13 - \$410K) was introduced on first reading. Motion by Councilman Vitale to approve Ordinance 2023-09 on first reading was seconded by Councilman Ramos and carried by roll call vote. The public hearing will be held on August 15th.
VOTE: Councilmembers Vitale, Testa, Byrnes, Ramos, Crowley, Migut....YEA

Ordinance 2023-10 (Amend Ch. 31 - Increase Distance Between Small Wireless Facilities) was introduced by title on first reading. Motion by Councilman Vitale to approve Ordinance 2023-10 on first reading was seconded by Councilman Migut and carried by roll call vote. The public hearing will be held on August 15th.
VOTE: Councilmembers Vitale, Testa, Byrnes, Ramos, Crowley, Migut....YEA

Mayor Kanitra: will need a new map - current one shows 250 feet – 500 feet is what we originally asked for (Atty. Riordan: this is a developing area of the law and the decisions now favor municipalities with respect to 500' where they didn't; BA/CFO Riehl: will have to ack quickly – there are 16 locations - already authorized first location; Atty. Riordan: BA/CFO will get the map).

Ordinance 2023-11 (Revise Penalty Provisions) was introduced on first reading. Motion by Councilman Migut to approve Ordinance 2023-11 on first reading was seconded by Councilman Vitale and carried by roll call vote. The public hearing will be held on August 15th.
VOTE: Councilmembers Vitale, Testa, Byrnes, Ramos, Crowley, Migut....YEA

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BEGAN AT 8:51PM

Dave Cavagnaro, 118 Parkway, PPB: asked about 2P – where located (BA/CFO Riehl: Water Dept. property – 100' tower is coming down – new 175' pole will be in that location); should ask Boardwalk businesses to contribute to cleaning, since their products are causing it (Mayor Kanitra: BA/CFO Riehl will ask – they benefit too); echoed compliments to Councilwoman Byrnes and BA/CFO Riehl for the great trip and bus.

Andy Cortes, 409 Washington Ave., PPB: saving of the Parking Authority was not political favor – 8 years ago, he went toe-to-toe with a bond attorney, Councilman Mayer – numbers didn't play out; what a debacle at Rte. 35 and Arnold – State solved their problem with cars backing up on the bridge by eliminating the first turn-around before the Exxon station, which swung you out onto Broadway and pushed everything to Arnold – they created a municipal nightmare – asked Chief Kowalewski to put someone there – people are blocking the box (Chief Kowalewski: have officers there).

E.J. Geiger, 115 Arnold Ave., PPB: asked about the house where the fire was/37 Arnold – every time there is a bad storm, more of that house is falling off – orange fencing is down – had the Police

out their last week for people trying to get into the house – a couple weeks ago, the chimney collapsed – siding is exposed and asbestos is blowing around the neighborhood (BA/CFO Riehl: asked Code to go over; Mayor Kanitra: asked that knocking down be expedited) at least the mediation – even if more of a fence is put up to keep debris in and people out.

Kitty Stillufsen, 54 Channel Dr., PPB: tried to print the Engineering study about the rehabilitation – needs a clearer copy – found it on the town web site (BA/CFO Riehl: she can get it) asked if properties in the rehabilitation area would be eligible for tax credits (Mayor Kanitra: no; Councilman Ramos: grants) was reading on the State web site about areas designated in rehabilitation areas and one of the benefits are tax credits (Mayor Kanitra: are doing rehabilitation and rehabilitation with no eminent domain and no tax credits); spoke about the spraying of phragmites – Mosquito Joe is spraying pesticides on private property – would like the town to take an initiative for a pesticide-free town – at least on municipal property – she did a study and they are far more deadly than we can imagine (BA/CFO Riehl: a couple members of Council wanted to know if the phragmites around Little Silver Lake could be cut down – she checked with the current and prior Engineers and they are not wetlands-protected – she sent lake-area residents letters asking if they want the phragmites eradicated – more than half were opposed – there is no plan to do anything; Mayor Kanitra: they are a buffer for noise).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ENDED AT 9:01PM

Motion by Councilman Vitale to close public participation and adjourn was seconded by Councilman Ramos and carried by consent of Council.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:01PM.

ATTEST: _____
Eileen A. Farrell, RMC
Municipal Clerk