

**MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 30, 2012 – EMERGENCY MEETING**

An Emergency Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on the above date with Mayor McLaughlin presiding and Commissioners Bolan and McLoughlin answering the roll call. Also in attendance were the Borough Clerk, Borough Engineer, Police Chief, Police Captain, Fire Chief, Fire Captain, Public Works Superintendent, Chic Perrotto, owner of Mister C's and the Borough CFO.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM.

This meeting was called in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy and as it was of an emergent nature, there was no opportunity to properly notice. Notice will be sent to the official newspapers when power has been restored.

There was a discussed on the devastation at the beachfront, including the Beach Club Restaurant. The restaurant suffered sever damage, with the entire front half falling into the ocean. Mr. Perrotto stated he was getting equipment to move items out of the restaurant, including the liquor.

Mr. Caron stated they would look at sealing the front of the restaurant. The electric and gas have been turned off.

Mr. Perrotto talked about security, stating there were many people ducking under the barriers and some were actively trying to get into the restaurant. There is glass and debris everywhere and he didn't want anyone to get hurt. Chief Richter stated he will assign an officer down there to keep the public away. Mr. Caron stated he will put up orange fencing, which will make it more difficult for people to get through. They will also put up no trespassing signs. He needed about two hours to get that done as his crew was still out picking up debris. He stated he could put one of his men down there to discourage onlookers.

Mr. Caron stated he is trying to get in touch with the Reclamation Center to find out when they will be accepting items. They have not picked up the trash, but after the debris cleanup, they will start garbage collection. They have a 30 yard bin for branches and brush. He stated his crew will cut any trees that are blocking roadways, but it is the homeowners responsibility to remove any trees blocking the sidewalks or that is on their property.

Mr. Caron stated that he had contacted Burke Construction to pick up the debris on the sand, including the cabanas, which were totally demolished and the snack bar, which was also totally demolished.

The Board next discussed a Borough-wide curfew and Trick or Treating and decided they would institute a curfew from 7 PM to 7 AM and would allow Trick or Treating on Saturday. The Chief will put out a Code Red message with that information and it will be posted on the Borough's sign on Main Street.

Captain Schneider stated they have been calling homeowners whose property was damaged or who have had trees that have fallen. He asked what kind of timeline he should give residents with downed trees. Chief Richter stated they will give residents two weeks to have the trees removed.

Mr. Caron stated that JCP&L will clear any trees that are resting on wires.

Mr. Caron talked about the pump stations, stating that the Cedar Avenue pump station is under water. The other two stations are fine, but will need to be pumped out at the end of the day. They do have the equipment to do that and will get it done.

Peter Avakian, Borough Engineer, stated FEMA will be asking for a damage survey. They will look at the sea wall, restaurant, snack bar and cabanas.

After some discussion, it was decided that the cabanas should be replaced with all temporary cabanas which can be moved off the beach in the event of a storm. It is also in the Borough's best interest to purchase the equipment needed to move the cabanas. It was decided that this was a better course of action than trying to put back the permanent cabanas and the savings would justify the purchase of a truck to move them.

The Board next discussed the umbrella deck and possibly recreating it with cement, instead of wood. Mr. Avakian stated they will do an assessment and try to come up with estimates for repairs or replacement.

Mr. Caron stated they were able to get the motors out of the pump room, but the deck boy's shack is gone. He stated they also lost about six mobi mats that they had stored in the cabanas.

Mayor McLaughlin stated he did not want rumors getting around and Ms. Osborn stated she will type up a release so that everyone in the office has the same information to pass on to residents.

The Board next discussed funding to pay for expenses incurred due to the storm and they decided they would adopt a bond ordinance in the amount of \$1,250,000. This should cover the expenses associated with the restaurant, snack bar, cabanas, boardwalk, including railings and lights and the handicapped ramp. Christine Brown stated she would set up an emergency appropriation so that expenses can be charged. She urged everyone to keep track of storm-related expenses. There was a short discussion regarding the 5% down payment for the bond in which Ms. Brown stating the State may waive that in lieu of circumstances. She will have to get information from the State once everything is back on line and she will let the Commissioners know by the next meeting what action they should be taking relating to finances.

There was a discussion on whether the restaurant was a total lost and should be demolished and rebuilt. Mr. Caron stated that salt water has infiltrated the entire restaurant and the electric would have to be replaced. The roof and floors have been compromised and, in his opinion, the restaurant should be razed and rebuilt. The Mayor discussed rebuilding the

restaurant and possibly having dining on the roof. Mr. Avakian stated he did not know what FEMA or the DEP would allow if they were to build something different from what is there now. The Board discussed possibly working with FEMA and perhaps putting in their own money to re-build the restaurant.

Mr. Perrotto asked the Borough to look at the lease. He wanted to be sure this did not void his lease. He asked when they thought the restaurant could be back as he wanted to tell his staff what to expect. It was decided that if the restaurant were to be repaired, it could possibly be ready sometime in May. If they were to raze it and re-build, it would obviously be a longer period before they were up and running. Ms. Osborn stated she would speak to the Borough Attorney to make sure the lease was still in good standing.

Ms. Osborn again urged everyone to keep track of all expenses that are storm related.

There was a short discussion on taxes since they are due on November 1<sup>st</sup> and there is only a five day grace period. Comm. Bolan moved, seconded by Mayor McLaughlin that a ten day grace period be granted for the payment of taxes. Motion carried. A formal resolution will be adopted at the next Board of Commissioners meeting.

There being no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned.

Lori L. Osborn, RMC  
Clerk-Administrator