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ance policy application for review. He said FEMA had questions about the application on two occasions and that continued through to September. MacLeod said they have been following progress closely.

"We have continually stayed in touch with our risk management person to keep inquiring about progress being made with our application," he said.

When Hendricks asked if pilings for Convention Hall were set too low, MacLeod said he was unaware of any problems with the pilings and did not know if that would lead to being denied flood insurance. MacLeod said it could, however, have an impact on the insurance premium.

MacLeod said it was unfortunate the city still hadn't

received an answer about the policy prior to Hurricane Sandy's arrival. He said once coverage was obtained, there would be a 30-day period before it would take effect.

"I guess in a sense, we're self-insured, unfortunately, if something were to occur," he said.

MacLeod said at one point, FEMA told the city they did not receive an application for Convention Hall. He said the application ended up on a desk "somewhere in Montana."

Hendricks asked if it would have been wise to inform taxpayers of the lack of insurance on Convention Hall and also singled out Mayor Ed Mahaney during his comments.

"I think this is unfortunate for you, Mr. Mayor, that people genuinely believe this was being covered up until after

the election," Hendricks said. Mahaney said he was unaware that there was no flood insurance for the facility until the storm arrived. Under the city's form of government, an administrative duty such as this is handled by the city manager and not council.

Resident Kevin Soler, who was the owner of an insurance agency, asked what the elevation of Convention Hall was on the certificate. MacLeod said the building was at 15 feet and two inches but there was also a sump pump at an elevation of eight to 10 feet.

Soler said there was no excuse for the city not to have coverage considering the building was opened in May.

"It's absurd to have this kind of risk on the community," Soler said.

Patricia Hendricks asked MacLeod if the facility had

a certificate of occupancy, which he said was a temporary certificate of occupancy (TCO). She said everyone on council should have been aware of the situation regarding the lack of coverage on the new facility.

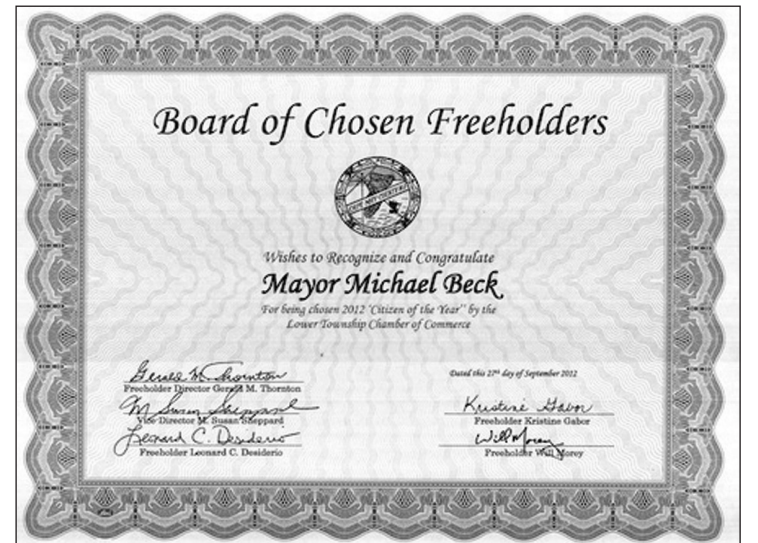
"Shame on you, shame on you for not knowing or you or you or you," she said as she pointed at each member of council. "Sometimes you have to ask questions, sometimes you get questions where you don't like the answers."

She said if the city wanted residents to follow the regulations and codes of Cape May, the city should have to follow them as well.

The city is holding a special meeting today at 1 p.m. in the City Hall auditorium to discuss Convention Hall flood insurance.



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Above, Lower Township Mayor Mike Beck, center, accepts a certificate of recognition from Freeholder Director Gerald Thornton, right, as Freeholder Susan Sheppard looks on. Below is the certificate honoring Beck for being chosen Citizen of the Year by The Lower Township Chamber of Commerce.



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make the attempt. He said he was well aware Lower Township's larger voter population would easily outweigh Cape May's effort to change the formula.

Gagliardi said if Cape May tried to withdraw from the regional school district, it would not need the cooperation of other towns in the district, namely Lower Township and West Cape May. If Cape May tried to dissolve the regional school district, it would require a majority of the municipalities and districts to cooperate.

He believed if the city with-

drew from the regional district and sent students on a send-receive basis the taxpayers would pay the actual per student cost, which is about \$10,000 per year, per student, as opposed to \$80,000.

"You would be sending students to the same building with the same teachers and classmates," he said.

Gagliardi said there was no state law mechanism to give the city that particular option. He said if the city takes every avenue and all the options fail, Cape May could still approach the Commissioner of Education and ask for relief as a result of a Supreme Court decision. He said the city would need to prove

there is a disparity in funding and that there is some sort of constitutional impediment creating the problem.

Councilman William Murray agreed with Gagliardi and said the chances of the state legislature changing the current funding formula were slim to none. Gagliardi said his firm and staff are the only law group in the state currently taking on these cases.

"If we can't help you, you can't be helped," he said.

West Cape May Mayor Pam Kaithern sat in on the Cape May City Council meeting on Nov. 7, but did not provide input. Kaithern said she felt it was the time to simply observe and listen to Gagliardi's rec-

ommendations and council's reaction. Gagliardi has said Cape May City and West Cape May should work together in order to be successful.

At the Nov. 7 West Cape May Board of Commissioners meeting, Kaithern said Borough Solicitor Frank Corrado would contact Gagliardi and speak more in depth about the situation. Deputy Mayor Peter Burke said he felt West Cape May should carefully consider its options before getting too involved, as he did not want to "throw money at something that isn't going anywhere."

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believes was untrue.

"But it's over, we won, we turned the page. I'm quite confident that at the end of this trail people will say it was an important election and we helped this town," he said.

"Most people believe there are times I am wrong, but most people realize what I do is based on an honest belief it is right for the township."

Beck said he was only sorry there was no candidates' debate during this campaign. He said he thinks candidates should speak publicly before

a crowded auditorium, TV camera, and microphones and answer questions. He said instead they had to survive what he called "a barrage of twisted ad mailers, telephone calls and push polls."

"But we live to fight another day. It's time to start getting people in there where we can work with all five (council) people," he said.

Norris Clark had to go to Washington D.C. on business the day after the election. He said it was a nerve-racking experience waiting for the election results.

"It was a long day. I stood

in front of the Erma Fire Hall in the morning and in front of the Assembly of God in the afternoon," he said.

Clark said Frank Simonsen, father of mayoral candidate Erik Simonsen was there as well, and they got to know each other over the four hours they were there.

Clark said his day started with voting and getting his parents to the polls. That was followed by 12 hours of standing outside the polls. He and Beck each said there was a strong presence of union members brought in to help with the campaign.

Clark estimates the opposition spent a minimum of \$100,000 to defeat the Independents, but he thinks it will be closer to \$200,000.

"I never believed they would be spending that hard," Clark said.

Clark said the Republican campaign suggested the

Independents would spend more in tax dollars. He said the last one suggested they would raise the gas tax.

"They said I would take away meals on wheels and that I had been in three parties in last 10 years, and that I would do anything to get elected," he said.

Clark said the opposition tried to make the Fishing Creek School restoration project seem like a boondoggle or a pet project for his campaign. Clark said the Fishing Creek School was always a public project, and the Friends of the Historic Fishing Creek School was formed to reduce the load on the township.

"This issue was misrepresented on at least three levels. One, the mayor cannot earmark money for a project, two, the building belongs to the township, and three, the township is responsible for maintaining it, such as when they put the roof replacement out to bid," Clark said.

"The school was the township's responsibility before the mayor was in place."

He said Simonsen was part of the committee for the restoration project and Lare donated to the project.

Clark described the proposed fishing pier as "a conversation the mayor initiated." He said it grew out of a state initiative aimed at providing beach access to citizens. He said it paired up well with the Bayshore Heritage Byway, but during campaign season it was presented as a multimillion dollar boondoggle.

Clark said he realized from the campaign that a lot of people who didn't know him made the race very close.

"I'm just happy to have the opportunity to serve the township I live in. I taught American Government at the community college and I've always been interested in government and wanted to be in it," Clark said.

Clark said as an Independent he would support any good idea regardless of if it came from a Republican, Democrat or Independent. He said the party spirit goes astray when it says members can support its ideas only.

In general, however, Clark said the team would follow Beck's lead in continuing good fiscal policies and looking at every opportunity to save money.

Clark also encourages the people who supported the Independents, and those who didn't support them, to come to Township Hall, attend meetings, and hold them responsible for what they said they would do.

"It's the citizens' responsibility to come up with good ideas, discuss them with their neighbors, and then come to council and discuss them with us," he said. "I would like to see more people get engaged

with us in conversation we are going to have."

Clark said he would work to promote economic development in the township, try to keep taxes low, and provide jobs for young people. He the township needs to be promoted to the outside world to make sure it gets its share of the tourism dollar.

He said there needs to be a discussion on how bad the drug issue is, and he would like to see more volunteerism in education.

"I wish all the money spent by our opponents for the campaign was donated to Lower Township Elementary Schools for education. That would have shown love for the township," Clark said.

"The first thing that showed up were the union carpenters. I had a good feel for what was going on," Neville said.

He said he spent the rest of the day 15 feet from Walt Craig and didn't speak to him. He said he stuck with his home base on the other side.

"I held my own in a couple districts, Neville said, "but the hometown of Town Bank/Cape May Beach came in really, really strong for us."

"I think the people knew me, and character counts. They knew what I was all about and responded well. They know I'm here for the community and have their best interests at heart, I plan on doing a good job for Ward 2 and Lower Township," he said.

Neville said the money spent by the opposition didn't replace the work they did connecting with the constituents. He said it also didn't help that he had his wife campaigning next to him.

Neville said on Wednesday, the first thing he did was go out and pick up all his campaign signs so they didn't end up blown around by the wind. He said all his signs were on supporters' lawns and he made sure they all disappeared the day after the election.

He said the next day he went to town hall to start working on the Rosanne Avenue drainage problem.

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