

# City to get estimates for Convention Hall HVAC

By JACK FICHTER  
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — The heating and air conditioning system in Convention Hall has been “bleeding us dry” and should be replaced, according to Deputy Mayor Stacy Sheehan.

At a Nov. 15 City Council meeting, she said the city was receiving constant bills for repairs to the 11-year-old HVAC system.

“We actually paid for a study to be done to make sure it was the right size

air conditioning we had in it because it just never seems to be operating well,” Sheehan said.

The study said the system is just barely large enough for the building.

Council had a repair bill of \$11,000 for the HVAC system on its agenda. Sheehan said the city had a \$7,000 repair bill for the system two months ago.

She suggested two HVAC systems, one for the auditorium portion and one for the rest of the building. With two

systems, one could be set to a more energy-efficient temperature when not needed, she said.

Mayor Zack Mullock said he concurred with Sheehan and the next step should be getting estimates.

Sheehan said one of two contractors who have serviced the system told the city “it was wired wrong.”

Councilman Shaine Meier said he believes the city spent enough money in repairs to have purchased a new HVAC system. He said the system had prob-

lems since it was first installed.

The HVAC units are on the roof of Convention Hall, exposed to salt air, Sheehan said. She suggested purchasing an HVAC system that was more tol-

erant of salt air.

Councilwoman Lorraine Baldwin said an air conditioning contractor’s truck always seemed to be parked in front of Convention Hall.

Entertainers and audi-

ence members have complained of Convention Hall being too hot in summer. John Hall, a member of the band “Orleans,” told the Star and Wave the auditorium was so hot that it was like playing outdoors.

## Renewed call for ramp at post office

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CAPE MAY — Councilman Shaine Meier has resumed his campaign to get an Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant ramp at the front of the city’s post office.

The post office has steps that are not easily navigable for those with disabilities. He said he would ask City Council to pass a resolution requesting the postal service install a ramp.

Meier said the Cape May

post office is the only post office in the 08204 zip code that has post office boxes for rent, noting they are not available at the North Cape May post office.

Under the administration of former mayor Edward Mahaney in 2016 in a 4-1 vote, council passed a resolution stating the city did not support or endorse the efforts of any individual who was seeking alterations to the post office building in Cape May. At that time, Meier cast the lone vote against the resolution.

Mahaney contended if the postal service installed an ADA-compliant ramp, the entire post office would have to be altered for total ADA compliance and the expense could cause its closure.

At that time, Meier said he did not believe the postal service would close the location and expressed dismay at fellow council members for supporting a resolution against pursuing the installation of a ramp.

## Point may raise rental permit fee

By JACK FICHTER  
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CAPE MAY POINT — A state law that took effect Nov. 3 requires landlords of rental properties to carry liability insurance for \$500,000 or \$300,000 for small multifamily rental properties that are owner-occupied to cover death or bodily injury that occurs at a rental property.

Property owners must file proof of insurance with the municipality where they reside annually.

Cape May Point Borough Commission discussed increasing rental permit fees to cover the expense of handling and verifying insurance coverage by the

borough clerk at a Nov. 22 meeting.

Rental permit applications could be revised to include conformation of insurance as mandatory in addition to a fire inspection, Borough Clerk Elaine Wallace said.

Deputy Mayor Anita van Heeswyk said the state allows municipalities to charge the cost of handling the program. She said processing rental permits was time consuming.

Commissioner Catherine Busch and van Heeswyk concurred on increasing the rental permit fee to \$50.

An ordinance will be prepared for introduction at Borough Commission’s next meeting.

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