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City defines engineer's duties

By JACK FICHTER
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — In May, City Council approved Paul Dietrich for a newly created position, city engineer, and on July 3 passed an ordinance describing his duties.

Dietrich was hired for a three-year term. His duties include supervising the performance of city projects, oversight of the city's Community Ratings System relating to flood insurance premiums, acting as flood plain administrator and municipal housing liaison.

He will assume many of the duties of former deputy city manager Lou Belasco who left the city's employment for another position.

As engineer, Dietrich will prepare or cause to be prepared designs, plans and specifications for public works and improvements undertaken by the city, provide and maintain surveys, maps, specifications and control records in respect to public works and facilities owned by the city, and provide technical and engineering assistance to city departments.

The city will continue to hire other engineering firms for special projects. On the horizon for Cape May is a new police station, the completion of Lafayette Street Park, upgrades to the water desalination plant and expansion of beach patrol headquarters.

Excluded from the city

engineer's duties unless authorized by council are engineering services and site work inspection services for the planning and zoning compliance.

For more than 24 years, Dietrich handled a myriad of duties for Upper Township. He served as the engineer for the Planning and Zoning Boards and performed numerous other duties in the township, including computer operations director, stormwater management coordinator, assistant zoning officer and housing official, municipal housing liaison, air quality control officer, superintendent of Public Works, floodplain manager, Community Rating System coordinator and construction/zoning supervisor.

Paving projects

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Townbank Road; the road is absolutely horrible," Perry said. "You've got the volunteers running in there to go to fire calls, you've got the apparatus coming out."

He said he had emails from the county engineer indicating the paving would be undertaken in 2021 and 2022. Perry called the paving schedule for Townbank Road "totally unacceptable."

Laffey said the state Department of Transportation (DOT) would be installing traffic-calming measures on Schellenger's Landing. He said the township has applied to DOT for a permit for improvements from the Route 109 bridge to the small bridge entering Cape May.

Traffic-calming measures proposed in the township's design include rectangular rapidly flashing beacon "yield to pedestrian" signs at Schellenger's Landing Road, the road leading to the Lobster House and at Second Avenue.

"We're also putting center street crosswalk signs in those locations at the crosswalks to try and slow people down as well," Laffey said.

He said the township has an approximate \$25,000 cost share for the project with DOT. Laffey said he anticipated the project would begin in the fall and into early winter.

A flashing radar speed limit sign would be placed at the foot of the bridge southbound.

"Hopefully, people will see their speed and slow down before they get to the Lobster House crossing where Lucky Bones is," Laffey said.

A second radar speed limit sign would be placed northbound between Second and Third avenues to slow traffic leaving Cape May.

DOT will replace nearly 8,000 feet of guardrail in the township, particularly on Route 9 from the jughandle to Middle Township, he said.

The Lower Township Public Works Department is planning to move to the Cape May County Airport. Laffey said Fare Free Transportation and the county road department are constructing a building at the airport expected to be completed in January.

"We're working out an agreement to get space in there for our Public Works Department to move our maintenance staff down there," he said. "We do handle work for the county right now; we fix all their heavy equipment there and sometimes we get overflow on their vehicles that Avalon can't handle because they have a contract with Avalon to do their vehicles as well."

The Public Works office staff and trash collection operation would move to

the airport. Laffey said the exiting area on Seashore Road would be made into a more efficient recycling center.

He said Lower Township has a memorandum of understanding with the county to use a portion of the new building but not the final contract.

During summer months, the township receives complaints from residents regarding commercial establishments that provide valet parking and claims those establishments are utilizing public spaces to park vehicles.

Council approved an ordinance that states valet parking must be confined to private property, a parking lot or garage. Valet parking attendants are prohibited from parking vehicles in on-street spaces, within the public right of way or in any municipally/publicly owned location.

Those failing to comply with the regulations may be fined as much as \$100 for the first offense and \$200 for second and/or subsequent violation.

Council approved an ordinance revising township code regulating towing and storage fees for vehicles. Indoor storage will cost \$30 per day and outdoor storage \$25 per day.

Towing companies are prohibited from charging storage fees in situations in which vehicles are stored within a municipally owned property.

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Farm market

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well as jellies and jams. It also featured pies, breads and cookies that had been baked in their farm's commercial kitchen, located at Rea's primary location

on Stevens Street in West Cape May.

Rea's Farm Market has been operating for 101 years, with a farmhouse that was built in 1730. At the farm, people can buy fresh produce as well as pick their own. The farm also has lambs, pigs and chickens.

Their most popular items change depending on the time of the summer season. In the beginning of the summer, strawberries are in demand. Tomatoes, basil and lima beans are some of the farm's signature produce. By the end of the summer, pumpkins are popular.

Besides their farm on Stevens Street and their stand at the farmers market, Rea's Farm Market

participates in strawberry, tomato and lima bean festivals as well.

A regular customer, Cummin, said she especially loves its lima beans and cantaloupes. Cummin said she also admires how each stand at the farmers market is different from the next.

"Everybody is so friendly and helpful," she said. "The vegetables are so good, they speak for themselves."

The West Cape May Farmers Market runs from 3 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Backyard Park behind West Cape May Borough Hall at 732 Broadway.

As Rea Flynn said, "People can get something to eat and relax, just enjoying the music here."

DID YOU KNOW?

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MAY 15 - SEPT 15

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