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Cape May settles with Prosecutor's Office

Agreement allows city to move forward with disciplinary hearing in comp time probe

By JACK FICHTER
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CAPE MAY — The city has negotiated a settlement in its lawsuit against the county Prosecutor's Office. City Council approved a Stipulation of Settlement and Dismissal of Complaint with Prejudice at a Sept. 15 council meeting.

The city had asked Superior Court to determine the extent of the prosecutor's authority over noncriminal matters pertaining to the admin-

istrative functioning of the police department.

County Prosecutor Robert Taylor placed a monitor in the Cape May Police Department to handle all communication between City Manager Bruce MacLeod and Capt. Robert Sheehan, the city's former police chief who was demoted by a vote of City Council. Cape May filed a lawsuit not seeking damages but seeking a legal determination of whether the city government has the right and responsibility to govern

and supervise its police force. The city contended having a monitor has prevented MacLeod, who is the appropriate authority by statute, from having administrative control of the police department.

The settlement will allow the city to move forward with administrative matters involving the police department, including a disciplinary hearing involving Lt. Chuck Lear and a lawsuit involving Sheehan, according to a news release from the city.

This settlement clarifies the dis-

inction between purely administrative matters that are within the purview and authority of the city of Cape May through its governing body and chief executive officer and those matters that pertain to law enforcement duties that are within the purview and authority of the Cape May County Prosecutor.

"The appropriate city officials and representatives from the county prosecutor will continue to work together in a cooperative fashion with respect to matters involving

the city's police department in cases where there are serious infractions and/or potential criminal violations," stated the release.

Negotiations between the city attorney and first assistant prosecutor proffered an agreement pertaining to all outstanding issues pending among the city, its officials and the county prosecutor.

As part of the settlement, the city acknowledged the prosecutor has the

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Municipal water coming to more of Villas in 2016

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VILLAS — Residents east of Bayshore Road in Villas have been waiting for municipal water for decades, and there wait is nearly over.

Relief is coming in the form of a two-phase project to install water pipes from Miami Avenue to Greenwood Ave.

Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority (MUA) Commissioner Steve Sheftz told Lower Township Council on Monday that phase one of the project would provide water to homes north of Fulling Mill Road. He said it is estimated 5.7 miles of pipe would need to be installed under the streets at an estimated cost of \$3.7 million.

"We are hopeful of getting that started next spring," Sheftz said.

Included in phase one is Bayshore Road (Weber to Wilde Avenue), Miami Avenue, Pensacola Road (Miami to Florida Avenue), Florida Avenue (Peters Road to Pensacola Road), Ocean Avenue (Bayshore Road to Bermuda Avenue), Jackson Avenue (Peters Avenue to Flagler Road), St. Johns Avenue and Tampa Avenue. Also Desoto Avenue, Flagler Road, Hudson Avenue (Peters Road to the dead end), Pacific Avenue (Peters Road to the dead end), Delaware Avenue (Peters Road to the dead end), Princeton Road, Matthews Avenue, Weber Avenue, Langs Avenue, Bentz Avenue and Mowery Avenue (Fulling Mill Road to Virginia Avenue).

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Run for the Fallen will honor heroes

LOWER TOWNSHIP — One mile. One flag. One hero.

That's the motto of a 186-mile memorial run that will make its way up the New Jersey coastline to honor fallen service men and women.

Before the runners take off on their journey, the participants and supporters will gather on the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 23, at a flag-lowering ceremony at Sunset Beach at 5:30 p.m. to remember the lives of New Jersey's most recent war dead.

The ceremony will also honor the life and legacy of Marvin Hume, a veteran of World War II who passed away in the spring of this year. He is best remembered as the man who honored our nation's veterans by raising and lowering their casket flags at nightly ceremonies at his Sunset Beach property. The tradition has been continued by Hume's family.

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Dragon Boat races in Cape May harbor

Cape Regional Medical Center brought its pirates to the fourth annual Dragon Boat races in Cape May Harbor Saturday. Above, Director of Pathology Dr. Craig Jurasinski. At right, Michael Benvenuto outfitted with his parrot. Below, Danette Quinn, medical staff credentialing coordinator, leads the dance. For more photos, see A8-9.



Army Corps, DEP, city in talks about beach slope

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CAPE MAY — During the past two weeks, the city and its consultants have discussed with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) the shorebreak created by beach replenishment that has allegedly been responsible for a number of injuries to necks, knees and shoulders of beachgoers.

The Army Corps has been involved in 260 projects in this region since Hurricane Sandy in 2012, and now its attention may turn back to proactive engineering regarding the shorebreak, Mayor Edward Mahaney said.

"We are going to need to work with both of those agencies, and they are willing now to work with us to set up a plan that we can implement and hopefully have finished by the start of the next beach season, that will then be continuing, that we look at the high-tide mark as a differentiation point and look at the beach slope and work based on the engineering that has been established, both the template that the Army Corps established for replenishment and to keep our agreement intact," he said. "Secondly, to look at what

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Public gets to see Rotary Park plans

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CAPE MAY — The public has expressed concerns that plans for refurbishing Rotary Park on Lafayette Street are in place before City Council has approved the project.

At a Sept. 15 council meeting, Councilman Shaine Meier said he has heard a number of questions from residents concerning plans for the renovation of Rotary Park.

"Some of the members of the public feel they have had very little involvement in this plan and there already are conceptual plans that have been displayed in various locations," he said.

He asked for a public meeting as soon as possible. Meier said if a public meeting were not held within two weeks, he would propose the formation of a parks committee by City

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