

## School pool more than half done

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CAPE MAY — A joint project of the city and Cape May City Elementary School to replace the school's indoor swimming pool and upgrade the surrounding facilities is 60 percent complete, according to City Engineer Tom Thornton.

He updated City Council on engineering projects at a meeting June 5.

"The demolition is complete, the locker room concrete work is completed, the forming of the pool, the base, the rebar, the skylights, water piping," Thornton said.

He said other items are partially complete. Thornton said he meets with the contractor on a weekly basis who reported the project is ahead of schedule. The pool closed in Aug. 2013 due to leaks. By contract it is to be completed by Aug. 10 or within 200 calendar days of the contractor's receipt of written notice to proceed.

Thornton said no progress has been made on a project to create additional parking on unused railroad tracks behind the Welcome Center. The

city proposes creating 30 metered parking spaces behind center. In addition, new energy-efficient LED lighting will be installed in all parking areas of the center. The project has been delayed for two years. Thornton said he hoped to tie up some "loose ends" and get the project underway in the fall.

The Elmira Street sidewalk project has been completed.

"So now we have an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant sidewalk out to the bridge connecting West Cape May," he said.

Deputy Mayor Shaine Meier, who shepherded the project, said he has seen a number of people using the new stretch of sidewalk.

A coastal general permit for beach and dune maintenance has been submitted to the state Department of Environmental Protection.

"We've also put in a request for an opinion on various maintenance issues that aren't necessarily clear in the standard language of DEP's coastal zone management rules," Thornton said.

He said it was a

"straightforward" permit and he did not expect any delays in its receipt by the city.

Thornton said the Lafayette Street sanitary sewer project had unknown factors from the start such as where utilities were located under the street. He said part of the project was to pay a contractor to excavate test pits to investigate the exact location, size and alignment of utilities. Following excavation, it was found the assumed location for a new sewer main on the west side of Lafayette Street, the southbound lane, was not feasible due to a conflict with a water main, Thornton said.

"We looked at placing this sewer main on the other side of the street but in so doing, it's going to require some additional measures since we're going to be forced to be closer to the water main, he said. "When you have sewer main in proximity to the water main, you need to make sure that it at least the joints are encased in concrete."

Thornton said the project will be resumed in the fall rather than risk traffic impacts on Lafayette Street.

## Township Council authorizes \$1.1 million in capital bonds

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VILLAS — Lower Township Council approved a \$1.1 million capital improvement bond ordinance Monday with a down payment \$107,350 to purchase items ranging from police shields to electronic basketball backboards.

According to the enabling ordinance, obligations are to be issued to include but are not limited to:

— Police Department appropriation of \$196,578: acquisition and installation of various equipment, information technology improvements and communication improvements including vehicle security boxes, an interview room recording system, Level 3A police shields, television monitors with mounts, patrol bikes, a gas mask, a copier, desktops and printers/scanners, portable radios, mobile radios and acquisition of two sports utility vehicles.

— Public Works appropriation of \$556,943: equipment and non-passenger vehicles including but not limited to a tri axle dump truck, a roll off container truck, stop signs and posts, a street saw with laser, a four wheel drive pickup truck with plow and pipe camera improvements.

— Recreation appropriation of \$49,737: various improvements to recreational and park facilities including but not limited to acquisition of an airless field striper, a maintenance shed safety cabinet, electronic basketball backboards for the recreation center and improvements to fencing at entrance and soccer and football goals at Freeman Douglass Park.

— Administration appropriation of \$304,092: various general capital

improvements throughout the township including but not limited to acquisition of a sports utility vehicle and building improvements to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and acquisition and installation as applicable of furniture and building safety improvements and furniture for the court.

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\$3.2 million was restricted for use because of bond resolutions. Accounts receivables was \$2.25 million. Reinvestment and capital assets was \$22 million and cash position was \$15 million. Long term debt was \$17.3 million, according to McAllister.

A report from Engineer Marc DiBlasio, of Remington Vernick and Walberg, stated that East Villas Water Main Improvement Project Phase I is almost complete. Plans for the East Villas Water Main Improvement Project II complete. Application for a Master Water Permit was approved by the commission at the meeting.

At the last meeting Chapman reported that the UDSA has stated that there will be a delay in financing the East Villas Water Main Improvement Project Phase II. He has contacted the New Jersey Infrastructure Trust Fund and applied for financing. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is recommending this route, he said.

This type of loan will have a lower interest rate and save money over that period of time according to Steve Testa, CPA, financial consultant for the MUA. Chapman also reported a waste water system evaluation has been done. He said it has not been done previously. All the wells are

in very good shape, he said.

The meeting ended with a closed session. The subject was published as employee relationship. As the commissioners met, Chapman told the press that he is seeking a renewal or extension of his contract for five years, which would take him through the year he plans to retire.

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Infrastructure questions from utility companies are being addressed in preparation for construction plans on a project to build a sidewalk along Beach Drive and improve intersections in North Cape May.

He said Mott MacDonald completed a Department of Transportation fiscal year 2017 grant application for the sidewalk project with the township receiving \$178,000.

Township Council approved a \$175,420 professional services contract in April with Mott MacDonald engineers for "Beach Drive pedestrian safety improvements." The engineering work is in preparation for a project that includes beach modifications, curb, sidewalk and drainage improvements on the west side of Beach Drive from Lincoln to Fernwood and outfall pipe replacement at Washington Boulevard from Beach Drive to the outfall replaced in January 2013. Curb and handicap ramp improvements would be made on the east side of Beach Drive from Whittier to Emerson.

Township Council passed a resolution authorizing a license agreement with Atlantic City Electric for use of its right of way to connect the Lower and Middle township bike trails.

Councilman Roland Roy said work has begun on an extension to connect the bike paths from Hawk Haven Winery to Satt Boulevard in Middle Township.

"It's pretty much been roughed in, it looks good," he said. "I don't think there are any real problems they will encounter."

A number of hurdles have delayed connecting the Lower Township and Middle Township bicycle paths such as utility pole guy wires in the way and residents who weren't keen on a bike path traversing a right of way on their property.

Lower Township is being reimbursed by the county for its labor costs and expenses as part of a \$500,000 open space grant. The joined bike trails in Lower and Middle town-

ships would allow bike riders to go from the Cape May County Park and Zoo in Cape May Court House to the Cape May-Lewes Ferry in North Cape May.

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