

SJG contractor repaving roads in West Cape May

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WEST CAPE MAY — Contractors hired by the South Jersey Gas Co. are in the process of repaving roadways in the borough where gas lines were installed earlier this year. Broadway and the side streets starting from Myrtle going north to Leaming are in their immediate plan. The Borough of West Cape May Board of Commissioners announced at its June 14 work session that the process will be done one section at a time.

Borough Engineer Ray Roberts, of Remington, Vernick and Walberg, said the work week will be underway Monday to Thursday and residents will be able to access their roads before and after work hours. Police will control the closing of roads and notify residents five days in advance so that vehicles can be removed from the roads.

Discussion followed about the county's proposed road paving to re-

place the roadway from Broadway at Myrtle Avenue north to Sandman Boulevard (Route 109). Glen and Adam Reeves, co-owners of the Depot Travel Park at 800 Broadway, were in attendance and had comments on the proposed changes to the roadway. They questioned the proposal to have an island at their entrance that would have raised pavers.

Roberts said that the county engineers determined it would provide for a turning radius for entrance or exit of vehicles 65-feet or less in length. The Reeves stated that with the addition of a trailer for bikes or motorcycles and towing a car, the length can well exceed that by as much as 15 feet. Many of their clients would not be able to handle the turn, they said, without going over the island. Roberts said that since there was an objection to this second island, the other island proposed should be eliminated since it would not be effective in slowing

down traffic. The Reeves commented that the activity of vehicles with trailers and RVs pulling out of the Depot Travel Park forces traffic to slow down and come to a standstill.

The proposed islands, marked with painted lines to lengthen the areas, would slow down traffic as it approaches the area, Roberts said when the plan was first presented at the April 26 work session. The speed changes from 40 mph to 30 mph before the borough complex and needs to be emphasized, Roberts said.

He showed a plan of the work and stated that concrete pavers and the painted islands with pavers and pavers on the shoulder of the road at certain areas would be used to slow down traffic and eliminate vehicles passing on the right at entrances to roads.

Deputy Mayor Peter Burke and Commissioner Carol Sabo disagreed about the length of the islands and the use of concrete pavers on the shoulder of the road

at that first presentation. Burke and Sabo pointed out that the proposed painted island by the Depot Travel Park might be too long to make easy entrance and exit. Mayor Pam Kaithern was not at that meeting for personal reasons. At this work session, Kaithern asked about how the plan to repave Broadway to Sandman Boulevard would be affected by the Jersey Gas Co. repaving.

"I am not sure what they are going to do. That they will go over and mill and repave what has just been done. That makes no sense at all," Robert said.

At the April 26 borough work session Roberts had presented the repaving plan from the county and recommended that (the borough) have some input on the road improvements by putting into writing that the project is subject to approval of the borough. The commissioners agreed at this subsequent work session that the islands should be eliminated but did ask that

some pavers designate the entrance to the borough hall complex.

Reports at the meeting included Sabo stating that West Cape May should be included at meetings about the bike path being

planned to link Cape May and Cape May Point. Burke announced that there will be another blood drive in July and Kaithern stated that the first Farmers Market would take place starting at 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 27.

Vasser Way

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Former county Freeholder Ralph Bakley said he admired John Vasser for his hard work.

"He was a hard working individual and a God-fearing man," he said.

Bakley said John Vasser was the best whistler the

Lord ever made.

Kaithern, eyeing the crowd, noted John Vasser was still bringing people together. She read a proclamation which stated John Vasser was elected to Borough Commission in 1973 and four years later elected mayor, serving for 24 years.

"Whereas his energetic style of leadership and abiding sense of commitment characterized John A. Vasser Jr.'s service to his fellow citizens of the Borough of West Cape May for almost three decades," stated the proclamation.

It noted he made significant contributions as a member of the county Board of Agriculture and the county Municipal Utilities Authority.

Lynda Anderson-Towns said John Vasser wanted West Cape May to be a town that attracted young families. She said he helped a number of individuals to

purchase a home who otherwise would have found it an impossible task.

Jerusha Proctor said she purchased her "little house" from John Vasser about 25 years ago.

"When I asked him about it, he said 'That chicken coop?'" Proctor said.

She said she and her husband remodeled the home and have enjoyed it over the years.

Emily Dempsey recalled John Vasser had a cabbage patch and a gladiola patch. She said the gladiolas went to church with local children and the cabbage was eaten all winter by residents.



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