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Candidates talk redevelopment, transparency

By JACK FICHTER Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — The Taxpayers Association of Cape May pre-sented a candidates night Oct. 19 in which questioning focused on the need for a redevelopment zone and the transparency of City Council. The event was moderated by the League of Women Voters.

In his opening statement, Mark DiSanto said his vision walk along Delaware Avenue.

for Cape May includes building a municipal marina and golf course, which he said it would bring new revenue to the city. He said the marina would create jobs, generate tax revenue and create new tourism.

"We could continue to go down the same road and do nothing or we could take the chance and make a change and do something good for the town," DiSanto said. He also proposed a harbor-

In his opening statement, acting with the public. eputy Mayor Shaine Meier "I care about your ideas and Deputy Mayor Shaine Meier said during his four-year term, the city has had ups and down but mostly ups.

"As you are aware, council members don't always agree with each other but I am proud of our accomplishments we have made together," he said. Meier noted more than 100

volunteers participate on boards, commissions and committees in the city. He said he loves inter-

most importantly, your concerns," Meier said.

In his opening statement, Zack Mullock said he is thrilled to be raising his family in Cape May. He said city and school taxes have been raised as well as municipal bonds and water and sewer rates. Mullock said grants and the city's surplus account have decreased significantly.

In her opening statement,

Stacy Sheehan said she was born and raised in Cape May and moved away to work for Merck Pharmaceuticals in vaccine manufacturing and development.

"I am now fortunate enough in my career to be able to spend the time needed to serve on council," she said.

Sheehan said she made million-dollar decisions on a daily

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Robert Newkirk/Special to the STAR AND WAVE

Former mayor Inderwies dies Guided city through rehab of Washington Street Mall

By JACK FICHTER Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — During his term as mayor, Jerome Inderwies Sr. helped guide the city through a time of revitalization, including the reconstruction of the Washington Street Mall and the financing of a new Convention Hall.

Inderwies died Oct. 18. He was 83.

All was not smooth sailing during his term as mayor. In August 2006, Cape May voters in a referendum defeated a \$6.4 million bond to refurbish the mall.

Council approved the bond ordinance that May but resident Christine Miller gathered more than 200 signatures requesting a voter referendum. At that time, Inderwies said he expected from the truth. Inderwies the defeat of the mall bond noted infiltration of rainwater Inderwies said he expected and blamed misinformation spread throughout the city. In early 2007, advertising executive Steve Jackson

proposed a plan to restore the Beach Theatre through a nonprofit foundation. At that time, City Manager Luciano V. Corea Jr., City Solicitor Tony Monzo and Inderwies met with Frank Theatres in what the mayor described as a "negotiation session."

Frank Theatres had applied to the city's Historic Preservation Commission for a demolition permit. Plans showed refurbished retail stores located next to the theater with condominiums constructed above the stores. The theater would be torn down.

In his July 2007 State of the City address, Inderwies decried rumors of secret meetings taking place concerning the mall refurbishment. He said nothing could be further into the city's sanitary sewers had been stopped for an

Frighteningly fun

Cape May's annual Halloween parade brought out the alter ego of both youths and adults, who marched through the Washington Street Mall and down Washington Street on Oct. 21.

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Representing

residents key

for Marlowe

By BILL BARLOW

Special to the Star and Wave

LOWER TOWNSHIP -

Chris Marlowe is ready for

Six vie for three seats on Lower Township Council

another term in First Ward

By BILL BARLOW Special to the Star and Wave

LOWER TOWNSHIP -Running for a fourth term as the 1st Ward representative to Lower Township Council, Thomas



the governing body. In a recent

interview, he said he spent the first two

NRAD years learning about township government and his job on council. "I came in thinking I'd

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Conrad seeks | Pallotta: It's | Perry wants now time to run for seat

> By BILL BARLOW Special to the Star and Wave

LOWER TOWSHIP -Carmela Pallotta, a retired educator and former president of a Lower Township



more communication PALLOTTA from township govern-

ment, among other reasons. "All my life I've skirted politics. I've always been

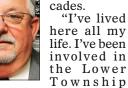
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LOWER TOWNSHIP -David Perry sees serving on Lower Township Council as an extension of the work

> he's done in the community for de-



PERRY

Perry became a volunteer

involved in the Lower Township community since I was a

kid," he said recently. firefighter at 18, working

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LOWER TOWNSHIP -Tom Poussart, seeking the 2nd Ward seat on Lower Township Council for his

first time running for elected office, got involved because he did not feel that residents were getting enough infor-

POUSSART mation about what's hap-

pening in the township. He worked as a computer system analyst with

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a full four-

year term as

the 3rd Ward

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Originally

appointed to

fill the unex-

Council.

LOWER TOWNSHIP - Roland Roy is feeling pretty confident about this year's election, in which



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pired term of Erik Simonsen, who resigned his council seat when he was sworn in as mayor at

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a rematch. He's the Democrat run-MARLOWE

ship Council this November, trying to unseat Republican incumbent Roland Roy. Last year, the

ning for the 3rd Ward

seat on Town-

two ran for Eric Simonsen's unexpired term, left vacant when Simonsen was elected mayor.

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