DEP requests city another spot

For police station

Cape May wants to carve out part of Lafayette Street Park

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CAPE MAY — The state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has asked the city if it has any alternative locations for a new police station rather than using a portion of Lafayette Street Park.

“We don’t,” City Councilman Mike Yeager told the DEP at a meeting on Nov. 22.

The city wants to use a lot at St. John and Lafayette streets that was originally intended to be a parking lot for use by the public. The city proposed a land swap with the DEP for use of the parking area instead of the Green Acres area still to be used as parkland.

Use of the lot for a police station would require the approval of the commission of the DEP and the State House Commission.

In compensation for use of the quarter-acre lot, the city would dedicate 4.5 acres of land at Overlook Park to Tract as parkland.

In April, the city bonded $45 million for construction of a police station.

Yeager said that while the design work is under way, the city has no settlement with the DEP for a land swap.

The DEP suggested the Jackson Street parking lot next to Colonial Liquors as an alternative location, but Yeager said that didn’t meet the city’s requirements.

Yeager said there should have been a larger consultation held with several components as possible.

“I know those things initially cost money but as long as that building is going to be there, we ought to do it right,” he said.

Seawall redesign

Yeager said the city’s

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Cost of flood insurance rising as Point CRS falls

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CAPE MAY POINT — Effective April 1, 2023, the borough’s rating in the Community Rating System (CRS) will fall from a 6 to a 7, which will result in a reduction in its flood insurance rates.

The discount on flood insurance premiums in the borough will fall from the 20 percent to 15 percent, according to Deputy Mayor Bob Fashaw.

At a Nov. 22 Borough Commission meeting, the city said flood insurance premium rates in CRS communities are discounted in increments of 5 percent.

A class 10 community that is not participating in the CRS could lose their discount, Fashaw said.

The highest class receives a 10 percent premium discount from the NFIP.

Classifications are based on 19 creditable ratings in four categories: public

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Deaths prompt city proposal to ban exhibition events

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CAPE MAY — City Council introduced an ordinance to prevent drivers from speeding in the parking lot of the parking lot of the fire station to encourage the right to exercise, but they didn’t want to try.

“Why can’t you write these tickets out than you used to?” Mayor Zach Millard asked during a council meeting Nov. 15.

Two people were killed and multiple car crashes occurred in September during an unreported but not minor traffic spike on the streets of Wildwood.

The ordinance was introduced by the council.

The city purchased the proposed ordinance contains examples of exhibition driving, defined as the type of driving that serves a certain public benefit. It is an event that would not be allowed unless a municipality is specifically authorized to hold such an event.

The ordinance includes a provision that would allow the police to seize any or write tickets if a similar event were held in Cape May. State motor vehicle codes con- trol careless and reckless driving.

The proposed ordinance was tailored to Cape May, he said.

“To give you examples, we don’t need anybody doing doughnuts on the street or slicing and dicing,“” Galinis-Schweinitz said.

Cape May doesn’t need quick acceleration on its roads, he said.

Fashaw said Cape May police arrested Wildwood police for two nights during the 2022 season.

He said he didn’t want such an event to ever take place in Cape May.

Fashaw said the police department fully supported the proposed ordinance, which would give police more power for enforcement.

“My plan if this ever happens is we will set at both bridges so that the vehicle that comes into the city of Cape May,” Fashaw said.

Mallock said police could see the highest alternations to the vehicles involved in H2O.

“We don’t want to be the one

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Ramona breakfast, lunch & dinner selections.