Cape May bonds for roads, sewer, police vehicles

Three ordinances total $1.4M

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consisting of $130,000 for improvements to the city’s beachfront Prom-
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Council introduced a $1 million bond for the water-sewer utility that includes $870,000 for improvements to existing water-sewer infrastructures. Young said he would like the bonds to pay for improvements to the city’s beachfront Prom-
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City takes steps to deal with abandoned boats

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ers of abandoned boats and vehicles to remove them within two or three days, or pay fines.

The ordinance provides for removal by a city contractor or police and a 30-day period to remove the boat.

During a meeting July 20, city solicitor Chris Sinanan-Schwartz said the proposed ordinance would allow the city to remove the boats and vehicles, and impose a fine of as much as $1,000.

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one to rent it in a 30-day period, it would be cost-effective,” he said.

Sinanan-Schwartz said the city could also use the ordinance to remove “trash” such as gear left in the water.

The city is considering means to complete Freemans Beach project, which includes a marina, beachfront parking and the removal of dunes, that wears out a cost counting machine every year. As a group they have an overall 56-boat fleet. They rent the boats to agencies for 30 days.

Tests ATVs are eyed by the bond, one for the Cape May Beach Patrol and the other for beach taggers. Young said. He said the ATV for the Beach Patrol would have tracks on it and would be used to get out of the water more ef-
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