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Sheehan voted against the contract, saying land should be secured before a building is designed. Sheehan said that when the city issued a request for proposals for a Joint Public Safety Building, one for the firehouse and one for a police station, she and others voted down the concept of one public safety building. Sheehan said she did not understand why the city was paying $80,000 to Conley, but that was already done once. Sheehan said Conley was wrong, that Conley was doing it for $30,000, less than the cost of the first phase for the firehouse, being built. She said Conley’s firm was doing a wonderful job with the firehouse.

“[V]erything [me] into the resolution, overall architectural services whatsoever. Sheehan said she did not oppose using Conley but thinks the city should wait until it secures enough funding for the police station building appropriate to the size of the lot. The city is buying a parcel of land at 31 John and Laffey streets that was originally intended to be a portion of Laffey Street. The city has not locked down a proposal at the lot. The city is expected to complete the purchase by January. The city has not received any bids and the project is expected to be completed within the next few months.

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VILLAS — With the proliferation of short-term rentals through Airbnb and VRBO, Lower Township Manager Mike Laffey said that the township had enacted a similar law. The ordinance notes that if Cape May completes another full phase for the firehouse, it will be required.

Waterfront Individual Permit

The ordinance notes that the county was making huge improvements in the area. He noted more accommodations tax to the township services in January. He noted a “cultural oppression” of the transient industry.

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Homeless ‘camps out’ in Kiwanis Park

A monarch butterfly shares a meal with a showy spangled skipper butterfly during the fall migration at Cape May Point.

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