Zoning code unclear on raising house

**By JACK FICHTER**

Cape May — If you raise the height of your house to avoid future flood damage, what approvals are needed from the city’s Zoning Board if the house would conform to all of the city’s bulk and setback requirements?

At a March 7 City Council meeting, city solicitor Chris McDade asked if a site survey was required if a raised house fully conforms to the city’s bulk and setback code: the city requires a 5 feet of distance from an accessory structure on a property to a right of way.

Gillin-Schwartz answered that the question becomes complicated because the nature of the new building may make the laundry list of ways to address it in the code, Gillin-Schwartz said. He said there was no reason to appear before the Zoning Board if a raised house fully conforms to code.

Councilwoman Maureen Malboe asked if a raised house was raised. Gillin-Schwartz said the homeowner must provide existing conditions and then an “as-built” survey to close out permits.

Another suggested amendment to the zoning code did not address an increased set back because public property, not a property to a right of way. A distance of 10 feet is required for a street or alley, for example.

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dreds of local women that offer powerful speakers. “It promotes a camaraderie among multiple indus-
tries.”

Addressing the gath-
ering, she said she has been active in the busi-
ness community as a well as an employee and has known the struggle of balancing work and events not with a network of sup-
port, and that’s what we have here today. We are here representing many industries and walks of life. We each represent strengths and struggles that we have overcome, she said.

“The chairwomen’s event is stronger as a group than we could ever be as individuals. We are here today to make con-
nexions and strengthen bonds.”

Amy Mahon of Reich Asset Management, a board member of the Cape May County Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners, welcomed the sold-out crowd, introduced the keynote speaker and lat-
er moderated the panel discussion “Pathway to Leadership.”

The keynote address was delivered by Cape May County Board of Commissioners Chairman, Supreme Court Justice John H. Michanek, chief justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court. Michanek has long been an advocate for women in the workplace and a proponent of diversity in leadership.

Michanek, former chief justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, talked about the challenges of leadership and the importance of diversity in the workplace. He discussed the importance of having a diverse group of individuals at the highest levels of business and government to bring different perspectives and ideas to the table.

Michanek emphasized the need for women to be involved in leadership positions and encouraged them to pursue opportunities for advancement. He also discussed the importance of education and the role of mentoring in helping women achieve their goals.

Michanek’s remarks were met with applause from the audience. The panel discussion included a variety of speakers who shared their experiences and insights on leadership and diversity.

The event was co-sponsored by the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce and the Cape May County College Foundation.

Closing remarks were made by E. Marie Hayes, executive director of the Cape May County Board of Com-
missoners.