

Cape May Point wary of proposed flood zone regulations

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CAPE MAY POINT — Borough Commission is eying proposed flood zone regulations from the state Department of Environmental Protection with trepidation, as are many other municipalities.

At a July 11 meeting, Deputy Mayor Anita van Heeswyk said she attended a Mayors’ Roundtable with Borough Administrator Ed Grant. She said the state DEP is implementing new flood rules that she described as “terrible” for the bor-

ough. (See related story this edition).

“The county has hired Peter Lomax, who is a top environmental consultant, and we have access to Peter as we need,” she said.

The main issue is freeboard. The height of the first floor of habitable space would increase by 5 feet, van Heeswyk said.

Grant said Woodbine would be the only municipality in the county not affected by the proposed state regulations.

“You have 15 out of 16 (municipalities in the county) know this is not good for them, so that’s

why it seems like there is going to be a groundswell,” he said.

Borough Commission awarded a contract to replace the electronic control systems at the borough’s water utility, which have been in continuous use since 1995.

“Replacement will ensure reliable water service and the project is funded by federal American Rescue Plan administered by the county,” Commissioner Catherine Busch said.

The Department of Public Works has cleaned out all accessible storm drains using a new vacu-

um extractor truck. The only storm drains that were not cleaned were those holding standing water.

Busch said it should improve drainage and decrease sediment and organic matter in Lake Lily. Public Works has also

been trimming trees on rights of way where they impede traffic, sight lines and pedestrian safety, she said.

Lightning

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The city’s emergency management team met and is receiving prices for lightning arrestor systems.

“We’re looking at potentially putting an arrestor up there that would cover essentially almost the entire block from here, from Ocean (Street), Lafayette to Franklin to Ocean,” Dietrich said. “We’re also having an electrical engineer come in and evaluate and give us recommendations on surge protection, both whole-building surge protection on the electrical side but also surging on the communications side as well.”

Council approved an emergency appropriation of \$200,000 for replacement or repair of damaged equipment and surge protection devices. He said items had to be paid for initially but the city expected to be reimbursed by the

JIF. Councilwoman Maureen McDade said she heard

from businesses on Columbia Avenue that were affected by a lightning strike.

TIDES: July 24-31, 2024

DATE	HIGH		LOW	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
24	11:03	11:21	4:43	4:49
25	11:56		5:31	5:48
26	12:14	12:50	6:21	6:50
27	1:08	1:46	7:11	7:54
28	2:05	2:45	8:03	9:02
29	3:08	3:50	9:00	10:12
30	4:18	4:54	10:01	11:18
31	5:24	5:53	11:02	

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