West Cape May budget to remain the same

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CAPE MAY — City Council members approved the $17 million 2015 budget for the city on Thursday. One member, who did not vote in favor of the budget, proposed budget cuts totaling $1.3 million in a last-ditch attempt to save the city from a tax-rate increase.

The tax-rate increase of 1.3 cents will raise the current rate of 11.3 cents per $100 of assessed value.

Councilman Shaine Meier voted against the budget after spending plan consultation provided on the definition of “special occasion events” as the term is used in a state statute and as it is to be applied to wineries on preserved farmland within Cape May County. Meier’s complaint was submitted to the board addressing its thoughts on the matter.

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The board to determine what events permitted at wineries

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WEST CAPE MAY — Should West Cape May group want beer garden, something that would be a first in a borough, which was a dry town until it added no first liquor license in 2011.

While the temperature made it feel more like Christmas than Easter, Matthew Eck, 9, and Kaylee Lear, 11, had a chance to visit a bunny and collect eggs March 28 at Freeman Douglass Park in Lower Township during the Department of Parks and Recreation’s Easter egg hunt.

At a March 25 meeting, Borough Commissioner Carol Sabo said Borough Council submitted a letter to the board addressing its thoughts on the matter.

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