Beck argues GOP majority ‘hijacking’ manager position

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VILLAGES — Lower Township Councilman Charlie Doherty called for a vote of no confidence in Township Manager Mike Voll on Monday. Doherty was moved to introduce the resolution by Councilman David Perry, who said some of the highlights of Voll’s career. Perry said Voll had managed quite a few businesses through the years, starting back with Voll’s business law at Cape May County

Beach tag bills face opposition in county

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CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE — The Cape May County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors recently announced its opposition to Senate Bill 4048 and S2520, which would ban beach tag fees in the county municipalities accepting grant revenue for beach replenishment flooding.

The legislation also deducts 2 percent of taxable receipts under the sales and use tax collected by the county munici-

pies to these municipalities.

Cape May County Chamber of Com-

merce President Vicki Clark said beach tags are an important part of guarding and maintaining beaches in small com-

munities.

“Our beaches are best for everybody when they’re well-maintained and guarded. The enabling legislation to allow beach tags is very specific about how that revenue in-

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 acumulates,” Clark said. “It’s a user fee. You pay only if you use the beach.”

Clark and New Jersey tourism gener-

ated $4.5 billion in the state last year and $400 million right here in the New Jersey Coast, she said.

“Everybody would like things to be free, but if we don’t maintain them, things are going to go downhill. The experience is going to be a pleasant one,” Clark said.

Villages — More than 400 people attended the Cape May County municipal-ship meeting on Tuesday night at the Cape May Performing Arts Center.

On the agenda was the council’s approval to hire a consultant to look at the proposed dune because there is not enough room between the existing bulkhead and the proposed dune because there is not enough room between the existing bulkhead and the proposed dune.

Eustace Mita and Achristavest LLC was removed from its position as the engineering firm to design and build the new bulkhead for the beach bars. A new consultant was chosen for the project.

Hotel Icona gets OK to move bulkhead, add 6th floor

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CAPE MAY — A resolution to allow Hotel Icona to move their dune and add a sixth floor to the beach club was introduced by Mayor Collins Perry. Perry said the hotel recently offered a “month’s worth of rooms” that had not sold.

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