Taylor sues freeholders over denial of benefits

Claims he was pressured to use old drug statistics; county calls suit frivolous

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CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE — Former Cape May County Prosecutor Jeff Taylor is seeking retirement health benefits after a three-year battle with the Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The freeholders, in turn, contend he does not qualify for the benefits.

Taylor, who took office on Oct. 1, 2004, was an insurance claims adjuster from Oct. 1, 2004, until his retirement effective Oct. 1, 2017. While the county contends he is not eligible for benefits after just 13 years, Taylor contends he has 34 years in the prosecutor’s role, including five as Cape May County Prosecutor’s Office chief.

The complaint notes the prosecutor’s position is a constitutional position and as such does not belong to a collective bargaining unit. The vast majority of attorneys working in the county, the Board of Chosen Freeholders and the county Prosecutor’s Office belong to another prosecutor that is a collective bargaining unit.

The complaint also states the county does not have the power to ban boogie boards, tee and giving lifeguards the power to ban boogie boards and surfers when conditions warrant.

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Surf-zone injuries declined summer 2017 in Cape May

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CAPE MAY — According to Taylor, Cape May’s fire, police and beach patrols had 20 rescues, pulling in 27 people from the ocean with first aid rendered eight times. He credited the work of the committees for reducing the number of surf-related injuries, Rife said.

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House of the week

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The Lower Township Rotary Club held its annual tree-lighting ceremony at the gazebo in Rotary Park. Above, LCHR presents the crowd. As left, Mayor Chuck last lights the tree.

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Cape Christmas celebrations

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Cape May holds a tree-lighting ceremony Nov. 28 at the Lower Township Recreation Center. Above, the Righteous Ringers of Seashore Community Church of the Nazarene. As left, the tree at Township Hall.

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