Meters near mall to operate later in fall, earlier in spring

By JACK FIGHTER
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CAPEMAY — City Council approved an ordinance Monday, May 7 to keep parking meters operating from 4 p.m. on Saturdays instead of 8 p.m. through the winter season to save energy and reduce wear on the parking space structures.

Dr. Terrance Cooper, division manager for both sides of Carpenter’s Lane from Perry Street to Grove Street, both sides of Lily Street from Perry Street to Parrot Street and from Manazzaon Street from Jackson Street to Perry Street. Meters will operate through the month of December, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week. The meters at the mall were installed in 2011 and exercised May 1.

Having public comment, Bank Street resident Christian Fichter said the
$225 parking permits for the summer season for the Bank Street parking lot. All winter the parking lot is empty,” she said.

“So, instead of turning the meters back, we would like to propose, because we have been turned off at the Bank Street lot, we will full with the Bank Street parking lot and the mall merchants, she suggested the city repair the parking station on Bank Street and keep the parking lot open for the summer.

During a meeting in April, Councilwoman Bea Pessagno, who is liaison to the BID, said the reason for the parking meter change is there are no parking places available to park in for city employees or those who buy metered passes during those time periods. She said when the parking meters are turned off at the end of October for the winter season, parking in the spaces on the mall. She said many of the employees are requested to leave away from the mall but do not. Pessagno noted drivers could simply drive onto the Beachway and park because of the ordinance affected just the streets immediately adjacent to the mall.

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WATER

Water, sewer rates rising in Cape May

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Much of the interior of the school already has been gutted. The Center for Community Arts has tried for years to restore the school but was always hampered by a lack of funding.

An evaluation committee, including one from the BID, has recommended that old town be included in the school for future years. The BID has honored the recommendation and the building recently has been purchased by the city.

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