

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
February 15, 2011

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Cape May Point was called to order on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room at the municipal building located at 215 Lighthouse Avenue. Mayor Schupp announced that this meeting having been properly posted and advertised, was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings of 1975 (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6) also known as the Sunshine Law. The Municipal Clerk took the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Henderson	PRESENT
Commissioner vanHeeswyk	PRESENT
Commissioner Schupp	PRESENT

VOUCHERS

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. (Bill list attached) Commissioner vanHeeswyk seconded the motion and the Clerk took a roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Henderson	YES
Commissioner vanHeeswyk	YES
Commissioner Schupp	YES

At the request of Commissioner vanHeeswyk, the board discussed email communications among the governing body. Commissioner vanHeeswyk expressed her concern that members of the governing body could violate the Open Public Meetings Act by emailing one another. She stated that two (2) members of the governing body is a quorum. Commissioner Henderson recommended that all emails between Commissioners be copied to the Clerk for the record. Solicitor Russell agreed that this would be the best way to handle the matter.

Commissioner vanHeeswyk stated that she was made aware of unauthorized vehicle access to our beaches recently. She stated that she researched "deaths caused by vehicles on beaches" and found the results alarming. She stated that in her opinion, all beach entrances in the Borough must be locked to deter motor vehicles from entering our beaches. She cited an example of a motor vehicle entering the beach near Coral Avenue and causing damage to the beach by getting stuck and having to be pulled out. She stated that this is an important safety issue. Commissioner Henderson agreed. He added that our beach entrances have too much exposure from our streets for private vehicles to enter. Commissioner vanHeeswyk made a motion to install locks on all gates that could easily be removed by emergency personnel. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. The Municipal Clerk took the following roll call vote:

Commissioner Henderson	YES
Commissioner vanHeeswyk	YES
Commissioner Schupp	NO

PUBLIC PORTION

Megane Smith suggested that signage read "Unauthorized Vehicles." She stated that upon construction of the beach vehicle access roads it was promised that the gates would be kept closed when not in use. Ms. Smith stated that the pedestrian access area was removed when the fencing was removed a while ago. She stated that this caused a widening the road.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Henderson, seconded by Commissioner vanHeeswyk the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 pm.

John G.N. Henderson, Commissioner

Anita vanHeeswyk, Commissioner

Carl F. Schupp, Commissioner