

A meeting was called to order by Director Thomas at 6:31pm on February 8, 2011 at our recreation building located in Ventnor Heights at Surrey and Balfour Avenues in accordance with the sunshine law.

Present: Debbie Beirne, Bart Beck, Jan Sarnese, John Gallagher, Director Thomas .

In the audience, Mayor Kelly

Special events applications:

One application: Boardwalk Runners, March 12, 2011. Director Thomas stated he just received this app today , checks are included and a note stating that the insurance will be provided to the Police Chief. The board members have stated in past applications that the application must be complete when it comes to the board for review. This application is NOT complete therefore they should not be discussing it. A board member did state that this event has been going on for years in Ventnor and that they do not want to disturb the event from taking place but they need to be consistent with all applications no matter who they are. Director Thomas will notify them that their application is not complete and they are tabling it until they get the insurance and in the future that they cannot hear any applications if all requirements are not met. A motion was made to table the application until director Thomas gets the insurance by John Gallagher and second by Debbie Beirne.

Re-Organization.

Suggestions were made in Dec 2010 to reappoint the following:

Chairman- Lori Nolan

Vice-chair- Diane Birkbeck

Treasurer- AJ Russo

A motion was made to approve these suggestions by John Gallagher and seconded by Bart Beck.

Meeting dates for 2011 the only one in question was the Nov 8, 2011, City hall is closed so it was moved to November 15, 2011, Motion made to approve date change by John Gallagher and seconded by Jan Sarnese.

Public Portion opened

Mayor Kelly had question. She wanted to know why this board meets over here in the recreation building and not at city hall where all other public city meetings? Director nor board members really didn't have an answer so they said they would consider moving over to city hall for monthly meetings they will discuss next month when more members are available.

Mayor Kelly wanted to come over and talk to board members since the commissioners are overseeing different departments she wanted to let members know what's going on in the city.

1. The Gas Company is going to be replacing gas mains on Ventnor Ave from Jackson to Fredericksburg and they will be milling and repaving the entire street when they do the streets

not just patching work. Project will begin this March 2011 and go until March 2012 but not in the summers.

2. Fire house on new Haven Ave getting work done to it.
3. City Hall – Police dispatchers will be consolidating with Longport's dispatchers, they will be located here in Ventnor's city hall.
4. The Clerical employees who work in City Hall have joined the Teamsters Local 929 Union. The city commissioners want to consider having civil service eliminated and a vote taken on the ballot for next election to do this.
5. Recently met with some people interested in buying the Hilton property at the shopping center plaza on Wellington Ave.
6. Beautification committee done a beautiful job – project to get new welcome signs done for the city. The signs have been designed and all have been paid by donations, no city money used.
7. Tax base- looking to make sure all properties are updated and that they are accurate. Have a great tax assessor we share her with Margate and then there is a part time aide.
8. Code Enforcement is doing a great job helping to keep city clean and moving in the right direction.
9. Fishing pier was a concern, Mayor stated she wanted to explain the reason why there is no structure on the pier because people (fisherman) having been coming into the office since last year asking why there is no structure on the pier. So she made a phone call to CAFRA to see, it is because the CAFRA permit that the city had previously applied for and that just expired Sept 25, 2010 did not have a structure/shelter building to be built on the permit therefore if it was approved on the permit it can't be built with this particular permit. What the permit called to be built on the pier was built, since that permit has expired the city has re submitted to the state again for another permit so that they can build the structure/shelter and are waiting for a response from the State. Mayor Kelly also working on open space monies to see what the city can get. Mayor Kelly also working on other avenues.

Public portion closed

Director's report:

Night classes going well added 2 new exercise classes. Baseball game to Yankee Stadium trying to confirm for either April or June, they are both Saturdays. Hutch basketball started, a lot of kids signed up.

Director Thomas wanted to extend a big THANK YOU to the Tour DeDownbeach Committee who donated some money to offset the costs of the t-shirts for the hutch programs.

Director Thomas also stated that he got a call from Villanova Field Hockey coach looking to come down here to use our fields. Reason she heard about it is from BJ Callaghan who also works for Villanova and did a soccer camp here this summer and it was very successful.

Also Tory Cavalieri will be doing a basketball camp. Tory went through the sports programs here.

Director Thomas stated that it is nice when kids go through the programs they return and give back.

Football Fields need work done. In bad shape, a lot of ruts and holes . Last time field was done was in 2002. Director Thomas stated that he thought it would cost around \$10,000.00 to redo the fields but was surprised when quotes came in. Lowest quote is \$5,900.00 so far

Recreation board has to talk about the Ventnor Mile that is sponsored by the rec. board and it is always over 4th of July weekend. Last year's turn -out was low, not sure why. This year board is considering moving it to the Friday of the holiday weekend. Director Thomas will make sure no conflict with other events going on in other adjoining towns, thinks Longport does something on that Friday. If there is no conflict the Ventnor Mile will probably be changed to that Friday. Director Thomas will report to members at March's meeting and a decision will be made.

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Debbie Beirne and seconded by Bart Beck. All were in favor