

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Harvey Cedars, NJ was called to order by Deputy Mayor Gerkens at 4:30pm. Commissioner Garofalo was present, Mayor Oldham was on vacation.

The Deputy Mayor asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pursuant to the applicable portions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been given. The schedule of this meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Harvey Cedars is listed in the notice of meetings posted on the bulletin board located in the Borough Hall and the Borough's website and was published on December 14, 2017 in the Beach Haven Times and the Asbury Park Press.

The Deputy Mayor read the following ordinance by title and number and asked for a motion to introduce.

**ORDINANCE #2018-05 FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPALITY IN PREPARING ITS 2018 BUDGET TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**

A copy of the full ordinance as introduced is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Motion to adopt: Commissioner Garofalo

Second: Commissioner Gerkens

Vote: Ayes – Gerkens, Garofalo

Deputy Mayor Gerkens read the following resolutions by title only and asked for motions to adopt after reading each title. Copies of the full resolutions are attached hereto and made a part hereof:

**RESOLUTION #2018-038:**

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS PROCLAIMING APRIL 9 – 15, 2018 AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

Motion to adopt: Commissioner Garofalo

Second: Commissioner Gerkens

Toni Smirniw, Branch Manager, Long Beach Island Branch, Ocean County Library, introduced herself, explained the programs and services the Library provides, and thanked the Commissioners for their support.

**RESOLUTION #2018-039:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2018 AS "PAINT CEDARS PINK MONTH"**

Motion to adopt: Commissioner Garofalo

Second: Commissioner Gerkens

**RESOLUTION #2018-040:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH D. CORONATO AS OCEAN COUNTY PROSECUTOR**

Motion to adopt: Commissioner Garofalo

Second: Commissioner Gerkens

The Deputy Mayor read the following in full.

**RESOLUTION #2018-041:**

**INTRODUCTION OF MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR 2018 TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

**Municipal Budget of the Borough of Harvey Cedars, County of Ocean for the Fiscal Year 2018.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2018.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said budget be published in the Beach Haven Times in the issue of **April 12, 2018**.

A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Municipal Building, 7606 Long Beach Blvd., Harvey Cedars on **Friday, May 4, 2018** at **4:30pm** at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2018 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

A summary copy of the budget is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Motion to adopt: Commissioner Garofalo

Second: Commissioner Gerkens

Vote: Ayes – Garofalo, Gerkens

**RESOLUTION #2018-042: Bills**

Motion to adopt: Commissioner Garofalo

Second: Commissioner Gerlems

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – no comments.

**POLICE AWARD** –

Chief Robert Burnaford welcomed all in attendance, family, friends and business owners; he also recognized Reverend Smith from West 85<sup>th</sup> Street, the new Police Chaplain. He thanked the Board of Commissioners for their continued support of the Police Department.

The Chief named a few things that the Department does throughout the year: they are a large presence in the school system participating in the Safety First Program, bike safety events, Read Across America, Drop Everything & Read, and Not Even Once programs. The Department also does a lot of community policing and reach-out events such as Coffee with a Cop, Pizza with Police, National Night Out, Trunk or Treat events, Harvest Fests, local Kids Night events, and the Winter House Check program. In 2017, the Department achieved their 2<sup>nd</sup> re-accreditation, a 3-year process and cycle the Department is very proud of. Last November, the Department participated for the first time in No Shave November to raise money and awareness for cancer research; the Department successfully raised almost \$10,000.

The Chief recognized Officer Ben Mrozinski; he stated the Department is fortunate to have him, he started as a Class 1, graduated the Class 2 academy and became a full time Class 2 Officer. The Chief thanked the Finance Assistant, Rebecca Wessler, for helping out with the police website and her continued support.

Chief Burnaford announced the Officer of the Year Award was started in 2006 by Chief Jerry Falkowski. He explained this award is a way to recognize an officer that goes above and beyond:

*“This year’s Officer of the Year award Recipient is a worker, in 2017 he has:*

- *generated or responded to over 1500 total incidents - second in department*
- *Made 369 motor vehicle stops*
- *48 total arrests - first overall amongst all the LBI Police Departments*
- *21 drug arrests - first in our department*
- *18 warrant arrests - first in our department*
- *2 DWI’s - first in our department*

*And has treated everyone with respect. He has over 1,000 property checks conducted and multiple positive encounters with the public. He takes initiative - he approached me about getting involved in the NOT EVEN ONCE prevention program over at Southern.*

*On his own: he is the Lead Instructor of the NOT EVEN ONCE prevention program in the High School, the Opiate Awareness Program, designed to inform students about the dangers of opiates before they leave for college or enter the work-force.*

*You give him a task, you know it will get done. Does not want the credit. I couldn’t be more proud of this Officer. This officer continues to be an example for all others to follow. He lives up to the department’s motto: “Commitment to Excellence”.*

*I would like to thank him for his professionalism and his commitment to our town and department. This year’s officer of the year is **Officer Mat Chester**.”*

After applause, the Chief presented Officer Chester with a plaque and the Commissioners congratulated him.

**Motion** to adjourn: Commissioner Garofalo  
Second: Commissioner Gerkens

Meeting adjourned at 4:48pm.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-05**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPALITY IN PREPARING ITS 2018 BUDGET TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**

**WHEREAS** the Local Government Cap Law, NJSA 40A:4-45.1 et. seq., provides that, in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

**WHEREAS** NJSA 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

**WHEREAS** the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Harvey Cedars in the County of Ocean finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2018 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

**WHEREAS** the Board of Commissioners hereby determines that any amount authorized herein that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Harvey Cedars in the County of Ocean, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring that, in the CY 2018 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Harvey Cedars shall, in accordance with this ordinance and NJSA 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$115,013 and that the CY 2018 municipal budget for the Borough of Harvey Cedars be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

**NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was duly introduced and passed on the first reading at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Harvey Cedars held on **April 6, 2018**. Further notice is given that said Ordinance shall be considered for final passage and adoption at a regular meeting of said Board of Commissioners to be held on **May 4, 2018** at 4:30pm at the Borough Hall, 7606 Long Beach Blvd., Harvey Cedars, NJ, at which time and place any person desiring to be heard will be given an opportunity to be so heard.

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Daina Dale, Municipal Clerk

**RESOLUTION #2018-038**

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS  
PROCLAIMING APRIL 9 – 15, 2017  
AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

**WHEREAS** libraries are not just about what they have for people, but what they do for and with people; and

**WHEREAS** libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions, and library workers and librarians fuel efforts to better their communities, campuses and schools; and

**WHEREAS** librarians are leaders in their institutions and organizations, in their communities, in the nation and in the world; and

**WHEREAS** librarians continue to lead the way in leveling the playing field for all who seek information and access to technologies; and

**WHEREAS** libraries and librarians look beyond their traditional roles and provide transformative opportunities for education, employment, entrepreneurship, empowerment and engagement, as well new services that connect closely with patrons' needs; and

**WHEREAS** libraries and librarians lead their communities in innovation, providing STEAM programing, Makerspaces and access and training for new technologies; and

**WHEREAS** libraries are pioneers supporting democracy and effecting social change, with a commitment to providing equitable access to information for all library users regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status; and

**WHEREAS** libraries lead in working with diverse communities, including people of color, immigrants and people with disabilities, offering services and educational resources that transform communities, open minds and promote inclusion and diversity; and

**WHEREAS** libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Harvey Cedars proclaims National Library Week, April 8-14, 2018. We encourage all residents to visit the library this week and explore what's new at your library, and engage with your librarian. It is because of you, our libraries and librarians, Libraries Lead.

PASSED ON: April 6, 2018

**RESOLUTION #2018-039**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS  
PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2018  
AS "PAINT CEDARS PINK MONTH"**

**WHEREAS** since its inception in 2007, in a community-wide effort presented by Meridian Health, *Paint the Town Pink* has expanded to a month long event from May 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018; and

**WHEREAS** the Borough of Harvey Cedars desires to join Meridian Health, the County of Ocean and other local Municipalities in Ocean and Monmouth Counties in raising awareness of the importance of annual mammography; and

**WHEREAS** Harvey Cedars desires to recognize and proclaim the Month of May 2018 as *Paint Cedars Pink Month*; and

**WHEREAS** early detection is the best defense against breast cancer and Harvey Cedars would like to spread awareness through distribution of brochures, wearing pink, decorations, and other activities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Harvey Cedars proclaims the month of May as *Paint Cedars Pink Month* and honors and endorses all programs in Ocean County which encourage the importance of raising awareness of annual mammography.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to all County of Ocean municipalities and Meridian Health.

PASSED ON: April 6, 2018

**RESOLUTION #2018-040**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS,  
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
REQUESTING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH D. CORONATO  
AS OCEAN COUNTY PROSECUTOR**

**WHEREAS** Joseph D. Coronato was named Ocean County Prosecutor in 2013 and since that time has led Ocean County's law enforcement community through difficult times and challenges in particular through the unprecedented opiate drug epidemic that has led to thousands of overdoses and that has cost the lives of many of our residents; and

**WHEREAS** the Mayor, Commissioners and the residents of the Borough of Harvey Cedars are most appreciative of the tremendous efforts and multi-faceted campaign brought forth by Prosecutor Coronato; and

**WHEREAS** Joseph Coronato immediately recognized the severe threat of opiate abuse and engaged with police agencies and community groups throughout the region to empower people through education and information, creating a myriad of seminars and available resources to help individuals and families in crisis; and

**WHEREAS** in his ongoing effort to fight the scourge of addiction created by the availability of opioids, Prosecutor Coronato was the first in New Jersey to find the funding to equip law enforcement officers with lifesaving Narcan, in addition to increasing use and efficiency in the Ocean County Drug Court Program and also spearheading a countywide "Blue HART" (Heroin Addiction Recovery and Treatment) program allowing addicts to get needed help at local police department without fear of arrest; and

**WHEREAS** Prosecutor Coronato from his first day in office took a tough on crime stance, with a no-nonsense approach to reducing gang violence, domestic violence and assaults, apprehending drug pushers, seeking the toughest penalties for those men and women guilty of providing illegal drugs leading to deaths, making arrests in cases of child pornography, apprehending contractors who preyed on the most vulnerable following Superstorm Sandy, all while making certain the victims of crime were not lost in the bureaucratic maze of what can be a confusing and overwhelming justice system; and

**WHEREAS** Prosecutor Coronato's office is known for its professionalism with a well-trained and knowledgeable staff that has assisted in his efforts to protect the public at all times. His efforts have received national recognition most notable in his multi-faceted programs to fight the far-reaching opioid epidemic which have been highly effective and now serve as the model for other programs being introduced nationwide; and

**WHEREAS** it is the strong desire of the Governing Body of the Borough of Harvey Cedars to request that Prosecutor Joseph Coronato continue in his role as the leader of the Ocean County law enforcement community giving him the ability to continue this fight on our behalf.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Harvey Cedars formally and respectfully request that Governor Phil Murphy consider the reappointment of Ocean County Prosecutor, Joseph Coronato, to a second term of office so that he may continue the programs and initiatives that have protected and well served Ocean County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Phil Murphy, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Legislative Districts, Ocean County Mayors, Prosecutor Joseph Coronato, Sheriff Michael Mastronardy and Reverend James Occhipinti.

PASSED ON: April 6, 2018