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A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal, New Jersey was held on May 6, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. This meeting was conducted via Teleconference only due Federal and State Executive Orders not allowing gatherings of more than 10 people from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Cohen led the salute to the flag.

It was stated that in conjunction with the "Open Public Meeting Law", p.l. 1975 ch. 231, a notice required by this statute has been satisfied as per a resolution passed on December 9, 1997 at 5:05 P.M. at Borough Hall at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Borough of Deal, and Monmouth County, New Jersey.

Present: Mayor Cohen, Commissioner Ades & Commissioner Simhon
Also Present: Paul Fernicola, Borough Attorney

It was moved by Commissioner Ades, seconded by Commissioner Simhon and carried that the minutes of the previous meeting held on April 1, 2020 be approved as recorded.

Ordinance 1219 to rescind Capital Ordinance 1213 providing for the various improvements to Streets & Drains was introduced by Commissioner Ades, seconded by Commissioner Simhon. Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon.

Public Hearing for this ordinance will be given on June 3, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

ORDINANCE #1219

AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND CAPITAL ORDINANCE 1213 OF THE BOROUGH OF DEAL IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Capital Ordinance No. 1213 provided for the various improvements to streets and drains and appropriating \$750,000 for such improvements in the 2020 Municipal Budget; and

WHEREAS, Capital Ordinance No. 1213 was introduced on March 4, 2020 with a public hearing and adopted on April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to rescind said Capital Ordinance which is not outlined in the 2020 Municipal Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal that Capital Ordinance No. 1213 is hereby rescinded.

Section 2. If any word, phrase, clause, section or provision of this ordinance shall be found by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, illegal or unconstitutional, such word, phrase, clause, section or provision shall be severable from the balance of this ordinance and the remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final passage and publication as required by law.

The following Resolutions were discussed and enacted:

Commissioner Ades offers the following Resolution:

Resolution 20-59

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK
TO EXECUTE THE FY2021-2023 AGREEMENT WITH MONMOUTH COUNTY FOR
COOPERATIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE INTERLOCAL SERVICES ACT

WHEREAS, certain Federal funds are potentially available to Monmouth County under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, commonly known as the Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish a legal basis for the County and its people to benefit from this program; and

WHEREAS, an Agreement has been proposed under which the Borough of Deal and the County of Monmouth in cooperation with other municipalities will establish an Interlocal Services Program pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8B-1; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Deal to enter into such an agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal, that the agreement entitled "AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED HEREIN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COOPERATIVE MEANS OF CONDUCTING CERTAIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES", a copy of which is attached hereto, be executed by the Mayor and Municipal Clerk in accordance with the provisions of law; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

Seconded by Commissioner Simhon

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Ades offers the following Resolution:

Resolution 20-60

**Approval of Change Order #1 for Improvements to
Brighton Avenue Drainage**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Deal awarded a contract for improvements to Ocean Avenue Phase III to Fernandes Construction, Inc., 25 Stonegate Drive, Monroe, NJ at a cost of \$640,745.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer recommended the following change to improvements to the Ocean Avenue Phase III:

1. Traffic Directors	Subtract	\$24,000.00
2. Test Pits	Add	\$8,400.00
3. Utility Relocation	Add	\$48,000.00
4. Tree Removal	Subtract	\$3,600.00
5. 24"x38" Elliptical RCP Pipe	Subtract	\$64,500.00
6. 38"x60" Elliptical RCP Pipe	Subtract	\$113,645.00
7. Type B Inlet	Subtract	\$12,750.00
8. Type E Inlet	Subtract	\$6,000.00
9. Storm Drain Manhole 4 FT Diameter	Subtract	\$5,000.00
10. Storm Drain Manhole 6 FT Diameter	Add	\$9,000.00

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11. Connect to Existing Structure	Subtract	\$5,000.00
12. Trash Rack	Subtract	\$5,300.00
13. Reconstruct Culvert	Add	\$10,000.00
14. 38"x60" Elliptical RCP Pipe	Subtract	\$203,490.00
15. 42" RCP	Add	\$372,364.00
16. Storm Inlet Type E	Add	\$11,800.00
17. Storm Manhole 19B	Add	\$13,000.00
18. Storm Manhole 27B	Add	\$16,000.00
19. Storm Manhole 27E	Add	\$27,000.00
20. Rip Rap Apron	Add	\$5,000.00
21. Concrete Encasement at Sanitary Sewer	Add	\$13,000.00
22. Additional Select Fill	Add	\$20,000.00
Total (ADD)		\$110,279.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal hereby authorizes the changes recommended to the Improvements to Brighton Avenue Storm Drain as specified by the Borough Engineer changing the contract amount to \$853,589.75.

Seconded by Commissioner Simhon

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Simhon offers the following Resolution:

Resolution 20-61

WHEREAS, Fernandes Construction, Inc., Monroe, NJ has been awarded a contract for the Brighton Avenue Drainage Improvements at a cost of \$853,589.75; and

WHEREAS, Fernandes Construction Inc. has requested payment #2 in the amount of \$248,629.36; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has verified that the work to date has justified this payment;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal that the payment #2 of \$248,629.36 be made to Fernandes Construction Inc. for the Brighton Avenue Drainage Improvements.

Seconded by Commissioner Ades

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Ades offers the following Resolution:

Resolution 20-62

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF GRACE PERIOD FOR PAYMENT OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES DUE MAY 1, 2020 FROM MAY 11, 2020 TO JUNE 1, 2020 PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 130

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 establishes the grace period during which municipalities may not collect interest for unpaid real property taxes to be 10 days; and

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WHEREAS, for municipalities, such as the Borough of Deal, operating under a calendar year budget, second quarter property taxes are due on May 1, 2020, but may be paid, without interest being assessed, at the end of the 10 day grace period expiring on May 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020, due to the COVID-19 state of emergency, Governor Philip D. Murphy signed Executive Order No. 130, which authorizes municipalities, by resolution, to extend the grace period for payment of real property taxes to June 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the current financial hardships experienced by many residents of the Borough of Deal, the Board of Commissioners has determined it appropriate to offer the maximum extension permitted under Executive Order No. 130 for the grace period for payment of real property taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that it hereby authorizes and directs the Borough's Chief Financial Officer and Tax Collector to immediately extend the Borough's grace period for the payment of second quarter real property taxes due on May 1, 2020 from May 11, 2020 to June 1, 2020 during which time no interest shall be charged for late payments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if the May 1, 2020 installment of second quarter real property taxes is not paid on or before June 1, 2020, then the interest rates set forth in Resolution 20-09 shall apply retroactively to the May 1, 2020 due date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no refunds of real property taxes already paid for the second quarter shall be granted during the extended grace period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other deadlines and interest rates penalties set forth in Resolution 2020-013 shall remain in full force and effect, but for the grace period for the May 1, 2020 installment, which is amended to the extent set forth in this Resolution only.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Executive Order No. 130, the Clerk of the Borough of Deal is hereby directed to immediately transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Director of the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs.

Seconded by Commissioner Simhon

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Simhon offers the following Resolution:

Resolution 20-63

**AMEND SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT
REGARDING PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 49:8A-1 authorizes a municipality to enter into a contract with another municipality for the joint provision of services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Deal and the Village of Loch Arbour have negotiated to amend the current Shared Service Agreement for public works; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Deal and the Village of Loch Arbour wish to enter into an agreement whereby the Borough of Deal will provide additional recycling material pickup.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The Borough of Deal hereby agrees to the attached shared service amended agreement and all contractual provisions held within.
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said agreement.

Seconded by Commissioner Ades

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Ades offers the following Resolution:

Resolution 20-64

Resolution to Oppose the Northeast Supply Enhancement Project

WHEREAS, Williams-Transco is proposing to build a 23.4 mile methane gas pipeline through the Raritan Bay, Lower New York Bay, and Atlantic Ocean from Old Bridge, New Jersey to Rockaway, New York; called the Northeast Supply Enhancement Project (NESE); and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proposed project is to transport 400 million cubic feet of methane natural gas by the process of hydraulic fracturing, from the Marcellus Shale to New York, which will be destructive to the environment; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020 Williams-Transco submitted a new application for the proposed project to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, which marks the fourth time the applicant has sought approval by the Department for the project; and,

WHEREAS, the project will in no way serve the interests of the State of New Jersey, the County of Monmouth or its residents, and will only supply methane natural gas to Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island New York; and

WHEREAS, the Williams/NESE pipeline will have severe negative impacts to the Raritan and Lower New York Bays, such as disruption of roughly 14,165 acres of the seabed of the Raritan Bay, the discharge of 690,000 gallons of drilling fluid and chemicals into the bay, the re-suspending over 1,090,000 tons of toxic muck contaminated by PCBs, dioxin, lead, mercury, and arsenic, and the destruction of over 1,000 acres of benthic habitat that houses marine fish, shellfish, and larva; and,

WHEREAS, the project poses serious concerns related to environmental harm to marine and coastal ecosystems, as well as negative impacts to the safety, health and wellbeing of Bayshore coastal communities, resulting in well documented public opposition; and,

WHEREAS, the Williams/NESE pipeline will endanger marine and wildlife through decreased water quality from re-suspended toxins, the sieving of over 3.5 million gallons of seawater destroying any living thing that is caught in the process, and the creation of loud sounds and powerful vibrations that accompany pipeline development which will impact migration patterns, communication systems and other important biological processes; and,

WHEREAS, the Williams/NESE pipeline will adversely impact industries important to the New Jersey Bayshore communities, disturb commercial and recreational fishing and shell fishing activities, and potentially damage the tourism industry; and,

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WHEREAS, the Williams/NESE pipeline will have significant upstream environmental impacts that will directly harm the Raritan Bay, such as negatively affecting 41 acres of wetlands, including approximately 20 acres of forested wetland; and,

WHEREAS, the Williams/NESE pipeline will increase dependency on fossil fuels, thereby contributing significantly to climate change through increased carbon dioxide and methane emissions; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal that hereby opposes the construction and installation of a 23.4 mile methane gas pipeline through Raritan Bay from Old Bridge, New Jersey, to Rockaway, New York. Construction of the pipeline will negatively impact the health of the Bayshore, coastal ecosystems, marine life, benthic habitats, and coastal communities.

Be It Further Resolved, that Board of Commissioners urges the company Williams-Transco to eliminate any further consideration for a pipeline.

Be It Further Resolved, that Board of Commissioners urges the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to deny any permit application for the project and any other pipeline, and urges its representatives of the New Jersey Legislature, United States Congress and United States Senate, as well as the Governor of New Jersey to oppose this pipeline and the current applications pending at the state and federal level.

Be It Further Resolved, that this resolution be certified and forwarded to New Jersey Governor Philip D. Murphy, Commissioner Catherine R. McCabe of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Joslin Tamagno of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Land Use Regulation, Senator Vincent Gopal, and Assemblyman Eric Houghtaling and Assemblywoman Joann Downey.

Seconded by Commissioner Simhon

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Simhon offers the following Resolution:

Resolution 20-65

WHEREAS, the Borough of Deal publicly advertised for bids for a 60 x 120 metal enclosed building in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, bids were to advertised to be received for the listed project and no bids were received; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, the project was rebid and two (2) bids were received which the lowest bid was in the amount of \$437,661.00 from West End – KB, LLC, Oceanport, NJ.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the bids greatly exceed the budget for this project and has decided to reject these bids; and

WHEREAS, due to the two publicly advertised bids, where no bid was received and a high bid was received, it is appropriate for the Borough to negotiate an agreement with the low bidder; and

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WHEREAS, negotiations were conducted with West End-KB, LLC and the proposed bid was received in the amount of \$298,826.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal that the bids for the 60 x 120 metal enclosed building be rejected for reasons set forth herein and the Borough Administrator and Public Works Superintendent are hereby authorized to engage in negotiations for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these negotiations resulted in a new cost for the 60x120 metal building at \$298,826.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal that the 60x120 metal building be awarded to West End-KB, LLC, Oceanport NJ in the amount of \$298,826.00

Seconded by Commissioner Ades

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Simhon offers the following Resolution:

Resolution 20-66

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following persons are hereby appointed for summer positions at the Deal Casino and Conover Pavilion, May 2020 through September 2020 at the hourly salaries set in this resolution unless otherwise noted. Salaries for these positions have been provided for in the Municipal Budget.

2020 management and supervisor salaries		Madison Karpe	\$10.00
		Anthony Kean	\$13.00
		Kristen Kean	\$13.00
Carrie Sniffen	\$24,000	Victor Khdideh	\$9.00
Ted Bahlman	\$19,000	Christopher Koenig	\$8.00
Caitlin McGrath	\$15,000	Abigail Kowaliwskyj	\$8.00
Neil Martin	\$12,500	Garrett Laffler	\$10.00
Amy Brenner	\$20,000	Noelle Mains	\$15.00
Gary Brenner	\$7,000	Michael Mains	\$20.00
		Jack Massry	\$10.00
2019 Casino Staff hourly salaries:		Jackson McDonough	\$12.00
		Ava McLaren	\$9.00
Lucas Beltran	\$10.00	Zachariah Miller	\$9.00
Rafael Blotner	\$9.00	Alexandra Muscillo	\$10.00
Molly Bonett	\$9.00	Vincent Muscillo	\$8.00
Kate Braun	\$9.00	Jack Natalino	\$8.00
Carli Brush-Stoll	\$12.00	Lily Natalino	\$8.00
Taylor Cerco	\$8.00	Timothy Patterson	\$20.00
Calvin Chambers	\$10.00	Sara Phox	\$13.00
Rosemarie Critelli	\$11.00	Hannah Raike	\$8.00
Joseph Critelli (8/11/20)	\$8.00	Anthony Sallustio	\$10.00
Julia DeGirolamo	\$10.00	Sean Santos	\$10.00
Julian DeSeno	\$8.00	Victoria Santos	\$11.00
Avalon Fiori	\$13.00	Kim Schmidt	\$13.00
Todd Flesca	\$9.00	Brielle Schneider	\$11.00
John Foley	\$20.00	Annalisa Simons	\$15.00
Emily Forgash	\$11.00	Nicholas Simons	\$13.00
Garrett Freund	\$11.00	Kelly Sniffen	\$9.00
David Hiers	\$9.00	Taylor Sniffen	\$15.00
Caitlin Holtz	\$10.00	Nancy Sniffen	\$10.00
Corey Karpe	\$10.00	Joao Pedro Souza	\$8.00

Richard Studer	\$8.00	Emma Knight	\$15.00
Jack Sutton	\$9.00	Grace Lehman	\$10.00
Maria Tobias	\$15.00	Lexi Lewis	\$14.00
Brandon Tracey	\$12.00	Tori Lee	\$9.75
Melanie Vasilew	\$15.00	Arielle Mastando	\$11.00
Kendyl Vivian	\$10.00	Madison Mastando	\$10.25

2019 Lifeguard Staff hourly salaries

Sydney Bendik	\$10.25	Kenna McGovern	\$10.25
Ella Burgdorf	\$10.00	Alex Okros	\$10.25
Hugh Burgdorf	\$12.50	Timothy Presley	\$10.75
Carlia Caamano	\$10.25	Jillian Sallustio	\$13.75
Stephen Carton	\$10.00	Jacob Sedor	\$10.50
Bailey Crochet	\$15.00	T.J. Shea	\$10.25
Joey Epstein	\$10.75	AJ Shirley	\$11.75
Christian Foley	\$13.75	Jake Shirley	\$10.75
Anna Greenberg	\$13.25	Michael Suyama	\$10.25
Cameron Hellmers	\$10.25	Chris Vivian	\$14.00
Meaghan Hellmers	\$11.75	Andrew Worthington	\$14.00
		Gabrielle Zimmerman	\$13.75

Seconded by Commissioner Ades

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Simhon offers the following Resolution:

Resolution 20-67

WHEREAS, several requests have been made for refunds for 2020 membership to the W. Stanley Conover Pavilion; and

WHEREAS, these refunds are being requested due to the COVID-19 pandemic over the concern for their health and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal that the following be refunded for their membership to the W. Stanley Conover Pavilion:

1. Kenneth White, Deal, NJ \$650.00
2. Susan Bloom, New York, NY \$150.00

Seconded by Commissioner Ades

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Simhon offers the following Resolution:

Resolution 20-68

WHEREAS, several requests have been made for refunds for 2020 membership to the Deal Casino; and

WHEREAS, these refunds are being requested due to the COVID-19 pandemic over the concern for their health and safety, removing of an additional member or overpayment.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal that the following be refunded for their membership to the Deal Casino:

1. Irene Daum, West Allnehurst, NJ	\$200.00
2. Hyman Escava, Brooklyn, NY	\$175.00
3. Judy Angelo, New York, NY	\$1,350.00
4. Ceryse Mizrahi, Brooklyn, NY	\$500.00
5. Maria Segall, West Allenhurst, NJ	\$500.00
6. Chris Fiore, West Long Branch, NJ	\$950.00
7. Jill Tretsky, Ocean Twp, NJ	\$200.00
8. Laura Ciavolino, Oceanport, NJ	\$500.00
9. Morris Setton, Brooklyn, NY	\$950.00

Seconded by Commissioner Ades

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Simhon offers the following Resolution:

Resolution 20-69

WHEREAS, it is necessary to have a change fund available for the operation of the Deal Casino and Conover Pavilion during the summer months while the beaches are open.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal authorize the Borough Administrator to draw \$1,800.00 total from the general account for the beach clubs to use to make change at the Deal Casino and Conover Pavilion beach clubs, returning this fund after the close of the season in September.

Seconded by Commissioner Ades

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Commissioner Ades offers the following Resolution:

Resolution 20-70

WHEREAS, due to the fact the Board of Commissioners will be holding one meeting for the month of May; and

WHEREAS, payroll and miscellaneous expenses must be approved for payment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal that payroll and associated deductions for the period ending May 31, 2020 be approved in the amount not to exceed \$300,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the miscellaneous expenses not to exceed the amount of \$300,000.00 be paid at this time.

Seconded by Commissioner Simhon

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

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The Proclamation was discussed and enacted:

Commissioner Simhon offers the following Proclamation

Proclamation

A Proclamation Supporting National Safe Boat Week

Recreational boating is fun and enjoyable, and we are fortunate that we have sufficient resources to accommodate the wide variety of pleasure boating demands. However, our waterways can become crowded at times and be a place of chaos and confusion. While being a marvelous source of recreation, boating, to the unprepared, can be a risky sport. Not knowing or obeying the Navigation Rules or the nautical "Rules of the Road," drinking alcohol or taking drugs while operating a boat, or choosing not to wear your life jacket when doing so is clearly not the smart thing to do, are all examples of human error or a lack of proper judgment. One particular behavior that can reduce the number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year by approximately 80% is the wearing of a life jacket. It is a simple task that has the potential to reduce terrible loss in lives.

Knowledge and skills are important in reducing human error and improving judgment. If people are aware of the risk, they are likely to take the precautionary measures to protect themselves and their friends and family. That is why we must continue to spread the messages of boating safety not only during National Safe Boating Week but also throughout the entire year.

WHEREAS, on average, 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; approximately 70% of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

WHEREAS, today's life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than styles of years past and deserve a fresh look by today's boating public.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Samuel Cohen do hereby support the goals of the North American Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim May 16-22, 2020, as National Safe Boating Week and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating.

Seconded by Commissioner Ades

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

A report of the monthly activities, time and sick use for the Police Department for the month of April was received from Chief Ronen Neuman.

A report of the Building Department for the month of April was received from Allison Gavin.

A report of the disbursement checks for the Municipal Court for the month of April was received from Krystal Reiner.

A letter was received from the NJ Department of Transportation advising of their FY 2021 State Aid programs.

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A letter was received from the Municipal Excess Liability JIF providing their MEL Annual Report.

A letter was received from the NJ Department of Transportation notifying that all Federal Aid projects must comply with the Buy America requirements.

An email was received from Jersey Girl Tri and War at the Shore to reschedule their events for due to the pandemic. The Jersey Girl Tri is scheduled for August 1 and the War at the Shore is tentatively scheduled for June 27th. The Board of Commissioners approved the events.

Commissioner Ades offers the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal, New Jersey that the following bills reported by the finance committee be ordered paid and vouchers drawn for same as listed on page 20-04 of the Warrant Register in the amount of \$643,092.90.

Seconded by Commissioner Simhon

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Cohen, Ades & Simhon

Mayor Cohen moved to open the floor to public comments, seconded by Commissioner Simhon and approved.

Dale Levinson, 320 Crosby Avenue Oakhust, stated that he was concerned with the Deal Casino opening and the pandemic.

Barbara Coffey, 85 Norwood Avenue, asked the Board of Commissioners stated her concern with the multiple families in the beach houses, Mayor Cohen stated they can wear masks in the cabana, social distance and it will be up to them to maintain. Ms. Coffey asked why the need for DPW building, Ms. Coffey was advised that this will house the equipment to keep out of the elements and protect the equipment. Ms. Coffey asked about summer rentals, Mayor Cohen stated the Borough prohibits short term rentals.

MaryAnne Cronheim, 88 Monmouth Drive, asked the Board of Commissioners about sanitizers, Mrs. Cronheim was advised that hand sanitizers would be placed throughout the club. Mrs. Cronheim asked about the snack bar, Mayor Cohen stated that outside seating would be removed and it will be open for take-out only. Mrs. Cronheim stated that the Borough should provide masks. It was mentioned that the town has the highest percentage of COVID cases. Mayor Cohen stated that the statistics are off, there are more people in town than the census of 750 people.

Isadora Chamlin, 5 Poplar Ave, asked the Board of Commissioners about that not only no new guest passes, but all guest passes should be returned and no guest policy issued. Mrs. Chamlin stated that there is a lot of money in the coffers with the taxes increases and asked that money that is being received from Monmouth County. Mayor Cohen stated that money can only go toward COVID related expenses. Mrs. Chamlin also stated the bathrooms need to be kept clean and sanitary.

Ralph Harray, stated that the crosswalks signs in front of the Casino should be removed if it is not a crosswalk.

Mayor Cohen asked for any additional comments from the public, which there was none and closed the floor to public comments.

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It was announced that the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners, which will be on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

There being no further business or comments, it was moved by Commissioner Simhon and seconded by Commissioner Ades that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

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Clerk