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go before the HPC, but did make a courtesy presentation to city council.

Mahaney said he would like more discussion on wind turbines because the city might want to emulate what the Coast Guard is doing at some point.

"The desal plant uses \$225,000 annually (in electrical service)," Mahaney said.

Mahaney said the city has the potential to install windmills in places such as the Public Works yard and behind the elementary

school. Mahaney said he was concerned if the city limits its options now it would be hamstrung in the future.

"We need to have some healthy discussion on this," he said.

Mahaney noted that the new Convention Hall design called for the installation of some small wind turbines.

The final area of concern was windows on key and contributing buildings. The clarification sought by the HPC is that wood frame windows be the only option. Copeland said the addendum addresses maintenance and energy effi-

ciency, saying properly maintained wooden windows are more energy efficient than vinyl framed windows. Copeland said a lot of people are being sold on the maintenance value and energy efficiency of vinyl framed windows, but they are being denied by the HPC.

"We are trying to anticipate questions in the front end," Copeland said.

The HPC also recommended council take action to accept 410 surveys of historic structures. An original survey was created in 1993. In 2007-08 106 surveys were

completed and approved by the State Historic Preservation Office. In 2008 another group of 242 surveys were completed, and in November 2008 another 60 surveys were authorized. City Manager Bruce MacLeod said the next step was for city council to accept the surveys, which it could do at its next meeting.

He said another 60 surveys were authorized to being in November 2009. In 2007, the target number of surveys was 1,348. MacLeod said the city is about one-third of the way through.

Moore

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to its current location and Moore was named pro, in 1972, on his 100th birthday and in great celebration, the club was renamed The William J. Moore Tennis Center. The entire family attended, including Amaleta, who worked at the tennis club as a ball girl. In later years she was on the club's board of directors as well as its scholarship foundation.

Amaleta Moore was a longtime member of the Macedonia Baptist Church in Cape May and just last fall was honored as the church's oldest member, cutting the celebratory ribbon on the occasion of the church's 100th anniversary.

Edith Faison has been a member of the Macedonia Baptist Church for decades. She served as the financial secretary, sang with the choir, helped with the Sunday school, the nursery and is "deaconess emeritus."

"She was so happy for the church on its 100th anniversary," Faison said, "what a beautiful smile she had that day."

Faison, who grew up a block and a half away from the Moore family, remembers William Moore visiting her family.

"Her family would walk to our house and her dad came to play checkers with my father," Faison said. "The women talked until they were finished and then they would

walk home."

"Amaleta was nine years older than me," Faison said. "She was always dedicated to education. When I was a 4-H leader, she had just returned from Russia. I asked her to speak to the children about her experience and she did. She loved to travel."

"When she came home during the summers ... Amaleta always came on Sundays to the Macedonian Church. When she retired and moved back here permanently she became quite involved. She was the person you could always count on to help."

When the church needed cushions for its pews, Alameta Moore put together a committee - including Alma Parker and Shirley Moore to raise funds.

"She was always willing to help no matter what needed to be done she was right there. Alameta was a beautiful person. I can't believe she's gone," Faison said.

Amaleta A. Moore was also a member of the Cape May Historical Society and the American Association of University Women (A.A.U.W.) She is survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Funeral services were held last Saturday at the Macedonia Church. Any donations in her name are suggested to the William J. Moore Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 64, Cape May, N.J. 08204.

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filled. Salaries and wages across the board were cut \$435,810 in the 2010 budget, and other expenses were reduced by \$89,412.50 (the entire budget is printed in the legal section of this edition of the Star and Wave).

Costello said the reductions bring the budget increase to zero based on previous ratables. After accounting for the recent devaluation, the tax rate would increase by 6.7 cents, but the net increase would be zero. People who saw no change in the value of their homes would likely see a tax increase, but Costello said for most Lower Township taxpayers there would be little change.

In response to a question by resident Susan Bailey, council said no layoffs were planned. Robert Bailey, a

township employee, asked what the effect would be next year.

"It's going to be a race against time to adjust certain contracts," Mayor Mike Beck said.

Bailey said he would rather pay \$5 more per month in taxes than see people lose their township jobs.

Beck said the township can't quite get a handle on the budget situation next year because the state has not given out municipal aid figures for 2011. He said Lower Township lost about \$400,000 in state aid this year, and the municipalities were warned not to try and recoup the loss by raising local taxes. He said if the township had a tax increase this year it might see a greater reduction in state aid next year. Additionally, the governor has proposed a 2.5 percent budget cap for

2011 to ensure municipalities don't boost the local purpose tax to make up for cuts in state aid.

While some celebrated the zero tax increase, others were less optimistic. Resident Frank Majane said council was not listening to the professionals, who recommend a modest tax increase to stave off a large increase down the road.

Resident Fred Long told council it had a legal right to request 5 percent of any undedicated fund balance from the Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority. The issue was raised two weeks ago by Janet Pitts of the Lower Township Taxpayers Association. Since then, Township Manager Kathy McPherson sent a request for the 5 percent to the LTMUA. Township council members said they

thought the letter was going to be an inquiry on the issue, and not a request. McPherson said she sent a memo to council members advising them of the letter. Beck polled the members of council, with each of them indicating they would like the letter rescinded.

Long said he believes the township has a right to 5 percent of any undesignated fund balance from an authority it created.

"If someone generates surplus funds it can be put to better use than sitting in a bank," Long said.

Township Solicitor Anthony Monzo said he believed the language in the statute was referring to the authority's board authorizing the transfer of funds, not the township council.

Pipe

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Mott told council his recommendation was to reline the existing pipe with a fiberglass lining - called slip-lining. The pipe runs from the Benton Avenue pumping station, down Queen Street, to the ocean.

Council authorized the

appropriation and introduced a bond ordinance appropriating \$275,000 for the repair of the storm water drain line.

Deputy Mayor Niels Favre also expressed some concern over the condition of the new firehouse driveway apron.

"To the untrained eye there seems to be a lot of cracks and a lot of loose grit," he

said.

Favre asked Mott if he was comfortable with the condition of the apron, but Mott said he would prefer to discuss the matter in closed session.

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