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said was not his style, or

leave. "I decided to pick up my marbles and go home," Nietubicz said. "I came down here to retire. I want to get back in touch with those things that brought me here; spend the rest of my life with my wife enjoying the Point. So, I have resigned as Commissioner of Cape May Point."

Nietubicz said as a commis-

Trash -

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urek said he wasn't sure what Hemmingway's argument was, because the township was not charging businesses for trash collection now, and the proposed cost was cheaper than private collection.

"I don't want to sound like a Republican," the lone Democrat on council said, "but we don't want to discourage businesses from moving here by having too many fees."

Mazurek asked for a cost/benefit analysis to be done before commercial trash fees were instituted.

Mazurek said he did not agree with some fees increas-

sioner he was most satisfied with seeing the borough's emergency management plan work – as it did this winter – establishing a beach taxi service to aid people who had trouble walking across the sand, and the "Beach Boys," a group of men who volun-teered to construct decks at the beach where people could watch fireworks, have parties, or just relax.

Schupp said he issued the press release announcing Nietubicz's resignation Friday because he thought something should come from him. Schupp said being an elected municipal official is becoming more difficult.

"The mandates are very unreasonable. They (the state) seem to want more and more and we get less and less," he said. "The state is less." running out of capable clerks and chief financial officers because the exams they are giving these people are unreasonable."

Schupp said he and

Commissioner Anita Van Heeswyk do not plan to appoint anyone to fill Nietubicz's office before the Nov. 2 election. Borough clerk/administrator Connie Mahon is hurriedly getting together election packets for anyone interested in running for the vacant commission seat. Until then, Schupp said he and Van Heeswyk can handle whatever is necessary between now and November. Mahon said she is following procedures outlined in the

Municipal Vacancy Law. She said procedures require the position be put on the ballot for the next general election, but not less than 60 days after the seat is vacated.

"Anybody who wants to run for office should see me immediately," Mahon said. Mahon said the successful

candidate would serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which will be until May of 2012. She said she would be working fast and furious to get election packets together.

Candidates need to get at least 25 signatures on petitions for election.

Nietubicz said he plans to work in his garden and might eventually start volunteering in the borough.

"Who knows? I have a train set I want to put up in the yard, that kind of business," he said.

ing by 100 percent or more. The fee per site for campgrounds was recommended to go up from \$4 per site to \$10. "One hundred percent is

over the top...but I think 50 percent (increase) is OK," he said. Councilman Glenn

Douglass said half the proposed increase was fair. 'The public has asked us to

be fair, and I think we have been as fair as possible. We tried to put it in the middle and we did," he said.

Mayor Mike Beck said he was in favor of spreading out the increases, including the recreation fees.

"I'm in favor of sharing the pain all the way around," he

Beck said if the township doesn't raise fees it will eventually come back to the taxpayer in the form of property taxes

"With the 2 percent cap, if we don't get this we are going to lose employees," he said.

said.

Beck said the township has 10 percent fewer employees than when he took office, with most of the jobs going to attrition.

Beck said while the township is limited to a 2 percent increase in the budget, they are obligated to 3 to 4 percent wage increases.

"We can't raise that kind of money through the tax levy to cover all our obligations," he

said.

Beck said if a child has a problem with paying fees to participate in recreation department sports, they should contact the township and something would be done.

Lare questioned how the township was going to find the money to cover those fees. "I said I would do some-thing," Beck said.

"You are going to pay their fees?" Lare said.

"If I can," Beck said.

Resident Joe Winters suggested the community could create a fund to help cover recreation fees for needy children. Beck said salaries and

wages have pushed the township into a corner and they now have no option but to increase fees.

"At the end of the day I think most parties will understand," he said. "If the (gov-ernor's) tool kit arrives tonight we will be fine, but until then I have no confidence."

The tool kit proposed by Gov. Chris Christie includes provisions to help municipalities deal with the 2 percent levy cap, including an end to binding arbitration with regard to labor contracts.

Two township employees retire after many years

Lower Township Council honored two retirees Monday night. Officer Al Flitcroft retired after 25 years with the Lower Township Police Department. He spent over five years as the School Resource Officer at Lower Cape May Regional High School.

The township also honored Harold "Elvis" Carty, who served over 25 years with the Department of Public Works. Carty started his career in 1984 as a laborer and retired Coordinator as of Maintenance Services. According to Mayor Mike Beck, Carty never took a sick day in 25 years.

Skate

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would have two cars with them, an advance car to warn people they were skating and a chase car with medical supplies, water and food. He said they would then catch a ride home - or their parents would drive down and get them.

Brooks said he and Zhang would skate regardless of the weather. He said wheel bearings would be only issue if it rains, which it did. In Cape May, with their the same way," Brooks said. rains, which it did.

stand in front of Rita's Italian Water Ice on Beach Avenue, Brooks and Zhang said it rained their second day on the road and their last. Asked about accidents, Brooks said he took a fall on the first day and scraped up his arm and ankle, and he took another fall on Wednesday before reaching Cape May. Both said they felt fine otherwise. "I actually feel invigorat-

ed," Zhang said.

The pair managed to raise about \$8,000 so far, and would like to raise at least half their original goal, or \$10,000. They will have a video posted on www.YouTube.com/originalvideo skateboards where they will continue to solicit donations until they reach their goal. For more information on Skate Cape May, go to www.skatecapemay.com.

Online donations are linked to Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. Or e-mail Contact@SkateCapeMay.com for sponsorship or other donation options.

Neidig responded to the request, saying it's been a challenge to enforce noise ordinances, both in Cape May Point and other shore towns, adding that data obtained

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from noise meters is typically unreliable. Nevertheless, Neidig said it "could be time to re-visit the ordinances" in this area, and suggested the board authorize him to examine code enforcement procedures here, especially during the hours stated in the





Pictured are Lt. Bill Oat, left, and Capt. Peter Pietras, right, of the Cape May Point Beach Patrol, receiving a plaque from Commissioner Joe Nietubicz recognizing 100 years of lifeguarding by the CMPBP.

imous approval.

Neidig said any borough resident could file a citizen complaint at Cape May City Hall on this or any other topic.

O'Connell spoke passionately of her wish that this dis-



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pute be settled amicably between the parties, without resorting to citations. Others present advised her that such methods had been tried in the past, with minimal success, but it was stated that this approach remained an option by instituting a Neighborhood Dispute Complaint through Cape Mediation Services.

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Commissioner Joe Nietubicz presented the Cape May Point Beach Patrol with a plaque commemorating its 100th anniversary of excellent services to the community. Captain Pete Pietras and Lt. Bill Oat, both Certified Emergency Medical Technicians and longtime members of the Beach Patrol, were present to accept this award, resolution and hearty applause celebrating this vital service to Cape May Point residents and visitors.

