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# Lower Township talks about raising fees

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
Cape May Star and Wave

LOWER TOWNSHIP - As part of an overall plan to tackle an anticipated \$1 million shortfall in the 2011 budget, Lower Township Council considered proposals for increasing fees.

Township Manager Kathy McPherson said due to the anticipated shortfall she met with department heads to look at ways to reduce the funding shortage.

"There are a couple of personnel actions we can take, some retirements..."

*'It's hard enough to get our places rented. To raise prices doesn't increase business in town.'*

—Sheri Hemmingway, LTCC president

McPherson said.

Looking at raising the cost of permits and licenses was another portion of the effort to reduce the shortfall.

Council looked at a number of options, including the fee for an Administrative Lien, which is something used by code enforcement to force property owners to come into

compliance with township codes. The current fee is \$25 and the proposed fee was \$2,000. Council agreed a \$500 fee was more on target.

Zoning Official Bill Galestock said the increased fee is reasonable because it can take the township years to get action on an abandoned house. Galestock said there

were 31 administrative liens filed last year. The increase in lien fees would potentially raise an additional \$61,775 in revenue for the township.

Galestock outlined a series of increased fees for planning and zoning applications, with the largest increases proposed for commercial projects. He said the planning

board reviewed and recommended increases such as the fee for a preliminary site plan going from \$500 plus 50 per unit to \$1,500 plus \$150 per unit. The fee for a final site plan would go from \$750 to \$2,500.

Under the proposal, the cost of an appeal would increase from \$500 to \$1,500.

The cost of holding a special meeting at the request of an applicant would increase from \$750 to \$2,250 under the proposal. Galestock said when special meetings are

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# Convention Hall project team announced

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CAPE MAY - Five members of the community have been added to a Convention Hall Project Team Committee, which also includes city officials and members of council.

At the last city council meeting, July 27, Councilman Bill Murray recommended the Mayor Edward J. Mahaney Jr. and Deputy Mayor Jack Wichterman represent city council on the committee, which also includes the City Manager Bruce MacLeod, Construction Officer Bill Callahan, and the project's architect and engineer.

On Tuesday, city council added John Bilotta, Al Beale, Mary Stewart, Dennis Crowley and Mike Whipple to the committee.

The committee was formed to help expedite the \$10.5 million Convention Hall project, while maintaining public participation in the project. City council rejected an additional \$3.15 million to build a Convention Hall under the current

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## Captain Kidd Treasure Hunt

A 'Pirate' family looks over their spoils at the annual Captain Kidd Treasure Hunt held on the Congress Street Beach Sunday. See the winners photos on Page A12.

# Chamber hearing clamor over parking meters

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
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CAPE MAY - According to Chamber of Commerce president Bill Causey, the chamber is hearing more and more from unhappy visitors who have received a parking ticket in Cape May.

"We are getting a lot of complains, more than we normally do about parking tickets," Causey said.

According to Causey, it's not that they object to paying for parking, it's because they are fooled into thinking they don't have to pay.

Causey said if you look down Jackson Street from Carpenters Lane, the sign telling motorists is not immediately obvious.

"The sign is half way down the block behind trees and bushes - you can't see the sign," he said.



A view down Jackson Street as described by Chamber of Commerce President Bill Causey. The pay station is located by the fourth vehicle down the street. Some say the empty poles are much more obvious than the number and the medallion by the curb directing drivers to the pay station. Causey said with no meter heads, people often assume they don't have to pay for parking.

One of the other problems, he said, is there are posts with the old meter heads removed, so people tend to

think the meters are gone. "They get out of their cars, see the post with no meter, and think 'free parking'," he



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said. "It's the same on Perry and parts of Congress Street." Causey said some people are being ticketed after dark

when it's hard to see even the posts, let alone the medallians

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# CMFD, community says farewell to Dave Halbruner

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
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CAPE MAY - "His official title was Fire Lieutenant...but he was also known as Dave."

This is how Cape May Fire Chief Jerry Inderwies Jr. referred to Lt. David E. Halbruner, who died one week ago today after a courageous battle with lung cancer. Halbruner was in his 25th year as a career firefighter in Cape May, but he began his firefighting career as volunteer in January 1978.

"He was a well educated and dedicated fire fighter for the city, and he had many friends," Inderwies said. "He was always willing to lend a



Dave Halbruner hand and support younger firefighters when they came

into the department."

Inderwies said Halbruner was also recognized many times for lifesaving work he did as an EMT. But according to Inderwies, Halbruner was best known for his personality and character.

"He was a friend to everyone, he was a great guy. He always had a smile on his face," Inderwies said. "And he fought his battle with cancer as he did everything in life...tough, courageous, he never gave up."

Inderwies said when Halbruner learned he had cancer he was very stoic about the news.

"When he was diagnosed and he knew things were bad,

he said 'It is what it is - I'll deal with it the best I can,'" Inderwies said.

The career firefighter, who loved to fish, and who was everyone's friend, was just 11 months away from retirement when he finally succumbed to cancer. Halbruner passed away at home with his family by his side.

Halbruner was a lifelong resident of Cape May. He graduated from Lower Cape May Regional High School in 1973. Before becoming a career firefighter he worked as a heavy equipment operator for Foundation and Structure Construction. He joined the Cape May Volunteer Fire Company and

became a line officer. He became a paid firefighter in 1986, and was trained as an Emergency Medical Technician.

He rose to the rank of lieutenant, as was the president of the IAFF Local 3495 at the time of his death. He was a Life Member of the New Jersey State and the Cape May County Fireman's Relief Associations. He was a trustee secretary of the Cape May Relief Association.

Halbruner's father, Hiram "Bucky" Halbruner, passed away in 2006. He is survived by his wife, Stacey (Peterson) Halbruner, as well as his mother, Martha Jane 'Marti'

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