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Bradley council votes no confidence in Fox

Budget fails to pass for eighth consecutive time at July 24 meeting

BY KERAN SULLIVAN
THE COAST STAR

BRADLEY BEACH — Amid financial disarray and lack of progress in the budget, Councilwoman Kristen Mahoney introduced a vote of no confidence against Mayor Larry Fox that passed in a 4-1 vote, after the council voted down the budget at the Wednesday, July 24 Bradley Beach borough council meeting.

While a vote of no confidence is non-binding, it is a concrete statement of the council's dissatisfaction in the mayor's ability, with several council members citing their frustration with Mayor Fox's handling of this year's budget prior to voting. Before an affirming vote of no confidence, Councilman Al Gubitosi stated, "For no other reason, solely focused on the impossible-to-understand budget impasse we've dealt with for four months."

"Based on the budget, the DPW negotiations and our lack of communication, I vote yes," said Councilwoman Mahoney, affirming her vote of no confidence in Mayor Fox. The no-confidence vote came shortly after the 2024 budget was voted down for the eighth consecutive time since it was first presented in April. Councilwoman Mahoney revealed at Wednesday's meeting that Mayor Fox proposed a new budget

prior to the meeting, however, she said the numbers "didn't add up," resulting in the council's continued confusion and persistence in voting down the budget. Before voting down the budget, Councilwoman Mahoney stated, "If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you always got...the numbers we have do not add up...we are on our third set of revised budget numbers, none of

which include the concerns from this council." Councilman Gubitosi revealed that, in a formal, five-page letter, he alerted the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the state office of the comptroller of his many concerns regarding the borough's current fiscal management.

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Youngsters of all ages took the "Can Drop Challenge" at this year's Fireman's Fair, held nightly in Mallard Park in Manasquan through Saturday.

Fireman's Fair thrills return to Mallard Park

Thousands attend first days of annual event

BY KERAN SULLIVAN
THE COAST STAR

MANASQUAN — The annual Fireman's Fair is underway at Mallard Park with rides, games, raffles, food and ice cold beverages flowing at the annual community event. Thousands of attendees of all ages flocked to Manasquan on a beautiful summer night on Tuesday, July 30 for the fair's opening night.

The Fireman's Fair, hosted by Manasquan's Volunteer Engine Company No. 2, will be running daily until Saturday, Aug. 3 from 6 to 11 p.m. Each year, volunteers from both of Manasquan's fire departments, the Manasquan Police Department, the Ladies Auxiliary,



The swings are one of many popular rides at the Fireman's Fair each year. Manasquan Volunteer Engine Company No. 2 has been running the fair annually since 1996.

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Cable opponent group to meet Aug. 19

Offshore wind-turbine project calls for cable landfill in Sea Girt

BY KERAN SULLIVAN
THE COAST STAR

MANASQUAN — Over the course of the last three months, a group of residents have come together to fight against a proposed plan that will run what they call "high risk" power cables through residential streets in Sea Girt, Manasquan and Wall Township out to a substation in Howell.

Now, the residents are teaming up with local mayors, government representatives and others to talk about the plan in a meeting on Aug. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Manasquan Community Senior Center, located at 61 Atlantic Ave.

Stop The High-Risk Power Cables is a bipartisan, grassroots, self-funded group of residents who oppose the cable that is part of the Atlantic Shores Offshore Winds South Project, which includes plans to run power cables under the streets of the local community. They say their

bright yellow lawn signs are just the start of the group's efforts to educate their neighbors and those in the surrounding community about the potential dangers of the proposed project.

Lynette Viviani and Kimberly Paterson are leaders of a group of about 15.

"What I find when I walk around and talk to people is that many of them are really upset, but many of them feel powerless," Paterson told The Coast Star. "They kind of just throw their hands up and say 'you can't beat city hall' and 'who's on the take for this project?' and they're really wrong about that. If you are committed enough, you can have an impact. I just want people to know that they have a lot more power than they realize."

The power cables are part of one of the largest offshore wind

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"Really, that's what motivated us ... To continue her legacy and do this all in her memory. It was her passion; music was everything to her and so we want to help share that with other people."

JESSICA LUDWIG, Jillian Ludwig's mother

Summer Jam at Bar A plays it forward for Jillian

Benefit concert held for Rae of Light Foundation

BY ALEX OYER
THE COAST STAR

LAKE COMO — Hundreds of live music fans rocked out at Lake Como's Bar Anticipation Sunday night for the Play It Forward for Jillian Summer Jam benefit concert.

Jersey Shore native bands Indigo Sky and Dogs in a Pile took the Bar A summer stage on Sunday for the concert, 100% of the net proceeds

of which went to the Rae of Light Foundation. Earlier in the day — prior to the concert — the third annual Dogs in a Pile + Long Strange Purr Golf Outing, featuring Dogs in a Pile, took place at Spring Meadow Golf Course in Wall Township. Proceeds from the golf outing also went to Rae of Light.

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Concerned citizen group aims to 'Stop the High-Risk Power Cables'

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energy efforts in the country, according to Viviani, that are planned to happen off the coast of Atlantic City and make landfall in Sea Girt.

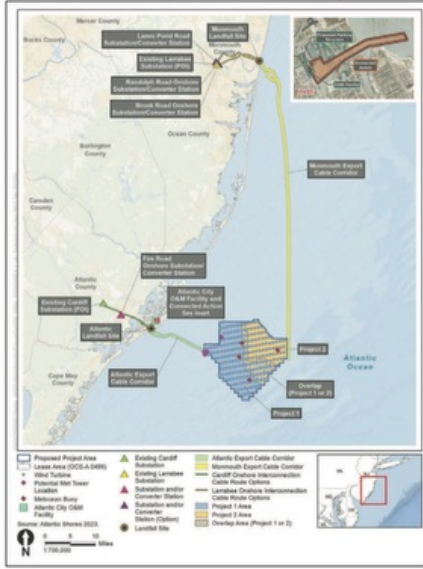
Viviani and Paterson made it clear that the group is not against alternative energy. "We fully support alternative energy. We are just concerned about this cable," said Paterson.

According to Paterson, the upcoming informational meeting will cover the magnitude of the proposed project, the direct impact the power cables will have on the greater community and an education on "how this process has not been transparent" to local residents.

Paterson said the group invited several local government officials including Manasquan Mayor Mike Mangan, Sea Girt Mayor Donald Fetzer and Assebyman Paul Kanitra. In addition, several citizens speakers have been invited including Mike Dean from Save the East Coast and Cindy Zipf from Clean Ocean Action who will also be present to discuss the proposed project. Keith Moore, the director of government affairs for Defend Brigantine Beach, will discuss how Cape May citizens succeeded in stopping proposed plans for offshore wind in their area.

"It's important for people to get the facts about offshore wind power transmission that is planned to go through our community," Mayor Mangan told The Coast Star. "Manasquan remains committed, along with Sea Girt, Wall Township and Howell, to raise awareness of the massive underground transmission cables that are planned to go through our towns. Manasquan remains opposed to this project due to environmental and health concerns that have yet to be addressed in a meaningful way by state officials."

Assemblyman Kanitra told The Coast Star, "With the recent pieces of a broken turbine washing ashore on beaches up and down the East Coast, it's never been clearer what a disaster these projects are for our environment. Locally, with massive cables poised to run unprecedented amounts of electricity under Manasquan and Sea Girt the concerns are major. I look forward to attending and standing up for the residents of the south Legislative District and all of the Jersey Shore."



The Atlantic Shores South map is available online at boem.gov and depicts the current plans for the Atlantic Shores Offshore Winds South Project.

Stop High-Risk Power Cables was formed just under three months ago by a founding group of five people concerned about the communities that are slated to be impacted by the proposed project. In addition to the bright yellow lawn signs, the group has gone door to door, talking to residents at homes that lie on the proposed route of the power cables.

"We are not against renewable energy. We want it done smartly and safely and makes sense economically. We are not against this. We are proponents of renewable energy. The aspect of this one is very risky in our opinion and until someone can show us otherwise that there is no problem. This is not a not-in-my-backyard message. It's a not-in-anyone's-yard message until you can show that it will do no harm," said Viviani.

ATLANTIC SHORES SCOPE OF WORK
On July 2, according to a press release from the U.S. Department of the Inter-



Stop High-Risk Power Cables is a group of citizens concerned with Atlantic Shores' plan to run energy cables through residential areas of Sea Girt, Manasquan and Wall.

ior (DPI), Atlantic Shores received the nation's ninth commercial-scale offshore wind energy project approved under President Joe Biden's administration. While Washington, D.C. approved the Atlantic Shores South Wind Project, the as-

and up to eight transmission cables making landfall at two New Jersey locations," according to BOEM.

The turbines are planned to be constructed 8.7 miles off the coast of Atlantic City and the greater Atlantic County, according to BOEM. Export cables will connect to landfall locations in Atlantic City and Sea Girt. BOEM says energy acquired from the turbine area will travel through "export cable corridors" off the Jersey Shore coastline to each respective landfall site.

The first project, referred to as Project One, uses an export corridor referred to as "Atlantic export cable corridor" to transfer energy from the turbine area to the landfall site on the coast of Atlantic City. Power acquired from the farms will be transferred to substations in Atlantic City and Sea Girt, including Cardiff Substation as the point of interconnection.

Project Two, which is slated to have power cables run through Sea Girt, Manasquan and Wall Township, would use the Monmouth Export Cable Corridor to travel north from the turbine area along the coast of Atlantic, Ocean and Monmouth counties before making landfall at the Sea Girt Army Camp.

After making landfall at the Army Camp, the power cables would head down Sea Girt Avenue, into Manasquan through a portion of Wall Township and out to the point of intersection at the Larrabee Substation in Howell Township, according to a rendering from BOEM.

Following the approval, Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind Chief Executive Officer Joris Veldhoven said in a July 10 press release: "New Jersey is ready for offshore wind renewable power, and so is Atlantic Shores."

Veldhoven's company, Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, is a joint venture partnership between Shell New Energies and French owned company EDF Renewables.

According to its website, the company is a group of "purpose-driven professionals dedicated to delivering its five plus gigawatt offshore wind portfolio, strategically positioned to meet the growing demands of multiple east coast markets including New Jersey and New York."

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