

MUNICIPAL BUILDING
7:30 PM

TOWNSHIP MEETING
MARCH 10, 2016

The township meeting of the Township Committee took place on the above date, time and place with the following being present: Mayor Eugene Kobryn, Deputy Mayor Dave Schlick, Committeeman Ray Gormley, Committeeman John Kehm, Committeewoman Lisa Stevens, Township Administrator Garrett Loesch, Township Attorney Robin LaBue, Township Engineer Jim Oris, Recording Operator Linda Cicco and Township Clerk Diana McCracken

Township Clerk Diana McCracken read the Open Public Meeting Statement and opened the meeting.

Flag Salute - Moment of Silence

Deputy Mayor Dave Schlick read a proclamation designating the month of March as "Colon Cancer Awareness Month." Colon Cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second leading cause of cancer death in men and women combined in the United States. Know your risk factors and get screened, Colon Cancer is preventable, treatable and beatable.

Old Business – Anticipated Action for March 10, 2016

Ordinance #2016-01 (Second Reading and Final Adoption)

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, to establish the compensation of township employees

Motion to Open: Kehm Second: Schlick All in favor,

No public participation

Motion to Close: Schlick Second: Kehm All in favor

Motion to Approve: Schlick Second: Gormley Roll Call: Gormley Yes

Kehm Yes

Stevens Yes

Schlick Yes

Kobryn Yes

New Business / Public Comments

Mayor Kobryn read resolution #2016-78 and asked for public comments:

No public comments.

Resolution #2016-78

Amending Resolution #2016-70 [John J. Covone shall be appointed as a Police Officer instead of Michael LaMontagne]

Police Chief Richard Buzby introduced Officers Matthew Cook and Scott Nino who were appointed at the last township meeting and Officer Kyle Kleinow, son of former Police Chief William Kleinow, a former Police Explorer and a great asset to our Police Department and the community. Former Sergeant now Special Officer Scott Nino retired from the Police Department honorably and is now appointed as a Special Officer serving security function at the

school. We welcome them to the department. He then introduced John Covone and stated he confidently recommends his appointment to the Police Department.

Motion to Approve: Schlick Second: Kehm Roll Call:

Gormley	<u>Abstain</u>
Kehm	<u>Yes</u>
Stevens	<u>Yes</u>
Schlick	<u>Yes</u>
Kobryn	<u>Yes</u>

Newly appointed police officers John Covone and Matthew Cook were sworn in by Chief of Police Richard Buzby.

Mayor Kobryn read resolution #2016-79 and asked for public comments.
No public comments.

Mayor Kobryn read resolution #2016-80 and asked for public comments.
Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explains this resolution allows us to move funds from the existing reserves to a budget line that had been depleted.
No public comments.

Mayor Kobryn asked for public comments on the township expenditures.
No public comments.

Mayor Kobryn read resolution #2016-81 and asked for public comments.
No public comments.

Motion to Close to Public: Schlick Second: Kehm All in favor

Resolution #2016-79

Accepting the resignation of and authorizing the compensation of accumulated time to Deborah Albright [one-time payment of \$2.93]

Motion to Approve: Gormley Second: Schlick Roll Call:

Gormley	<u>Yes</u>
Kehm	<u>Yes</u>
Stevens	<u>Yes</u>
Schlick	<u>Yes</u>
Kobryn	<u>Yes</u>

Resolution #2016-80

Authorizing appropriation transfer in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 [permissible in the first three months of the fiscal year to transfer the amount of excess appropriations to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient]

Motion to Approve: Stevens Second: Schlick Roll Call:

Gormley	<u>Yes</u>
Kehm	<u>Yes</u>
Stevens	<u>Yes</u>
Schlick	<u>Yes</u>
Kobryn	<u>Yes</u>

Resolution #2016-81

Bill Resolution

Current Account	\$2,391,907.62
Third Party	\$ 215,946.84
Total	\$2,607,854.46

Motion to Approve: Stevens

Second: Gormley

Roll Call: Gormley

Yes	<u> </u>
Kehm	<u> </u>
Stevens	<u> </u>
Schlick	<u> </u>
Kobryn	<u> </u>

Miscellaneous Approvals

- ❖ Township meeting minutes of February 11 and February 26, 2016
- ❖ Raffle License No. 2016-03 for Southern Ocean County Community Foundation Inc. Gift Raffle on April 20, 2016 at Sea Oaks Country Club
- ❖ Raffle License No. 2016-04 for American Legion Post #493 Mystic Island 50/50 raffle on May 30, 2016
- ❖ Raffle License No. 2016-05 for the Tuckerton Library Association Gift Basket Auction on May 14, 2016 at Cuisine on the Green
- ❖ Raffle License No. 2016-06 for the Tuckerton Library Association 50/50 raffle on May 14, 2016 at Cuisine on the Green
- ❖ Raffle License No. 2016-07 for the Little Egg Harbor Tuckerton PBA Charity Inc. cash raffle on April 28, 2016 at Sea Oaks Country Club

Motion to Approve: Kehm

Second: Stevens

Roll Call:

Gormley: Abstain on February 26 minutes	<u> </u>
Yes to balance	<u> </u>
Kehm: Abstain on February 26 minutes	<u> </u>
Yes to balance	<u> </u>
Stevens	<u> </u>
Schlick	<u> </u>
Kobryn	<u> </u>

Township Engineer

Jim Oris reported NJDOT is planning the resurfacing of Route 9 beginning at the New Gretna border and heading north through Tuckerton and picking up again through the Parkertown area. The paving will mostly take place at night and there is an effort underway between our office and the Walmart contractors to coordinate their resurfacing because the State Contract will not include the Walmart area. Walmart is looking to do their paving around May. Route 9 will remain open with at least one lane in each direction during that period. We will also make the State aware of several areas that have had long standing drainage issues including the areas of Otis Bog Road, Taylor Street and an area by Parkertown Drive. We recently conducted our Energy Auction; the Energy Aggregation Program was successful we are proceeding with the program in the near future. Residents that participate could expect to save as much as 8% on their electric bill; it is not a mandatory program and anyone can opt out of the program. Residents on solar energy will be unaffected. Lastly, we would typically have a meeting with Ocean County Engineering to discuss issues the township has with county facilities or county

roads; however the county is doing their Engineers Meeting with the Mayor differently this year and are not conducting regular meetings unless they are requested. We requested a meeting on behalf of the township to discuss the Park-N-Ride for a status update. Once we have the meeting we will have an update on their projection regarding the size of the facility and when it will be ready and available for use.

Committeeman Ray Gormley mentioned the intersection of Route 9 and Brook Street also has drainage issues and asked the Township Engineer to include that in his request.

Township Committee Comments

Gormley: Congratulated the three new officers, they will be a nice addition to the community.

Kehm: No comment.

Stevens: Welcomed and wished the new officers good luck in their new positions.

Schlick: Reiterated Committeewoman Steven's comments.

Kobryn: Commended the police department on another cost-savings effort. Spoke about the benefits of Shared Services with Mystic Island Fire Company. He read some important information from a brochure from the Ocean County Office of Senior Services.

Deputy Mayor Schlick mentioned he may not be able to attend the next township meeting and asked if a conference call is possible.

Township Attorney Robin LaBue explained the Open Public Meetings Act states he can participate through electronic communication.

Public Comments

Motion to Open: Stevens

Second: Schlick

All in Favor

~~Mr. Richard Longshore:~~ Read an article online stating Long Beach Township has introduced their 2016 budget with no tax increase. He asked when the residents can expect to see a budget and what will be the tax impact.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated he is looking to introduce the budget on March 24.

Mr. Longshore: Asked about the public hearing.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated tentatively he is looking at April 5.

Mr. Tom Meredith: Asked for an update on the Liaison for Pinelands Board of Education.

Mayor Gene Kobryn explained we requested a meeting with the Pinelands Superintendent and are waiting to hear back.

Mr. Tom Meredith: Asked if the committee made a decision on who would attend the meetings.

Mayor Gene Kobryn stated the meeting with the superintendent will take place first then we will approach the Pinelands School District through the Superintendents suggestion and advice.

Committeeman John Kehm suggested speaking with the Pinelands School Board because that is who we will be sitting with.

Mr. Tom Meredith: Mentioned he's been going to the meetings and assured that the Board is interested in communicating more openly and frequently.

Mayor Gene Kobryn stated we will pursue it.

Mr. Art Mooney: Thanked the township engineer for his work on the Energy Aggregation Program and asked if it will get started this season.

Township Engineer Jim Oris stated yes; and there will be at least two public information sessions and believes the program will start in either June or July.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if the meetings will be held in town hall.

Township Engineer Jim Oris stated the meetings will be here so if residents have questions or concerns we can answer them.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if the State will notify the township on critical areas within the township during the paving because it could create havoc.

Township Engineer Jim Oris stated yes, the State will be working with our office, explained the paving will be substantially done at night to limit the impact on traffic which is typical for Route 9 paving projects, similar to the night-time traffic pattern they had in Barnegat so it limits the amount of impact on the traveling public.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if a Nixel alert could be broadcasted notifying people where they will be working.

Township Engineer Jim Oris mentioned we would work with the police department to put out a Nixel announcement as well.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for an update on the Park-N-Ride.

Township Engineer Jim Oris explained the township has requested a meeting with the County Engineer and are hoping to have it within the next thirty days.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if Walmart is on schedule.

Mayor Gene Kobryn stated as far as we know, it is scheduled to open in July.

Township Engineer Jim Oris explained we had some conversations with their engineer, because Walmart has to do paving as well and they are projecting they are still on track for a July opening.

Mr. Hank Gibony: Expressed his concern regarding people cutting through the Sunrise Bay Development. There is a dangerous curve in the road and would like to see something done before someone gets hurt.

Mayor Gene Kobryn asked the Administrator if a sign could be installed warning people of the dangerous curve in the road.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated we would have to look at the site plan of the development but it is something we could look at in conjunction with the township engineer.

Police Chief Richard Buzby stated he has speed warning signs that could be stationed there for an appropriate period of time. Additionally he can work with Mr. Donnelly to produce an appropriate slow down sign.

Mr. Hank Gibony and Chief Buzby were talking back and forth and came up with "No through traffic" on both ends and maybe "blind spot" because it's a 45 degree curve.

Mr. Hank Gibony: Expressed his concerns once Walmart opens up that people are going to be looking for a shortcut.

Chief Richard Buzby agrees with Mr. Gibony and assured him he will do whatever he can to protect our residents.

Mayor Gene Kobryn asked if they could get together at a different time to discuss the kinds of signs needed.

Chief Richard Buzby stated in addition to the signs he can have officers patrol the community. Chief Buzby also mentioned several years ago we engaged in a fire mitigation project with a number of parcels in the Parkertown area; and the thought behind that was that in the event of a major forest fire that we create as many fire breaks we can between the communities and the Pinelands Preserve. He stated we just secured two controlled burn permits in Parkertown and an additional permit for the Recreation Fields Complex to create a large buffer for homes in that

area. In the next couple of weeks there will be controlled burns in the areas of the rec fields and the western side of Parkertown.

Mr. Jerry McGuire: Stated he lives in Sunrise Bay and earlier this week there were solicitors going door-to-door selling solar panels and replacement windows. The community has "No Solicitors" signs posted and he feels they should not be allowed to solicit there. In speaking with the gentlemen they produced a solicitor's permit; Mr. McGuire asked if the issuing officer would emphasize that there are certain communities that are No Soliciting Communities.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch mentioned he will work with the Township Clerk on a list of communities that do not accept solicitors and forward it to the Police Department.

Township Attorney Robin LaBue asked how it's a no solicitation community?

Mr. Jerry McGuire: Stated there are signs posted at the entrances of the community.

Township Attorney Robin LaBue stated she is not entirely sure about that, it is a first amendment issue. The Township does have a solicitation ordinance; other towns have a "No Knock Registry" where if you do not want someone to solicit you can put your name on a list. We can look into that.

Mr. Jerry McGuire: Stated that basis for him saying that is someone from the Sunrise Bay Board contacted the township and was told that we are a no soliciting community and that particular permit issued was not valid in our area.

Motion to Close: Gormley

Second: Stevens

All in Favor

Being no further business

Motion to Adjourn: Kehm

Second: Gormley

All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,



Diana K. McCracken, RMC
Township Clerk