

MUNICIPAL BUILDING
7:30 PM

TOWNSHIP MEETING
JULY 14, 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 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. Committeeman Ray Gormley was absent.

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

Flag Salute - Moment of Silence for the Police Officers injured and killed in Texas.

Mayor Kobryn and Committeewoman Stevens read the winning essays of the Mayor for the Day Essay Contest Winners.

Public Comments

Motion to Open to Public: Kehm Second: Schlick All in Favor

Resolution #2016-147

Authorizing the hiring of a Clerk I for the Construction Office *[Kimberly Bassyouni at a rate of \$11.25 per hour]*

No public comment.

Resolution #2016-148

Authorizing the interview and hiring of two (2) Police Officers *[Police Chief Richard Buzby is authorized to interview and hire two police officers at an annual salary in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township and PBA Local 295, and the township salary ordinance]*

Mr. Mike Polito: Questioned the authorized number of officers to be hired.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained two officers have submitted their paperwork for disability retirement.

Mr. Mike Polito: Suggested adding that information in the explanation of the resolution to better understand fiscal responsibilities.

Mr. Art Mooney: Expressed his concerns that the town is exceeding the number of police officers originally discussed.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch we are at our projected need of 44 officers.

Lieutenant Jim Hawkins explained the goals and needs of the police department.

Resolution #2016-149

Authorizing an amendment to the 2016 budget to allow for the insertion of a special item of revenue and appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 *[\$785.61 from the State of New Jersey Alcohol Ed Rehab & Enforce Fund]*

No public comment.

Resolution #2016-150

Authorizing the renewal of membership in the Ocean County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund *[three-year period beginning January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2019]*

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained the Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

No public comment.

Resolution #2016-151

Certifying the Governing Body has reviewed, as a minimum, sections of the Annual Audit *[Annual Report of Audit for the year 2015]*

No public comment.

Resolution #2016-152

Awarding an agreement to S. Batata Construction for the 2015 Streetscape Improvement Project – Radio Road and Mathistown Road *[S. Batata Construction of Parlin, NJ; Base Bid \$732,679 + Alternate Bid "D" \$11,050]*

Township Engineer Jim Oris explained the Streetscape Improvement Project.

No public comment.

Resolution #2016-153

Appointing Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC as Conflict Tax Appeal Attorney for the Township of Little Egg Harbor *[Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, Warren, NJ, \$125 per hour]*

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained this process.

No public comment.

Resolution #2016-154

Authorizing the execution of Change Orders to the Contract with T&M Associates for the NFWF Marsh Restoration Project *[increase of \$252,223.00 to cover additional expenses associated with the NJDEP permitting requirements]*

Township Engineer Jim Oris explained this project.

No public comment.

Resolution #2016-155

Canceling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 *[totally disabled veteran; refund on taxes already paid for the year 2016: \$1,022.06]*

No public comment.

Resolution #2016-156

Canceling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 *[totally disabled veteran; refund on taxes already paid for the year 2016: \$3,028.94]*

No public comment.

Resolution #2016-157

Canceling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 *[totally disabled veteran; refund on taxes already paid for the year 2016: \$911.43]*

No public comment.

Resolution #2016-158

Canceling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 *[totally disabled veteran; refund on taxes already paid for the year 2016: \$356.45]*

No public comment.

Resolution #2016-159

Canceling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 [totally disabled veteran; refund on taxes already paid for the year 2016: \$1,728.02]

No public comment.

Resolution #2016-160

Canceling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 [totally disabled veteran; refund on taxes already paid for the year 2016: \$0.00]

No public comment.

Review of township expenditures

No public comment.

Lieutenant Troy Bezak provided an overall review of the activities within the Police Department for the month of June.

Mayor Kobryn welcomed the Mayor for the Day Essay students and thanked them for attending this evenings meeting.

Motion to Close to Public: Kehm Second: Stevens All in Favor

Old Business: **Anticipated Action for this evening**

Ordinance #2016-03 **(Second Reading and Adoption)**

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey amending and supplementing Chapter 269 of the Township Code to establish a "No Knock" Registry [owners and/or occupants that do not permit canvassing, peddling, itinerant vending, and door-to-door sales at their home]

Township Attorney Robin LaBue stated this ordinance will be permanently tabled.

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| Motion to Table: Kehm | Second: Stevens | Roll Call: | Gormley | Absent |
| | | | Kehm | Yes |
| | | | Stevens | Yes |
| | | | Schlick | Yes |
| | | | Kobryn | Yes |

New Business

Ordinance #2016-04 **(Introduction and First Reading)**

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter 273 of the Township Code entitled "Property Maintenance" so as to add Article II entitled "Control of Invasive Plants"

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| Motion to Introduce: Kehm | Second: Schlick | Roll Call: | Gormley | Absent |
| | | | Kehm | Yes |
| | | | Stevens | Yes |
| | | | Schlick | Yes |
| | | | Kobryn | Yes |

Resolution #2016-147

Authorizing the hiring of a Clerk I for the Construction Office

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| Motion to Approve: Stevens | Second: Schlick | Roll Call: | Gormley | <u>Absent</u> |
| | | | Kehm | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Stevens | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Schlick | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Kobryn | <u>Yes</u> |

Resolution #2016-148

Authorizing the interview and hiring of two (2) Police Officers

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| Motion to Approve: Schlick | Second: Stevens | Roll Call: | Gormley | <u>Absent</u> |
| | | | Kehm | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Stevens | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Schlick | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Kobryn | <u>Yes</u> |

Resolution #2016-149

Authorizing an amendment to the 2016 budget to allow for the insertion of a special item of revenue and appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87

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

Resolution #2016-150

Authorizing the renewal of membership in the Ocean County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

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| Motion to Approve: Kehm | Second: Schlick | Roll Call: | Gormley | <u>Absent</u> |
| | | | Kehm | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Stevens | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Schlick | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Kobryn | <u>Yes</u> |

Resolution #2016-151

Certifying the Governing Body has reviewed, as a minimum, sections of the Annual Audit

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| Motion to Approve: Stevens | Second: Schlick | Roll Call: | Gormley | <u>Absent</u> |
| | | | Kehm | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Stevens | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Schlick | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Kobryn | <u>Yes</u> |

Resolution #2016-152

Awarding an agreement to S. Batata Construction for the 2015 Streetscape Improvement Project – Radio Road and Mathistown Road

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| Motion to Approve: Kehm | Second: Schlick | Roll Call: | Gormley | <u>Absent</u> |
| | | | Kehm | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Stevens | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Schlick | <u>No</u> |
| | | | Kobryn | <u>Yes</u> |

Resolution #2016-153

Appointing Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC as Conflict Tax Appeal Attorney for the Township of Little Egg Harbor

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| Motion to Approve: Schlick | Second: Stevens | Roll Call: | Gormley | <u>Absent</u> |
| | | | Kehm | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Stevens | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Schlick | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Kobryn | <u>Yes</u> |

Resolution #2016-154

Authorizing the execution of Change Orders to the Contract with T&M Associates for the NFWF Marsh Restoration Project

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| Motion to Approve: Kehm | Second: Stevens | Roll Call: | Gormley | <u>Absent</u> |
| | | | Kehm | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Stevens | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Schlick | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Kobryn | <u>Yes</u> |

Resolution #2016-155

Canceling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30

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| Motion to Approve: Schlick | Second: Kehm | Roll Call: | Gormley | <u>Absent</u> |
| | | | Kehm | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Stevens | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Schlick | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Kobryn | <u>Yes</u> |

Resolution #2016-156

Canceling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30

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| Motion to Approve: Kehm | Second: Stevens | Roll Call: | Gormley | <u>Absent</u> |
| | | | Kehm | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Stevens | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Schlick | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Kobryn | <u>Yes</u> |

Resolution #2016-157

Canceling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30

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| Motion to Approve: Kehm | Second: Schlick | Roll Call: | Gormley | <u>Absent</u> |
| | | | Kehm | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Stevens | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Schlick | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Kobryn | <u>Yes</u> |

Resolution #2016-158

Canceling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30

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| Motion to Approve: Kehm | Second: Schlick | Roll Call: | Gormley | <u>Absent</u> |
| | | | Kehm | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Stevens | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Schlick | <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Kobryn | <u>Yes</u> |

Resolution #2016-159

Canceling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30

Motion to Approve: Kehm Second: Schlick Roll Call:

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

Resolution #2016-160

Canceling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30

Motion to Approve: Kehm Second: Schlick Roll Call:

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

Resolution #2016-161

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| Bill Resolution | |
| Current Account | \$3,270,215.31 |
| Third Party | <u>\$ 100,317.51</u> |
| Total | \$3,370,532.82 |

Motion to Approve: Kehm Second: Stevens Roll Call:

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

Miscellaneous Approvals

- Township meeting minutes from June 9, 2016
- Raffle license for Zonta Club of Southern Ocean County 50/50 raffles on various dates at John & Sonia's Restaurant
- Raffle license for American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island 50/50 raffle on September 18, 2016

Motion to Approve: Stevens Second: Schlick All in favor

Township Engineer

Jim Oris reported due to the Governor's Executive Order, the NJDOT was forced to stop work on many projects. Little Egg Harbor was not affected by this because we do not have projects in design or under construction. He discussed the activation of the traffic light at Otis Bog Road and Route 9 as well as improvements to the traffic lanes on Oak Lane and Route 9. Lastly, he discussed the schedule for the Sidewalk Project.

Deputy Mayor Dave Schlick asked if there will be a left turn lane on Otis Bog Road.

Township Engineer Jim Oris explained there have been concerns and discussions regarding the road striping in that area. Wal-Mart will also be doing a supplemental traffic study after 30-days of operation.

Deputy Mayor Dave Schlick asked the Lieutenants present for an explanation for the law regarding crossing over a solid double line such as on Route 9 in front of the Acme parking lot.

Lieutenant Hawkins explained the laws regarding center lines. The police department is aware there are issues with the striping and will be discussing them with the Township Engineer.

Township Committee Comments

Kehm: Commended Wal-mart and all the businesses in town for providing employment to local residents.

Stevens: No comment.

Schlick: No comment.

Kobryn: Provided information on the NJ Boating Safety Certification Course and spoke about the Pinelands Municipal Councils annual meeting and introduction of the Pinelands Commission and its Municipal Council. He discussed the successful audit of West Tuckerton Fire Company.

Public Comments

Mr. Ed. Gautier: Stated he believes the paving of Oak Lane should be done after the low-income housing construction is complete.

Township Engineer Jim Oris stated the Oak Lane paving project is from Route 9 to Center Street so it will not be affected by that project

Mr. Ed. Gautier: Spoke about the decrease in his tax bill.

Mr. Roman Krochmal: Expressed concerns regarding traffic light patterns on Route 9 and Great Bay and Route 9 and Route 539 also the pitch of the road at Mathistown Road and Route 9.

Township Engineer Jim Oris stated he will look into it.

Mr. Art Mooney: Expressed his gratitude for the new Wal-mart store. Asked if there has been any headway on the amount of money the schools will be receiving from the PILOT program for the COAH housing.

Mr. George Lange: Mentioned some homes along Route 9 in the Parkertown area that are an eyesore.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated he will discuss the matter with the Zoning Officer and Code Enforcement.

Mr. Ed Gautier: Commented that the abandoned homes affect assessments and taxes.

Mr. Jim Hague: Spoke about code enforcement issues and unregistered vehicles.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated he will speak with him after the meeting.

Mr. Jim Hague: Mentioned the poor condition of Playhouse Road.

Township Engineer Jim Oris will get a schedule on the paving from the developer.

Ms. Debbie Christenson: Expressed her concerns regarding the lack of progress on property maintenance in town as well as her concerns for illegal fireworks.

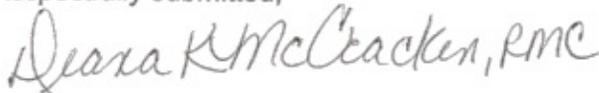
Being no further business

Motion to Adjourn: Schlick

Second: Stevens

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,



Diana K. McCracken, RMC
Township Clerk