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REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 1, 2016

Township Clerk Diana K. McCracken welcomed the public to the 2016 Reorganization Meeting of the Township of Little Egg Harbor and opened the meeting by reading the Open Public Meeting Statement.

Newly-elected Committeeman David Schlick was administered the Oath of Office as Committeeman by Attorney Richard Kitrick.

Newly-elected Committeewoman Lisa Stevens was administered the Oath of Office as Committeewoman by Attorney Robert Rue.

The Reorganization Meeting of the Township Committee took place on the above date, time and place with the following being present. Committeeman David Schlick, Committeeman Eugene Kobryn, Committeeman Ray Gormley, Committeeman John Kehm, Committeewoman Lisa Stevens, Township Attorney Robin LaBue, Township Engineer James Oris, Township Administrator Garrett Loesch, Recording Operator Linda Cicco, and Township Clerk Diana K. McCracken, RMC.

Township Clerk asked for Nominations for Mayor for the year 2016

Motion was made by Lisa Stevens to nominate Eugene Kobryn as Mayor

Motion was Seconded by David Schlick

Roll Call:	Schlick	<u>Yes</u>
	Kobryn	<u>Yes</u>
	Gormley	<u>Abstain</u>
	Kehm	<u>Abstain</u>
	Stevens	<u>Yes</u>

Committeeman Eugene Kobryn was administered the Oath of Office as Mayor for the year 2016 by Attorney Jeremy Price.

Township Clerk Diana McCracken turned the meeting over to Mayor Eugene Kobryn

Mayor Kobryn presided over the meeting after accepting nomination and taking Oath of Office.

Mayor Kobryn asked everyone to stand for the Flag Salute.

Invocation by Veterans of Foreign Wars

Mayor Kobryn asked for Nominations for Deputy Mayor for 2016
 Mayor Kobryn made a motion to nominate Ray Gormley as
 Deputy Mayor

Committeeman Gormley Declined

Roll Call:	Schlick	<u>Yes</u>
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Mayor Kobryn made a motion to nominate Lisa Stevens as
 Deputy Mayor

Committeewoman Stevens Declined

Stevens	<u>Yes</u>
Gormley	<u>Yes</u>

Mayor Kobryn made a motion to nominate David Schlick as
 Deputy Mayor

Committeewoman Stevens seconded the motion

Kehm	<u>Yes</u>
Kobryn	<u>Yes</u>

Committeeman David Schlick was administered the Oath of Office as Deputy Mayor for the year 2016 by Attorney Richard Kitrick.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items are considered to be routine and will be enacted with a single motion.

Resolution #2016-01

Appointing the Law Firm of Gilmore & Monahan as Township Attorney, including Litigation and Tax Appeals

Resolution #2016-02

Appointing James Oris, P.E. of T&M Associates as Township Engineer

Resolution #2016-03

Appointing Steven A. Zabarsky, Esq. as Chief Municipal Prosecutor, and Robert Zavistoski, Esq.; Eugene A. Racz, Esq.; Robert A. Greitz, Esq.; and Matthew J. Dorry, Esq. of Citta, Holzapfel & Zabarsky as Alternate Township Prosecutors

Resolution #2016-04

Appointing the Law Firm of Brian E. Rumpf, P.C. as Chief Municipal Public Defender and Debra H. Rumpf, Esq. and Colleen M. Dolcy, Esq. as Alternate Municipal Public Defenders

Resolution #2016-05

Appointing Kevin Frenia, CPA, RMA, of Holman Frenia Allison, P.C. as Township Auditor

Resolution #2016-06

Appointing Steven A. Zabarsky, Esq. of Citta, Holzapfel & Zabarsky as Labor Counsel

Resolution #2016-07

Appointing the firm of Gluck Walrath LLP as Bond Counsel

Resolution #2016-08

Appointing Bonnie R. Peterson, Esq. as Conflict Township Prosecutor

Resolution #2016-09

Appointing the Law Office of Richard M. Kitrick as Conflict Municipal Public Defender

Resolution #2016-10

Appointing Bonnie R. Peterson, Esq. as Hearing Officer for Personnel Disciplinary Matters

Resolution #2016-11

Appointing Stanley Slachetka, P.P., A.I.C.P. of T&M Associates as Township Planner

Resolution #2016-12

Appointing T&M Associates as Township Grant Writer

Resolution #2016-13

Appointing Bellia Technologies as Information Technology Consultants

Resolution #2016-14

Appointing Henry J. Mancini & Associates, Inc. as Real Estate Appraiser

Resolution #2016-15

Appointing George Garbaravage of Animal Capture & Control Services as Animal Control Officer

Resolution #2016-16

Appointing Mathis Construction Co., Inc. for Snow Removal Services

Resolution #2016-17

Authorizing the Adoption of a Temporary Budget for the year 2016

Resolution #2016-18

Providing dates for Township Committee meetings and designating official newspapers for the year 2016

Resolution #2016-19

Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to issue Tax Anticipation Notes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-64

Resolution #2016-20

Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Little Egg Harbor to deposit public monies in any bank or trust company having its place of business in the State of New Jersey and which is organized under the Laws of the United States or the State of New Jersey

Resolution #2016-21

Fixing the rate of interest on delinquent taxes or assessments and providing for a grace period for the year 2016

Resolution #2016-22

Establishing an accelerated tax sale in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54-5.1

Resolution #2016-23

Authorizing the Tax Assessor for the Township of Little Egg Harbor to file certain appeals on behalf of the Township and also designating the Tax Assessor as agent for the Township

Resolution #2016-24

Appointing the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as representatives to the Community Development Block Grant Committee

Resolution #2016-25

Designating the Mayor and the Mayor's Designee as the appropriate authority for the Police Department

Resolution #2016-26

Appointing Diana McCracken and Dayna Wilson as Municipal Search Officers for the year 2016

Resolution #2016-27

Appointing the Mayor as a Class I Member, George Sauer as a Class II Member, a Committee Member as a Class III Member, Kenneth Laney and Ann McDonald as Class IV Members, and Edward Andrews as Alternate Member No.1 of the Planning Board

Resolution #2016-28

Appointing Donna Doherty and James Jordan as Members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment

Resolution #2016-29

Appointing George Garbaravage as Member of the Environmental Commission

Resolution #2016-30

Appointing Richard Dutton, Ann Mikos, Betty Vivona and Fran Zimmer as Members of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Resolution #2016-31

Appointing William Gervasi and Debra Christensen as Members, Peter Terlecky as Alternate Member No. 1, and Committeewoman Lisa Stevens and Committeeman John Kehm as Liaisons of the Economic Development Commission

Resolution #2016-32

Appointing Joseph Koptic as a Member and Marie Skelly as Alternate Member No. 2 of the Municipal Utility Authorities Board

Resolution #2016-33

Appointing the Mayor, a Committee Member, the Township Administrator, the Zoning Officer, and the Township Engineer as members of the ADA Advisory Committee (Americans with Disabilities Act)

Resolution #2016-34

Appointing the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Garrett Loesch, Anita Grayson, Marion Ramsay, Michael Mangum, and George Garbaravage as Members of the Natural Lands Trust Advisory Committee

Resolution #2016-35

Appointing the Township Administrator, the Superintendent of Public Works, Chief Richard Buzby, Lieutenant Troy Bezak, Lieutenant James Hawkins, Lieutenant Michael Hart and Thomas Bonfonti as members and Robin Schilling as secretary to the Little Egg Harbor Township Safety Committee

Resolution #2016-36

Designating Committeewoman Lisa Stevens and Committeeman John Kehm as Liaisons to the COP/CERT of the Township of Little Egg Harbor (Citizen on Patrol and Certified Emergency Response Team)

Resolution #2016-37

Designating Committeeman Ray Gormley as Liaison to the Parkertown Fire Company, Committeeman Eugene Kobryn as Liaison the West Tuckerton Fire Company, and Committeewoman Lisa Stevens as Liaison to the Mystic Island Fire Company

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to Approve: Gormley	Second: Kehm	Roll Call:	Gormley	Abstain on #2016-26, yes to balance
			Kehm	Yes
			Schlick	Abstain on #2016-12 & #2016-15, yes to balance
			Stevens	Yes
			Kobryn	Yes

Resolution #2016-38

Rescinding resolution #2015-232.

Mayor Eugene Kobryn explained the township committee adopted resolution #2015-232 on November 23, 2015 authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute the employment agreement with Garrett Loesch as township administrator and chief financial officer. The employment agreement was executed without the entire township committee being afforded the opportunity to review or approve the terms and conditions of the agreement.

Deputy Mayor Dave Schlick asked under what grounds are we rescinding the resolution.

Township Attorney Robin LaBue explained the terms of resolution #2015-232 authorized the negotiation and execution of an employment agreement. It was executed without the entire committee having an opportunity to review the terms or agree to them therefore the procedure to which the agreement was authorized is invalid.

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

Township Attorney Robin LaBue read the following resolution by title.

Resolution 2016-39

Authorizing the negotiation of an employment agreement with Mr. Loesch as Administrator and CFO by Mayor Eugene Kobryn and Deputy Mayor Dave Schlick

Mayor Eugene Kobryn explained the contract needs to be redone and he is appointing himself and Deputy Mayor Dave Schlick as a committee of two to redo the contract and present it to the committee when it is done. He asked Deputy Mayor Schlick if he agrees with this.

Deputy Mayor Schlick stated he agrees.

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

Public Comments

Ms. Debra Vershak: Asked for an explanation on resolution 2016-35. She mentioned the resolution states that Mr. Loesch is township administrator and would like clarification as to his job title.

Township Attorney Robin LaBue explained the resolution is just appointing these individuals as members to the safety committee.

Ms. Debra Vershak: Asked if Mr. Loesch will be getting paid as a member or receive a stipend. Township Attorney Robin LaBue stated no.

Ms. Debra Vershak: Stated she believes the whole committee should negotiate the contract. Township Attorney Robin LaBue explained the procedure the mayor has outlined is two people will be involved in negotiation and it will be brought to the entire committee for agreement.

Mr. Peter Ferwerda: Welcomed the new committee members and wished everyone a better new year. He explained due to Super Storm Sandy and the downsizing of the casino industry in Atlantic City the census shows Little Egg Harbor has lost 3% of its population. Since the township doesn't have to serve as many people the total gross expenditures should be reduced by 3%. He expressed concern regarding the emergency response time for police, fire, and first aid and would like to see it go from 7 minutes to 4 minutes.

Ms. Susan Ernst: Mentioned the township has committee members act as liaisons for the local fire departments and suggested they consider having a committee member act as a liaison to the two Boards of Education, Pinelands Regional Board of Education and Little Egg Harbor Board of Education. Lines of communication should be opened up between the schools and we should work together to ensure our tax dollars are put to best use.

Mayor Gene Kobryn stated that request will be addressed as we go forward in the year 2016.

Ms. Nancy Wise: Mentioned last year it was discussed having public comments at the beginning

and end of the meetings and would like the committee to consider it.

Township Attorney Robin LaBue explained it is possible to move the public comment section from the end of the agenda to the beginning so the public can have some input before they are passed. The committee will need to decide if they want to reformat the agenda.

Ms. Nancy Wise: Stated she is suggesting an addition of public comments at the beginning of the meeting, not replacing the comments at the end.

Committeemen Gormley and Kehm both support this idea.

Mr. Mike Polito: Would like the resolutions available prior to the township meetings even in draft form so residents are aware of the contents of each meeting.

Mayor Gene Kobryn stated both of these requests are similar and we will look into having the resolutions and agenda posted on the website. We will discuss this matter with the township attorney.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens agrees with posting the resolutions and agenda on the website in draft form only so residents are aware that changes may be made before the meeting.

Mr. Mike Polito: Explained the need for the public to see and participate in the process of government.

Mayor Gene Kobryn explained we as a committee are fully committed to putting together a process that is transparent for the voters and the citizens and will implement it as we go.

Township Committee Comments

Gormley: Congratulated the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and elected officials and is looking forward to merging as one to serve the people of our community. Wished everyone a very healthy and happy New Year as we move forward into 2016. Be safe.

Kehm: Congratulated the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Committee on their positions. He wished all a happy New Year.

Schlick: Thanked his family and friends and everyone for their support and the residents for coming to today's meeting. He also thanked the voters for getting him where he is today and is looking forward to a great 2016.

Stevens: It is an honor and a privilege to be here to represent the community. She looks forward to the upcoming year and unifying the governing body to work for what is best for the community. We are here to make Little Egg Harbor the best town it can be.

Kobryn: Welcomed everyone to the 2016 Reorganization Meeting. Spoke about the progress the town is making in rebuilding and moving forward after Super Storm Sandy. Together in the Bipartisan spirit we will continue to do our best and the right thing for Little Egg Harbor. Wished everyone a Happy New Year and may your future days be healthy, happy, and bright.

Benediction by Veterans of Foreign Wars

Motion to Adjourn: Gormley

Second: Stevens

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Diana K. McCracken, RMC

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Township Clerk