

MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
7:30 PM

TOWNSHIP MEETING  
JANUARY 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 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

Blessing of the 2016 Governing Body given by Chaplin Rev. Occhipinti

**New Business / Public Comments**

Motion to open to the public: Schlick                      Second: Stevens                      All in favor

*Mayor Gene Kobryn asked if anyone had comments on resolution #2016-40.*

*Mr. Art Mooney: Stated it would be a good idea to give the public an explanation on this type of resolution so they can better understand it and comment on it if they choose.*

*Mayor Gene Kobryn read the resolution in full and asked the township administrator to explain it.*

*Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained each year at the first meeting a temporary budget is done. It equates to 26% of the previous year's appropriations. Knowing that it takes approximately six months to finally get the introduced and adopted budget back from the state, they allow us to do a temporary emergency budget which is estimated at about 50% on the appropriations until we get back our adopted budget with the final numbers.*

*Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if a monetary amount is quoted.*

*Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated the amount is \$13,077,535.00.*

*Mr. Craig Vershak: Mentioned he has a suggestion regarding a better way to do the meeting.*

*Mayor Gene Kobryn stated at this time the public can only comment on the resolution being discussed.*

*Mayor Gene Kobryn read resolution #2016-41 and asked if anyone had any questions on this resolution.*

*No public comment.*

*Mayor Gene Kobryn read resolution #2016-42 and asked for public comments.*

*Mr. Ed Andrews asked the committee to explain the amount of funds and what they will be used for.*

*Township Engineer Jim Oris explained the Environmental Infrastructure Trust Program provides funding for water quality improvements. The MUA has a separate project to improve water and sewer on Twin Lakes Boulevard. This project would improve the storm water quality*



Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained it is more about signing the papers and verifying the amounts submitted which is done in conjunction with our engineering firm who oversees the project and submissions to the state.

Township Attorney Robin LaBue stated because of the non-emergent nature of this, it should be okay that Mr. Loesch is the sole authorized representative; however if it raises the comfort level of the committee, we can always modify the resolution to add another person.

Committeeman Gormley asked if the repairs to the storm drains will take place in conjunction with the placement of the sewer lines to complete it as soon as possible to give less of an impact on the residents that live there.

Township Engineer Jim Oris explained the project the MUA is undertaking is quite extensive and will take close to a year. In the meantime the application for this project will be made and the designs complete then will be in a position to follow up the following year. The MUA's project should begin sometime in 2016, following that construction this project will be ready to be built sometime in 2017.

Committeeman Ray Gormley mentioned behind the homes on Leitz Boulevard there are a lot of storm drain issues and asked if they could be included in this project.

Township Engineer Jim Oris stated they have looked at the drainage issues in that area and if feasible they may incorporate it in the drainage improvements.

Mayor Gene Kobryn suggested attending the February MUA meeting to get an update on the scope of the project which is quite extensive.

Motion to Approve: Kehm

Second: Gormley

Roll Call:	Gormley	Yes
	Kehm	Yes
	Stevens	Yes
	Schlick	Yes
	Kobryn	Yes

Resolution #2016-43

Providing dates for Township Committee meetings for the year 2016

Motion to Approve: Kehm

Second: Stevens

Roll Call:	Gormley	Yes
	Kehm	Yes
	Stevens	Yes
	Schlick	Yes
	Kobryn	Yes

Resolution #2016-44

Confirming the Mayor's designation of Ed Nuttall as Trustee of Great Bay Regional Volunteer Emergency Medical Services, Inc.

Motion to Approve: Kehm

Second: Gormley

Roll Call:	Gormley	Yes
	Kehm	Yes
	Stevens	Yes
	Schlick	Abstain
	Kobryn	Yes

Resolution #2016-45

Appointing Barbara Jeffrey and Diane Aloia as members of the Board of Health

Motion to Approve: Kehm	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 #2016-46

Appointing Anna Palmiotto as Alternate No. 2 of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board

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

Resolution #2016-47

Authorizing various refunds for:

- 28 Iowa Court, refund is due to an Ocean County Tax Board Judgement for the Added/Omitted for the 2014 tax year,
- 5 West Hudson Drive, refund is due to an Ocean County Tax Board Judgment for an Added/Omitted for the 2014 and 2015 tax years,
- 14 West Navesink Drive, refund is due to an Ocean County Tax Board Judgment for an Added/Omitted for the 2015 tax year,
- 9 Louisiana Drive, refund is due to an Ocean County Tax Board Judgment for an Added/Omitted for the 2014 tax year, and
- 115 Lakewood Court, refund is due to duplicate payments made by both the property owners and the mortgage company.

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

Resolution #2016-48

Bill Resolution	
Current Account	\$3,685,321.40
Third Party	<u>\$ 480,362.07</u>
Total	\$4,165,683.47

Motion to Approve: Kehm

Second: Gormley

Roll Call: Gormley Yes

Kehm Yes

Stevens Abstain

Schlick Abstain

Kobryn Yes

## Miscellaneous Approval

- Township meeting minutes of December 10, 2015
- Raffle License No. 2015-40 for the American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island 50/50 Raffle on February 13, 2016
- Raffle License No. 2016-01 for the Harbor Bay Gaming Club 50/50 raffles on various dates

Motion to Approve: Kehm

Second: Gormley

All in favor

Stevens and Schlick abstained on December 10, meeting minutes.

## Township Engineer

*Jim Oris reported Tractor Supply is wrapping up the repairs to the parking lot and should be complete in the near future. During their initial construction they installed a storm water management device and for whatever reason, the device failed which caused the collapse in the parking lot. Additionally we are moving forward with the final design of the Streetscape Project which consists of sidewalk improvements on Radio Road and Mathistown Road. We submitted the documents to the EDA for final approval and are planning a public hearing in the near future with the affected area residents and business owners to solicit any final comments they may have on the sidewalk improvement that are part of the Streetscape Project.*

## Township Committee Comments

*Gormley: Mentioned a cold front is coming and urged residents to keep an eye out for neighbors and pets.*

*Kehm: No comment*

*Stevens: Spoke about the importance of donating blood and encouraged the public to donate as well.*

*Schlick: Thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting and is looking forward to 2016. We are making changes and striving for more transparency.*

*Kobryn: Welcomed the new committee members and spoke about the changes they are all making towards transparency. Our goal is to have the agenda and resolutions posted on the website in draft form by Tuesday prior to the Thursday meeting.*

*Deputy Mayor Schlick asked if the town was in any way responsible for the issue at Tractor Supply.*

*Township Engineer Jim Oris explained the town is not responsible in any way. Tractor Supply hires their own engineers who perform the design and are responsible for the product they specify and install. The product installed was defective. As a follow up to his earlier report, there will be a public comment session prior to the next township meeting for the Streetscape Project. It will begin one hour prior to the meeting.*

## Public Comments

*Mr. Craig Vershak: Stated he believes the meeting went well and suggested letting the public speak after each resolution.*

Mayor Kobryn stated the resolutions were posted on the website in draft form for the public to review before the meeting.

Mr. Craig Vershak: Expressed his concerns regarding the lack of progress with the Park-N-Ride and asked the committee for assistance.

Mayor Gene Kobryn stated when he last met with Ocean County Engineers they indicated the design of the Park-N-Ride would take about two years which we are now approaching. At this time there have been no changes to the original plan however we will request a meeting with the county and our township engineer to get the status of where they are in the design and where any objections are.

Deputy Mayor Dave Schlick asked for the location of the Park-N-Ride.

Mr. Craig Vershak: Explained the property is across from Shooter's on Route 539.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if there will be transportation for senior citizens to and from the new Walmart.

Mayor Gene Kobryn explained Ocean Ride is an option for senior citizens and it travels from Manahawkin to Little Egg Harbor.

Mr. Art Mooney: Stated there is a lot of redundancy with the new meeting format.

Mayor Gene Kobryn explained it is a two stage process giving residents the option to speak before and after the resolutions.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens explained this is a work in progress and it will take some time to work it all out.

Mr. Ed Nuttall: Congratulated the committee on their first meeting of the year.

Mr. Tom Meredith: Attended the Board of Education meeting and asked if there was any progress on appointing a committee member as a liaison to the board.

Mayor Kobryn stated we are addressing the situation and there will be an item on the next township meeting agenda.

Rotary Club President: Announced Deputy Mayor Schlick is our newest member and invited both him and Mayor Kobryn to be their guest at the next breakfast meeting. They would also like the mayor to be available to speak at some of their meetings.

Mayor Gene Kobryn stated he would be happy to attend.

Mr. Ernest Nolan: Suggested picking up recycling every two weeks to save the township money and wear and tear on the trucks.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained in the beginning the town did consider recycling every other week however national studies show if collection is lessened it reduces the amount of recycling and increases the amount of trash. People tend to put everything in the trash containers on the off weeks.

Mr. Ernest Nolan: Mentioned he spoke in the past in favor of consolidating the schools and was advised to go to the County Superintendent. He is requesting assistance from the committee to move forward in this effort.

Mayor Gene Kobryn stated he and Deputy Mayor Schlick met with the superintendent of schools the other day and we will be appointing liaisons from our committee to attend the School Board meetings. As we go forward working together a lot of these issues will come up and we can certainly explore them and prioritize.

Mr. Ernest Nolan: Asked if the meeting will be open to the public.

Mayor Gene Kobryn explained the liaisons will be attending the Board of Education meetings and they are all open to the public.

Mr. Ernest Nolan: Asked for information on the township maps.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained we did these maps many years ago and used advertising to reduce the cost. They should be available sometime in February or March.

Committeeman John Kehm mentioned last year he and Committeeman Gormley suggested combining two members from the governing body, two members from Pinelands Regional and two from Little Egg School Boards to work together. It will accomplish more than a liaison that will take information from the school board meeting and bring it back to the committee.

Deputy Mayor Dave Schlick stated once a month the superintendants from all the schools get together and as a liaison he would sit in on those meetings.

Mr. Richard Longshore: Asked what is the net change in the ratable tax base as a result of additions and deletions that were made at the end of the year.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained we do not have the new tax base for this year yet. Last year's tax base was reduced to five hundred forty million with the final number around two billion nine hundred million. This is not something he gathers, it comes from the tax assessor, sent up to the county and comes back as certified added omits. It has not been delivered yet.

Mr. Richard Longshore: Stated the public is anxious for this information and if the committee can speed up the process it would be appreciated.

Committeeman John Kehm asked the administrator if he has been in contact with the tax assessor regarding the status of the added-omits.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated he does not have a final certified number at this time.

Mr. Robert Hirth: Mentioned in the past the town was looking into solar panels and asked for an update.

Township Engineer Jim Oris explained the town did an investigation and went out for bid for solar panels at the municipal complex. No one bid on the project and we are waiting to see if there is another opportunity to introduce solar or some other type of alternative energy program.

Mr. Robert Hirth: Asked when it goes out for bid will it be a prevailing wage job.

Township Engineer Jim Oris stated yes it will be.

Mr. Robert Hirth: Mentioned there is traffic back up when the public buses are picking up and dropping off people and asked if an alcove could be created to prevent this. He noticed this issue at the Bank of America location.

Township Engineer Jim Oris explained we can look at the bus stop areas and if possible make some sort of improvement.

Mr. Bill Armitage: Mentioned he attended an Environmental Commission Meeting and spoke about solar energy options.

Committeeman John Kehm explained at that time the town was looking at a power purchasing agreement where they put solar panels on the building at little to no cost and we save on the energy.

Mr. Bill Armitage: Asked that holidays granted by U.S. Congress be held on the day they are authorized. He was disturbed to find out Veteran's Day was held on a different day to create a long weekend.

Mr. Bob Mackie: Would like more information on Resolution #2016-41, Phoenix Advisors.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained Phoenix Advisors is a financial consulting firm in Mt. Laurel and they are responsible for reviewing serial bonds, refunding, refinancing, long term debt service and those operations to ensure we offer the best financial data to get the best rates for the tax payers.

*Mr. Bob Mackie: Asked for the status of the Park-N-Ride.*

*Mayor Kobryn explained it is at the county level at this time.*

*Philip Curtin: Made a suggestion regarding the meeting information posted on the website.*

*Township Administrator Garreit Loesch explained the resolutions were on the website.*

*Mr. Bob Mackie: Suggested a calendar link to the agenda and each resolution should be accessible from the agenda. Also, the Sandpaper reported the town received \$550,000.00 from the Green Acre's Foundation however there was no land allotted to use the money. In the future as development occurs along Route 9 and Route 539 will there be allotment for conservation in the township.*

*Township Engineer Jim Oris explained when Green Acre's awards a grant, the township has a Lands Trust Advisory Committee that looks at property worthy of being preserved. The committee actually met tonight and talked about possible properties and issues associated with preservation of land. That committee then makes recommendations to the governing body and they can then move forward with an acquisition or a purchase. This money has not been earmarked for a particular property at this time.*

*Mr. Craig Vershak: Spoke about Ocean Ride and his involvement in working to ensure senior citizens will have adequate transportation.*

*Ms. Lynn Vought: Stated the meeting tonight went well, it was very informative. She owns a dog and would like the town to consider a waterfront location where residents can let their dogs run and play during the winter months.*

*Mayor Kobryn stated there is a township ordinance restricting dogs on graveling point. We can review the ordinance and see if it can be revised for winter months.*

*Committeeman Ray Gormley explained there is clam farming taking place at the beach and animals in the water can affect them.*

*Ms. Lynn Vought: Asked about the property on Playhouse Drive.*

*Committeeman Gormley explained that is open space.*

*Ms. Lynn Vought: Asked if that space could be used for dogs.*

*Committeeman Ray Gormley explained that would be up to the county. There are dog parks in other towns such as Long Beach Island.*

*Mr. Art Mooney: Stated there are no dog parks in Little Egg Harbor and we do need one. He spoke about the school board and the difference between consolidation and shared services.*

Being no further business

Motion to Adjourn: Schlick

Second: Kehm

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

*Diana K McCracken, RMC*

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Township Clerk