

MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
7:30 PM

TOWNSHIP MEETING  
JANUARY 28, 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

*Chief of Police Richard Buzby gave an overview of the performance of the Office of Emergency Management during the recent snow storm.*

*Superintendent of Public Works Patrick Donnelly gave an update on the storm. It was an extremely difficult storm and a successful operation on the townships behalf.*

*Deputy Mayor Dave Schlick read a Proclamation designating Friday, February 5, 2016 as National Wear Red Day. Heart disease is the number one killer of women. We encourage everyone to wear red this day to raise their voices, know their cardiovascular risk and take action to live longer and healthier lives.*

*Committeewoman Lisa Stevens read a proclamation designating the month of January, 2016 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month. She presented the proclamation to Jeannie Ellis, a member of the Zonta Club.*

#### New Business / Public Comments

Motion to open to the public: Kehm                      Second: Gormley                      All in favor

*Mayor Gene Kobryn read resolution #2016-49 and asked for public comments.*

*No public participation.*

*Mayor Gene Kobryn read resolution #2016-50 and asked for public comments.*

*No public participation.*

*Mayor Gene Kobryn read resolution #2016-51 and asked for public comments.*

*Mr. Tom Meredith: Believes appointing a liaison to the Little Egg Harbor School Board is a great idea and Mr. Schlick is a good choice. He asked if a liaison will also be appointed to the Pinelands School Board.*

*Committeewoman Lisa Stevens explained we were discussing creating a sub-committee for Pinelands Regional so we can develop a relationship with them. The committee would include members of the governing body.*

Mayor Gene Kobryn mentioned the idea of a sub-committee was brought forward by Committeeman Kehm. We thought it was a good idea and are working to put one together for Pinelands.

Committeeman Ray Gormley mentioned as an end goal the schools, the governing body and the public have the same forum so they can see the overall input.

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No public participation.

Mayor Kobryn read resolution #2016-57 and asked for public comments.

No public participation.

Mayor Kobryn read resolution #2016-58 and asked for public comments.

No public participation

Motion to close to the public: Kehm                      Second: Gormley                      All in favor

Resolution #2016-49

Appointing Tim Venetolo as Alternate Member No. 2 to the Little Egg Harbor Township Planning Board

Motion to Approve: Schlick	Second: Stevens	Roll Call:	Gormley	Yes
			Kehm	Yes
			Stevens	Yes
			Schlick	Yes
			Kobryn	Yes

Resolution #2016-50

Appointing William Armitage and Robert Burr as Alternate Members to the Little Egg Harbor Township Zoning Board of Adjustment

Motion to Approve: Kehm	Second: Gormley	Roll Call:	Gormley	Yes
			Kehm	Yes
			Stevens	Yes
			Schlick	Yes
			Kobryn	Yes

Resolution #2016-51

Appointing Deputy Mayor Dave Schlick Liaison to the Little Egg Harbor School Board  
 Committeeman Ray Gormley asked if the Deputy Mayor will be representing the governing body on behalf of the governing body and will there be some type of report that will come back to the governing body so we can know what was discussed.

Mayor Gene Kobryn explained we will move slowly and concretely. He will get an education attending the board meetings as liaison and as he does it will evolve into something that you may be recommending. But we need to move slow and make sure we are all on the same page as far as being a liaison and not an adversary to Little Egg.

Motion to Approve: Schlick

Second: Stevens

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

Resolution #2016-52

Authorizing the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 [Municipal Alliance Committee]

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained the Municipal Alliance Committee is a joint venture between Eagleswood Township, Tuckerton Borough and Little Egg Harbor. They spread awareness of alcoholism and drugs to the high school students. This alliance allows them to submit for annual grants to offset the costs incurred.

Motion to Approve: Kehm

Second: Gormley

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

Resolution #2016-53

Amending Resolution #2016-47 [authorizing various refunds on property taxes; 14 West Navasink Drive property owner would like credit to go towards the next quarter taxes; 115 Lakewood Court mortgage company will not authorize refund to property owner]

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained this was a housekeeping matter that was discovered after our last resolution and our tax collector worked with our attorney to ensure we had the proper language.

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 #2016-54

Authorizing the execution of a Traffic Signal Agreement for Route U.S. 9 and Otis Bog Road, between the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust and the Township of Little Egg Harbor

Township Engineer Jason Worth explained this agreement is for the traffic signal at the intersection of Route 9 and Otis Bog Road. Walmart will build it and the DOT will maintain it.

Motion to Approve: Gormley

Second: Kehm

Roll Call: Gormley Yes

Kehm Yes

Stevens Yes

Schlick Yes

Kobryn Yes

## Resolution #2016-55

Authorizing the advertisement for and receipt of bids for the Energy Aggregation Program Township Engineer Jason Worth explained two years ago the town entered into an Energy Aggregation Program with Tri Eagle. The market has been volatile and they were unable to provide the 5% savings. The two year agreement is now up and we plan to go out for the program again however this time we will require the contractor guarantee the 5% savings minimum or bids will be rejected. We will then bid again after paying close attention to the energy market.

Motion to Approve: Schlick

Second: Kehm

Roll Call: Gormley Yes

Kehm Yes

Stevens Yes

Schlick Yes

Kobryn Yes

## Resolution #2016-56

Authorizing the filing of an application with the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice for the Safe and Secure Communities Grant Program [the Safe and Secure funded officers are assigned to the patrol division to address quality of life issues that create major impacts including the out of control drug use by the youth in our community that has impacted us especially by drug dealing, drug overdoses, burglaries, robberies, theft, vandalism and loitering.]

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained this is another one of those grants we apply for annually which has been very successful. The traditional award has been approximately \$60,000.00 and is a way to supplement our police force.

Motion to Approve: Gormley

Second: Stevens

Roll Call: Gormley Yes

Kehm Yes

Stevens Yes

Schlick Yes

Kobryn Yes

## Resolution #2016-57

Increasing the cash box/change fund for the Township Clerk

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained increasing the cash box will cut down on the amount of times we need to get change from the bank. The amount will increase from \$100 to \$250.

Motion to Approve: Schlick	Second: Gormley	Roll Call:	Gormley	Yes
			Kehm	Yes
			Stevens	Yes
			Schlick	Yes
			Kobryn	Yes

Resolution #2016-58

Authorizing property tax refund for: *[115 Lakewood Court, refund is due to duplicate payments made by both the property owners and the mortgage company]*

Motion to Approve: Kehm	Second: Schlick	Roll Call:	Gormley	Yes
			Kehm	Yes
			Stevens	Yes
			Schlick	Yes
			Kobryn	Yes

Resolution #2016-59

Bill Resolution	
Current Account	\$358,681.15
Third Party	\$110,714.18
Total	\$469,395.33

Motion to Approve: Gormley	Second: Kehm	Roll Call:	Gormley	Yes
			Kehm	Yes
			Stevens	Abstain
			Schlick	Abstain
			Kobryn	Yes

Township Engineer

*Jason Worth reported the repairs at Tractor Supply are now complete and the store is open. The new speed limit signs along Radio Road on Osborn Island are installed with a slight reduction in speed. The public hearing on the StreetScape project went well and our plans are with the EDA and the County for review and we are looking to move that bid forward within the next two months. Additionally, we reached out to the County Engineering Department regarding the Park-N-Ride and they indicated they had meetings with the Pinelands Commission last week. They confirmed the layout of the lot is different from the original proposal. It would limit the stalls at 27 now with a future bank of 22 to limit it to 49 stalls. We requested a meeting to discuss it further based on comments from the governing body.*

*Committeeman Ray Gormley asked if the stalls are added on an as needed basis.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth explained that is the reasoning behind this. The number 49 is a specific number for CAFRA, they are limited on their allowable impervious coverage.*

*Mayor Gene Kobryn asked if there is a date set for the county meeting.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth stated there will be a change over with the county engineer and at this time it looks like the third week in February.*

### Township Committee Comments

*Gormley: Thanked Public Works, the Police Department, Fire Companies and First Aid for an outstanding job during the recent snow storm.*

*Kehm: Reiterated Committeeman Gormley's comments and advised residents to stay safe during bad weather. Mentioned an issue with a private contractor plowing during the storm.*

*Stevens: Spent time with Mystic Island Fire Company during the storm and applauded first responders as well as residents for their responsible actions during the storm.*

*Schlick: Explained the process of the committee when preparing for each meeting. We review and research each item on the agenda. He spent time with Public Works during the storm and recognized them for their hard work and dedication. Thanked all the first responders for a job well done.*

*Kobryn: Mentioned AARP will be at the Faith Formation Center at St. Theresa's Church to help residents prepare their taxes from February 1, through April 14, on Wednesday between 9am and 1pm. The Southern Ocean County Chapter of the Sunshine Foundation will hold a Fishing Flea Market at the Community Center January 30, from 8am to 2pm. He read two letters from residents thanking Public Works for the great job they did during the snow storm.*

### Public Comments

Motion to Open: Gormley

Second: Kehm

All in Favor

*Mr. Tom Meredith: Asked Mayor Kobryn why he used the term "adversary" referring to the role of Mr. Schlick on the board of education.*

*Mayor Gene Kobryn: I used it in the context from a previous event we had with taxes where there seemed to be a lot of misunderstanding and finger pointing by who's responsible for taxes some blame the school some blame the town; we need to overcome that and work with them and that is the job of the liaison. To get an education to know how it works and come back to us with potentially some shared services that the school board may be willing to join in on. That takes some investigation and doing.*

*Mr. Tom Meredith: It's an information sharing thing first and the communication Mr. Gormley questioned was what will happen after the board of education meeting Mr. Schlick attends will there be some sort of communication to the committee.*

*Mayor Gene Kobryn: Well there should be and let's wait till he does the first meeting and comes back to us and see what happens.*

*Mr. Tom Meredith: It can be as easy as a quick email while he's having his morning coffee.*

*Mayor Gene Kobryn: We will leave that up to David Schlick.*

*Committeeman John Kehm: What I think needs to happen is for Mr. Schlick as liaison he can set up the sub-committee with the Mitchell School and rotate us all into that committee at some point in time instead of just having one liaison.*

*Mayor Gene Kobryn: It could evolve into that, let him get started first and see how it evolves. It is hard to start off in the beginning and have a perfect way of doing it. We need to do it by getting an education and understanding how we are going to move forward and Dave's been willing to do that.*

*Mr. Tom Meredith: We don't want to be so slow and so careful that it loses interest and momentum.*

*Mayor Gene Kobryn: We don't want to be too fast and too quick to make statements either.*

