

MUNICIPAL BUILDING
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TOWNSHIP MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 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

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens read a Proclamation designating the month of October as "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month"

Mayor Gene Kobryn read a Proclamation designating October 16, as the "Defense of Little Egg Harbor"

Mr. Dale F. Denda, the Executive Director of the "Affair at Little Egg Harbor" spoke about the history of Little Egg Harbor.

Public Comments

Resolution #2016-203

Authorizing the hiring of permanent full-time Clerk for the Municipal Court office *[Maria Hanna at an hourly rate of \$11.25]*

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained the need for a full time and temporary clerk to the Municipal Court and Tax Collector's office.

No public comment.

Resolution #2016-204

Authorizing the hiring of a temporary Clerk for the Tax Collector's office *[Kim Conley at an hourly rate of \$11.25]*

No public comment.

Resolution #2016-205

Authorizing the procurement of three in-vehicle police radios *[purchased through New Jersey State Contract, not to exceed \$19,000]*

Mayor Gene Kobryn gave a brief explanation of this resolution.

No public comment.

Resolution #2016-206

Authorizing the procurement of Police Mobile Data Terminals *[purchased through New Jersey State Contract, not to exceed \$150,000]*

No public comment.

Resolution #2016-207

Authorizing the procurement of police vehicles *[purchased through New Jersey State Contract, 6 police vehicles not to exceed \$205,000]*

No public comment.

Resolution #2016-208

Authorizing the procurement of a 2016 Ford 450 Cab and Chassis *[purchased through New Jersey State Contract, not to exceed \$65,000]*

No public comment.

Resolution #2016-209

Authorizing the procurement of a replacement police vehicle *[purchased through New Jersey State Contract, not to exceed \$33,000]*

Mayor Kobryn asked if the public had any comments on the five resolutions read.

Mr. Roman Krochmal: Questioned the varying costs of the vehicles.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained the cost difference between marked and unmarked vehicles.

Mr. Roman Krochmal: Asked if the cost for the radios includes installation.

Lieutenant Troy Bezak stated yes.

Mr. Glen Falapalito: Asked for details on the new technology and the vehicles.

Lieutenant Troy Bezak explained the technical upgrade and its benefits.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch spoke about plans for the vehicles and how it affects the budget.

Mr. Mike Polito: Asked for the number of mobile data terminals purchased.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated twenty including equipment.

Mr. Mike Polito: Stated he would like to see that information included in the resolution and asked for additional information on the vehicle that was totaled.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained it was not part of the Capital Improvement ordinance.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens mentioned recycling vehicles to the COP's.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained the process of recycling and selling vehicles.

Resolution #2016-210

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 *[recycling revenue & residue disp. §3,701.16]*

No public comment.

Resolution #2016-211

Authorizing the execution of the revised Community Development Block Grant Urban County Qualification FY 2017-2019 Cooperative Agreement *[the County requested the execution of a revised Agreement]*

Township Engineer Jim Oris explained this agreement.

No public comment.

Resolution #2016-212

Authorizing the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County Prosecutor's Office for the Fatal Accident Support Team (F.A.S.T.) *[for the purpose of assisting in the investigation, prosecution of fatal accidents and in traffic enforcement and education]*

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained this is an essential tool and helps offset our costs.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens asked for the financial benefits of this shared service.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained the benefit of extra manpower.

No public comment.

Resolution #2016-213

Certifying tax liens for costs incurred in accordance with the property maintenance code [costs incurred by the Department of Public Works to abate property maintenance violations for the preservation of the public health, safety and general welfare or to eliminate a fire hazard]

No public comment.

Resolution #2016-214

In support of the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust property acquisition [Block 126, Lots 8.01, 8.10 and 8.11 on the south side of Thomas Avenue near Mill Street]

Township Engineer Jim Oris explained the preservation of this property at no cost to residents

Mr. Mike Polito: Asked if these are ratable lots.

Township Engineer Jim Oris explained the effect on these lots due to the economy.

Mr. Mike Polito: Expressed his concern for the loss of revenue on the undeveloped land.

Township Engineer Jim Oris explained the merits of preserving property and the balance of taxes as opposed to open space preservation.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens questioned losing the tax money the township currently receives on the property.

Mr. Mike Polito: Questioned the benefit of building houses if it costs the township money.

Deputy Mayor Dave Schlick agrees and believes the town is losing money with open space.

Township Engineer Jim Oris explained the value of open space property to a community.

Committeeman Ray Gormley explained open space tax on a township, county and state level and how the voters are involved in it.

Mr. Richard Longshore: Spoke about the importance of having the agenda on the website 48 hours before each meeting. He asked how the open space property is zoned in the Master Plan.

Township Engineer Jim Oris explained the property is zoned R3A which is residential.

Mr. Richard Longshore: Urged the committee to postpone any agenda items not ready within the 48 hour timeframe.

Township Engineer Jim Oris gave a brief explanation regarding the zoning of the open space property.

Mr. Carl Ulrich: Suggested ways to use open space money to repair homes damaged in Hurricane Sandy.

Township Attorney Robin LaBue explained money allocated for open space cannot be used for anything else.

Mr. Rick Reynolds: Stated he one of the owners of the property in question. He has a petition with over forty signatures in favor of preserving the land for open space.

Mr. Will Esthre: Mentioned he is in favor of preserving open space.

Committeeman John Kehm spoke about the owners' right to sell and the townships position with the Lands Trust Committee.

Deputy Mayor Dave Schlick stated he is on the Natural Lands Trust Committee and expressed his concerns regarding selling the property to the county.

Mayor Gene Kobryn asked if the committee doesn't support the sale of this property does it cancel it out.

Township Engineer Jim Oris explained he believes without the townships support, the county will not proceed with the purchase.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens suggested carrying this resolution until further review.

Mr. David West: Believes this is an opportunity to preserve land for the future.

Mr. Steven O'Mally: Moved to town for the open space and believes encouraging new businesses will help with ratable's.

Mr. Ed Gautier: Mentioned with new residential development comes the cost to educate more children which may increase taxes.

Mr. Ed Nuttall: Believes homes adjacent to undeveloped land may be increased in value.

Township Engineer Jim Oris stated in his experience it would not improve the value of homes however the Tax Assessor may have a different opinion.

Mr. Ed Nuttall: Spoke about open space tax and legislation.

Mr. Rick Reynolds: Spoke about the zone changes to his property over the years.

Mayor Gene Kobryn spoke about the changes to the Master Plan over the years.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if a large portion of property on Mathistown Road was recently sold to the county.

Township Engineer Jim Oris stated the county purchased a property on Mathistown Road. He explained the process.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked how many acres were sold on Mathistown Road.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens mentioned about 88 acres.

Committeeman John Kehm explained the townships position is to receive recommendations from the Natural Lands Trust Committee.

Mayor Gene Kobryn stated the process needs clarification.

Township Engineer Jim Oris explained he will reach out to the Ocean County Lands Trust Planning Department for clarification.

Resolution #2016-215

In support of the passage of S-2300/A-333 by the Legislature [bills propose to extend the one-year deadline for completing a project following a RREM or LMI grant award date for any applicant who demonstrates that the delay is the result of the non-performance or non-availability of the contractor or delays by the DCA]

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens explained she requested this resolution to address issues with residents affected by Storm Sandy.

No public comment.

Resolution #2016-216

Cancelling Added/Omitted Taxes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 [44 Beach Drive, \$593.40 2016 Added/Omitted Taxes cancelled]

No public comment.

Resolution #2016-217

Authorizing tax refunds for 7 Coral Drive [the refund is due to a duplicate payment made by both the Estate and the mortgage company] and 21 Maplewood Drive [the refund is due to a payment made on a tax exempt property]

No public comment.

Review of township expenditures

No public comment.

Police Department Update
Lieutenant Troy Bezak presented an overall review of the activities within the Police Department for the month of September.

Best Practices – CFO/Administrator
Township Administrator Garrett Loesch gave an overall review of Best Practices.

Mayor's update
Mayor Kobryn spoke about the progress of appointing a Liaison for the Pineland Regional School Board.

Old Business

Ordinance #2016-09 (Second Reading and Adoption)
 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 of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, entitled "Property Maintenance"

Motion to Open: Kehm Second: Stevens All in favor
No public comment.
 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

Ordinance #2016-10 (Second Reading and Adoption)
 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, creating Chapter 272 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, entitled "Portable Toilets"

Motion to Open: Schlick Second: Kehm All in favor
No public comment.
 Motion to Close: Schlick Second: Stevens All in favor
 Motion to Approve: Gormley Second: Kehm Roll Call: Gormley Yes
 Kehm Yes
 Stevens Yes
 Schlick Yes
 Kobryn Yes

Ordinance #2016-11 (Second Reading and Adoption)
 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending Chapter 294 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, entitled "Special Event Permits"

Motion to Open: Stevens Second: Gormley All in favor
No public comment.
 Motion to Close: Schlick Second: Stevens All in favor

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

New Business

Ordinance #2016-12 (First Reading and Introduction)
 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, vacating all of the township's right, title and interest in the streets within the Tall Cedars Development

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

Authorizing the hiring of permanent full-time Clerk for the Municipal Court office

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 #2016-204
 Authorizing the hiring of a temporary Clerk for the Tax Collector's office

Motion to Approve: Kehm	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 #2016-205
 Authorizing the procurement of three in-vehicle police radios

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 #2016-206
 Authorizing the procurement of Police Mobile Data Terminals

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 #2016-207

Authorizing the procurement of police vehicles

Motion to Approve: Stevens

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 - 208

Authorizing the procurement of a 2016 Ford 450 Cab and Chassis

Motion to Approve: Schlick

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 - 209

Authorizing the procurement of a replacement police vehicle

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 #2016-210

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

Motion to Approve: Stevens

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 #2016-211

Authorizing the execution of the revised Community Development Block Grant Urban County Qualification FY 2017-2019 Cooperative Agreement

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 #2016-212

Authorizing the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County Prosecutor's Office for the Fatal Accident Support Team (F.A.S.T.)

Motion to Approve: Stevens	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 #2016-213

Certifying tax liens for costs incurred in accordance with the property maintenance code

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 #2016-214

In support of the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust property acquisition
Committeeman Ray Gormley requested further information from the Township Engineer.
Mayor Gene Kobryn announced this will be carried until the next township meeting.

Motion to Carry: 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 #2016-215

In support of the passage of S-2300/A-333 by the Legislature
Committeeman Ray Gormley thanked Committeewoman Stevens for her hard work on helping our residents get back in their homes.

Motion to Approve: Stevens	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 #2016-216

Cancelling Added/Omitted Taxes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30

Motion to Approve: Kehm	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 #2016-217

Authorizing tax refunds for 7 Coral Drive and 21 Maplewood Drive

Executive Session

Resolution #2016-219

Authorizing the convening of an Executive Session in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act; matters of discussion are:

- Township Administrator/CFO employment contract
- Township Clerk employment contract
- Discussion with Labor Counsel

Formal action will be taken

Motion to Approve: Stevens Second: Gormley Roll Call:

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

Motion to Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene Regular Township Meeting: Stevens Second: Kehm

All in favor

Township Attorney Robin LaBue read the following resolutions by title

Resolution #2016-220

Authorizing the execution of an employment agreement between the Township of Little Egg Harbor and Diana McCracken as Township Clerk and Municipal Registrar

Motion to Approve: Stevens 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 #2016-221

Authorizing the execution of an employment agreement between the Township of Little Egg Harbor and Garrett Loesch as Chief Financial Officer and Township Administrator

Motion to Approve: Schlick Second: Kobryn Roll Call:

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

Being no further business

Motion to Adjourn: Gormley

Second: Kehm

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,



Diana K. McCracken, RMC
Township Clerk

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