

Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting

March 9, 2017

7:00 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Ray Gormley spoke about the recent passing of the townships Plumbing Inspector Jack Kelly and resident Marie White. Keep them and their families in your prayers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

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

ROLL CALL: Mr. Schlick Yes Mr. Kehm Yes Ms. Stevens Yes
 Mrs. Crea Yes Mr. Gormley Yes

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. John Miller spoke about rare diseases and how it has affected his family. He asked for a proclamation declaring February 28, 2017 as Rare Disease Day in Little Egg Harbor Township.

Township Engineer Jim Oris briefly discussed the Housing Element & Fair Share Plan.

Donna Doherty and John Burr of the Environmental Commission gave a presentation on the Blue Bird Trail.

Maggie Williams and Dawn Heisen of the Little Egg Harbor Library spoke about Women's History and Career Connections.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Ray Gormley read a proclamation designating the month of March as Colon Cancer Awareness Month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 23, 2017 Township Meeting

Committeeman Kehm stated at the January 26, Township Meeting he abstained on the CDBG and he must abstain on the January 26 minutes as well as the February 23, minutes.

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

ORDINANCE – First Reading

Mayor Gormley explained this ordinance for first reading goes with ordinance 2017-88 which is for Open Space. He requested the first two carried to the next meeting.

2017-04 An Ordinance authorizing the increase of final appropriations to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits for CY 2017 and to establish a cap bank pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:4-45.14

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

CONSENT AGENDA

A Consent Agenda includes items of business which are not controversial and do not require individual discussion. The Consent Agenda is moved, seconded, and voted upon as one item by the Governing Body.

2017-88 A Resolution authorizing the reduction of the Open Space Tax pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7(b) for CY 2017

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

2017-89 A Resolution re-petitioning with revised Housing Element and Fair Share Plan

2017-90 A Resolution supporting legislative action requiring the State Public Defender's Office to represent defendants in the Superior Court Bail Hearings for those eligible defendants charged with Disorderly Persons Offenses or Petty Disorderly Offenses in lieu of the Municipal Public Defender

2017-91 A Resolution authorizing the execution of an addendum to the contract with the Law Firm of Brian E. Rumpf, P.C. as Chief Municipal Public Defender and Debra H. Rumpf, Esquire and Peter Chacanas, Esquire as Alternate Municipal Public Defenders for the Township of Little Egg Harbor

2017-92 A Resolution awarding a Professional Services Agreement to JKuipers Electrical Contractor, Inc. for On-Call Electrical Services

2017-93 A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County Prosecutor's Office for the Fatal Accident Support Team (F.A.S.T.)

2017-94 A Resolution authorizing the filing of the 2017 SAMHSA Drug Free Communities Support Program Grant SP-17-001 Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 93.276

- 2017-95 A Resolution appointing members to the Little Egg Harbor Township Community Advisory Board for the year 2017
- 2017-96 A Resolution clarifying the role of the Township Administrator concerning contracts awarded at Reorganization on January 1, 2017

Committeeman Dave Schlick asked for an explanation on Resolution 2017-91.
 Township Attorney Jean Cipriani spoke about problems with bail reform and gave a brief explanation.
 Committeewoman Lisa Stevens asked for clarification on Resolution 2017-96.
 Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained due to some confusion at the last meeting, the Township Administrator asked for a change in the wording of a form used when awarding contracts at the reorganization meetings.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – Introduced Ordinance and Consent Agenda Only
Ms. Pat Johnson: With regard to Resolution 2017-89, she asked who the town is re-petitioning. Township Engineer Jim Oris explained this is re-petitioning through the court and a continuation of the settlements that were conducted with the Fair Share Housing Center. Township Attorney Jean Cipriani provided a brief explanation.
Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked if additional members are being appointed to the Community Advisory Board.
Mayor Ray Gormley stated we have two additions and now have a full board. Our first official meeting will be March 27th.
Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked for the new members names.
Mayor Ray Gormley stated Donna Shay and Robert Keleher.
Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if the Community Advisory Board will be on the townships website.
Mayor Ray Gormley stated since the board is established, information will be posted on the website.
Mr. Art Mooney: Expressed concerns for some changes on the townships website.
Mayor Ray Gormley stated he will look into it.

Motion to Close to Public: Stevens Second: Crea All in favor

Motion to Approve: Crea	Second: Stevens	Roll Call:	Schlick	No on 2017-92, yes to balance
			Kehm	<u>Yes</u>
			Stevens	<u>Yes</u>
			Crea	Abstain on 2017-91, yes to balance
			Gormley	<u>Yes</u>

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens mentioned a meeting she attended with Mayor Gormley with members of the Nature Conservancy.

Mayor Gormley gave a brief explanation of the meeting.

Committeeman Dave Schlick mentioned an issue with the Marsh Restoration Project.

Township Engineer Jim Oris stated the scope of the project has not changed. We are doing the maximum amount of shoreline restoration and erosion control.

Committeeman Dave Schlick asked for the progress on the dog park.

Township Engineer Jim Oris explained a meeting has not been scheduled yet to discuss the dog park.

Committeeman John Kehm discussed other locations and suggested canine training, a trail park and things of that nature.

Township Engineer Jim Oris stated at the governing body's request, he will contact the county regarding the land on Mathistown Road and look into some other locations.

Mayor Ray Gormley received information on a dog park in Egg Harbor Township which will help with rules and regulations. He mentioned conversations with the county and made some suggestions on future park locations.

Committeeman John Kehm spoke about funding and reaching out to sponsors.

Township Engineer Jim Oris stated if the park is on county facilities it will alleviate the JIF issues.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens mentioned property located in Little Egg Harbor and Tuckerton.

Mayor Ray Gormley explained JIF is insurance and a big issue to take into consideration.

Motion to Open to Public: Stevens

Second: Kehm

All in favor

PUBLIC COMMENT – any topic

Mr. Mark Sobiak: Expressed his concerns for solicitors and would like the No Knock Registry implemented. He stated other towns have it.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained a registry can be done however only on an individual basis, not a group.

Mayor Ray Gormley stated he will keep in touch with Mr. Sobiak on the progress of the registry.

Committeeman Dave Schlick spoke about the work that was done on this registry in the past.

Mr. Art Mooney: Mentioned getting information from the previous ordinance. Discussed the dog park and is in favor of working with the county on it and mentioned an article he read regarding the coast guard and dredging.

Mayor Ray Gormley discussed the serious shoaling issue.

Committeeman Dave Schlick stated he was advised as of today the dredging will be done by summer.

Mayor Ray Gormley explained everything is place except for one permit. He spoke about the importance of the inlet.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens stated she reached out to our 9th District Legislature and they are aware of the importance of this matter.

Mr. Paul DiBalo: Asked if the user friendly budget will be available online for review.

Mayor Ray Gormley stated the budget will not be ready until it is adopted.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch mentioned there will be public workshops.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani stated we anticipate the approval at the next meeting.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked for information on affordable housing.

Township Engineer Jim Oris gave a brief explanation on affordable housing and possible locations.

Mr. Don Lelion: Spoke about a portion of Radio Road and Playhouse Drive that is very bumpy. Township Engineer Jim Oris will look into having it repaired as soon as possible.

Mr. George Lange: Asked for the status of the pond on the Bass River borderline.

Township Engineer Jim Oris stated at this time he does not have an update.

Mayor Ray Gormley stated New Jersey Dam Safety is involved with the restructure of the dam.

Mr. George Lange: Questioned solicitors in town.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained door to door solicitation is protected under the first amendment.

Mr. George Lange: Expressed his concerns regarding corporations buying homes in town.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated we will be looking into this with our Zoning Board Chairman and Attorney.

Mr. Bill Armitage: Asked if Holly Lake is going to be repaired.

Mayor Ray Gormley explained there has been progress and a meeting is set up for tomorrow.

Mr. Bill Armitage: Asked if New Jersey Dam is involved.

Mayor Ray Gormley stated yes they are.

Motion to Close to Public: Stevens

Second: Kehm

All in favor

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Schlick: Requested the podium be moved back to the side.

Gormley: Explained his reason for moving it for the public to address the governing body.

Kehm: No comment.

Stevens: Mentioned the lack lighting at the back of the community center and an issue with water coming in a door when it rains. She made some suggestions to assist in bulkhead inspections. Wished all a happy Saint Patrick's Day.

Crea: Wished all a happy Saint Patrick's Day as well.

Gormley: Discussed vacant homes and working towards a better town.

Being no further business,

Motion to Adjourn: Stevens

Second: Crea

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Diana K. McCracken, RMC
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Township Clerk