

Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting

April 13, 2017

7:00 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

PROCLAMATION

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens read a proclamation designating the week of April 9-15, 2017 as "National Library Week."

Committeeman John Kehm read a proclamation designating the week of April 23-29, 2017 as "National Volunteer Week."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

➤ March 23, 2017 Township Meeting

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

ORDINANCE – Anticipated Adoption Date: April 27, 2017

2017-04 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, 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

ORDINANCE – First Reading and Introduction

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani announced the anticipated date of the hearing for the next three ordinances will be May 11.

2017-05 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter 15 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, entitled "Land Use and Development" [~~delete §15-21 entitled "Affordable Housing" in its entirety and replace with a new section §15-21 which shall be entitled "Affordable Housing Requirements"~~]

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani gave a brief explanation on Affordable Housing.

Motion to Introduce: 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>

2017-06 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter 15 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, entitled "Land Use and Development" [*add new §15-21.1 which shall be entitled "Mandatory Affordable Housing Set-Aside"*]

Motion to Introduce: Kehm Second: Stevens Roll Call:

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

2017-07 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter 15 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, entitled "Land Use and Development"

Motion to Introduce: Stevens Second: Kehm 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.

2017-109 A resolution approving a revised spending plan for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund

2017-110 A Resolution appointing Damian Murray, Esq. as Judge of the Municipal Court of the Township of Little Egg Harbor

2017-111 A Resolution authorizing the donation by the Township of Little Egg Harbor to the Great Bay Regional Volunteer EMS of \$6,187.68 in fuel

- 2017-112 A Resolution authorizing the release of a performance guarantee posted by Woolston Construction Company, Inc.
- 2017-113 A Resolution awarding a contract for the FY 2016 NJDOT Municipal Aid Road Program for Improvements to Otis Bog Road [*Arawak Paving Co., Inc. for \$256,700 for the base bid and \$63,600 for Alternate Bid "A" for a total bid of \$320,300*]
- 2017-114 A resolution awarding a contract for the FY 2015 NJDOT Municipal Aid Road Program for Improvements to Oak Lane [*Arawak Paving Co. Inc. for a total bid of \$231,000.00*]
- 2017-115 A Resolution authorizing tax refunds for 21 Maplewood Drive, 140 South Commodore Drive, and 104 Oneida Lake Drive
- 2017-116 A Resolution authorizing refunds to Good Time Charley's Inc., in accordance with the State of New Jersey Tax Court Judgment Docket No. 010490-2014
- 2017-117 A Resolution authorizing refunds to Huldafolk, LLC in accordance with the State of New Jersey Tax Court Judgment Docket No. 010855-2014
- 2017-118 A Resolution authorizing the execution of an Amendment to Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean for the Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Program
Committeeman Dave Schlick asked the township attorney to explain Resolutions 2017-116 and 2017-117.
Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained these are settlements of tax appeals that have gone through the Tax Court process.
Committeeman Dave Schlick explained each of these are condominium complexes owned by two separate companies. The units are rentals and the owners are appealing each one with the state which is a substantial amount of money.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Consent Agenda Only

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

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

Motion to Approve: Crea	Second: Stevens	Roll Call:	Schlick	Abstain on 2017-111, yes to rest
			Kehm	Yes
			Stevens	Yes
			Crea	Yes
			Gormley	Yes

BILL RESOLUTION

2017-119 A Resolution authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$2,711,045.11
 > Current Account: \$2,515,849.76
 > Third Party Account: \$195,195.35

Motion to Approve: Schlick	Second: Kehm	Roll Call:	Schlick	Yes
			Kehm	<u>Yes</u>
			Stevens	<u>Yes</u>
			Crea	<u>Abstain on 04068, yes to balance</u>
			Gormley	<u>Yes</u>

MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Lieutenant Troy Bezak discussed the benefits of the Police Department's new software program, the K-9 Unit, and the Police Explorers upcoming competition.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS

Jim Oris gave an update on the Dog Park, the DOT Road Projects, the Water and Sewer Project on Twin Lakes Boulevard followed by the Townships Drainage Project and the FEMA Flood Maps revisions

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens mentioned several towns have recently received grant funding for mitigation and asked if it was something the township could look into.

Township Engineer Jim Oris stated many towns received grant funding from the DCA for resiliency and storm recovery, including Little Egg Harbor. He will look into it and have an answer at the next meeting.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens mentioned the town is close to receiving their CRS points.

Township Engineer Jim Oris explained the town is in the approval process for May, if not, then October.

Mayor Ray Gormley asked for details on any changes to the flood maps.

Township Engineer Jim Oris believes the further away from the New York Harbor, the less impact will be seen.

Committeeman John Kehm asked if there will be a change in zones.

Township Engineer Jim Oris explained if they lowered the elevation, some residents may go from A to X but he believes there are no more V-Zones in Little Egg Harbor.

Mayor Ray Gormley spoke about the Twin Lake Boulevard Drainage Project and to keep West Susquehanna on the radar.

Committeeman Dave Schlick asked for an update on the Community Center roof repair.

Township Engineer Jim Oris explained final decisions have not been made but should be within the next two months

Committeeman Dave Schlick asked about the four way stop on Stage Road and Giffordtown Lane.

Township Engineer Jim Oris stated a letter was sent to the Ocean County Engineering Department and they are working on a four way stop.

Motion to Open to Public: Stevens

Second: Schlick

All in favor

PUBLIC COMMENT – any topic

Mr. Ed Andrews: Read a detailed letter from the Osborne Island Resident Association regarding the benefits and urgency of the Marsh Restoration Project. He asked for an update on the Park-N-Ride.

Township Engineer Jim Oris stated it is still in the permit process.

Mayor Ray Gormley explained we have actually been able to review the plan and design of the Park-N-Ride which will have forty nine parking spots and room for future expansion. He spoke about the positive direction of the lagoon dredging, the surrounding towns involved, and a meeting with Congressmen LoBiondo, MacArthur and Senator Chris Connors.

Mr. Vince Phillips: Spoke about lagoon issues on North Burgee Drive and surrounding streets and thanked the committee for their efforts.

Mayor Ray Gormley discussed the Pilot Program and finding a location for the spoils.

Mr. Ed Gautier: Asked if the township is involved with the Mayor's of Long Beach Island to build up the island and stop wave mitigation.

Mayor Ray Gormley spoke about the three year federal study on the bays.

Mr. Ed Gautier: Mentioned the amount of sand from Long Beach Island that is now in the bay waters near the old Coast Guard Station, now Rutgers.

Mr. Mark Sobiak: Asked the town to implement the No Knock Registry. Questioned how many affordable housing units will be built.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained the settlement agreement calls for a third round which takes us to 2025 with a need of one hundred and twenty five new units.

Mr. Mark Sobiak: Expressed his concerns for the burden Affordable Housing will be on the taxpayers.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained the rules and regulations of Affordable Housing.

Mr. Mark Sobiak: Asked if it is possible to implement the No Knock Registry.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani stated there was a meeting on that topic recently and we are moving forward.

Mr. Art Mooney: Expressed his concerns regarding Affordable Housing, additional population and students in the schools.

Township Engineer Jim Oris explained many of the residents within the community may qualify for Affordable Housing and in many instances will have first priority to purchase them. He explained the regulations of the housing plan.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani discussed the rules of COAH and possible changes within the next eight years.

Mr. Art Mooney: Spoke about land use laws and asked how many age restricted communities are in the town.

Township Engineer Jim Oris stated he does not have that number at this time.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens discussed the difference between low to moderate income housing and section eight housing.

Mr. Art Mooney: Expressed his concerns for the burden Affordable Housing may put on the school taxes.

Motion to Close to Public: Stevens

Second: Schlick

All in favor

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Schlick: Asked for clarification regarding the Oak Lane Project.

Township Engineer Jim Oris explained the Oak Lane Project will be rentals and cannot be purchased. The town benefits because we received double Affordable Housing credits.

Schlick: Spoke about the upcoming Earth Day clean-up. He asked if anyone was appointed to the Community Center Board.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained we are close; the final report is almost prepared.

Schlick: Would like to move forward with the No Knock Registry. He discussed the Pilot Program, the additional children in the schools and allocating monies to the schools.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani spoke about the Pilot Program and settlement agreement which could be modified.

Schlick: Asked for an update on the sexual harassment charges filed last year.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani stated the matter was resolved and cannot be discussed in public.

Gormley: Asked for details on the Earth Day clean-up.

Schlick: Announced it will be at the Community Center on April 22, at 8am.

Kehm: Has been on the Economic Development Committee for many years and asked for information regarding the Buy Local signs and how the town could get involved in the program.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani: Gave a brief description of the Buy Local Programs which are tax credit programs.

Stevens: Spoke about the vegetable garden at the Senior Center, her meeting with the Recycling Coordinator Carol Evans and a fundraising event for Kimmy's Safe Haven Animal Rescue.

Crea: Wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Gormley: Have a safe Easter Holiday.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated the budget workshop will be Tuesday, April 18, at 1pm here at Town Hall.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani announced she will not be at the next township meeting.

Township Clerk Diana McCracken spoke about the townships participation in Paint the Town Pink.

Mayor Ray Gormley spoke about how Town Hall will participate in Paint the Town Pink.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2017-120 A Resolution authorizing the convening of an Executive Session in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The purpose of this meeting is matters of contract for General Police Operations and possible Acquisition of Property, no formal action will be taken.

Motion to Approve: Stevens

Second: Kehm

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

Being no further business,

Motion to Close Executive Session, Reconvene Regular Township Meeting

And Adjourn: Schlick

Second: Kehm

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Diana K. McCracken, RMC

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Township Clerk