

Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting

April 27, 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

Deputy Mayor Barbara Jo Crea read a proclamation designating the month of May, 2017 as "Older Americans Month."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

➤ April 13, 2017 Township Meeting

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

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

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated this is a recommended part of our Best Practices.

Motion to Open to Public: Stevens Second: Crea All in favor
No public participation

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

Motion to Approve: Crea Second: Stevens Roll Call: Schlick No
Kehm Yes
Stevens Yes
Crea Yes
Gormley Yes

ORDINANCE – Anticipated Adoption Date: May 11, 2017

- 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”]*
- 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”]*
- 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” *[establish boundaries of the AHZ and MUAHZ, to amend §15-4.1 “Designation of zoning districts”, to add §15-4.24.4 “AHZ (Affordable Housing) Zone”, and to add §15-4.24.5 “MUAHZ (Mixed Use Affordable Housing) Zone”]*

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.

- 2017-120 A Resolution authorizing the appointment of laborers to the Township Department of Public Works under the Clean Communities Grant *[up to four full-time temporary laborers]*
- 2017-121 A Resolution authorizing the execution of a change order to the contract with S. Batata Construction for the 2015 Streetscape Improvement Project *[net decrease of \$17,205.68]*
- 2017-122 A Resolution awarding a State Contract for the purchase of Construction Office Software to SHI International Corp. *[amount not to exceed \$35,000]*
- 2017-123 A Resolution appointing George Lange as a Member and Bob Mackey as an Alternate Member to the Little Egg Harbor Township Economic Development Advisory Commission

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Consent Agenda Only

Motion to Open to Public: Kehm	Second: Stevens	All in favor
<i>No public participation</i>		
Motion to Close to Public: Stevens	Second: Schlick	All in favor
Motion to Approve: 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>

BILL RESOLUTION

2017-124 A Resolution authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$1,533,936.72

- Current Account: \$1,303,481.05
- Third Party Account: \$230,455.67

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

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch spoke briefly on the municipal budget.

Township Auditor Kevin Frenia reiterated Mr. Loesch's comments.

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

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if the budget will impact the town's bond rating.

Township Auditor Kevin Frenia stated he does not believe it will have a negative effect on the bond rating.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if the bond rating is periodically reviewed.

Township Auditor Kevin Frenia stated it is reviewed periodically and explained the process.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if the bond rating was reviewed after our latest bond issue.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained there was a bond review before our last issue of sale of notes and bonds.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if the budget was issued in a timely fashion.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated we met all state statutes.

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

2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET RESOLUTION

2017-125 A Resolution adopting the 2017 Municipal Budget

Motion to Approve: Kehm	Second: Stevens	Roll Call:	Schlick	<u>No</u>
			Kehm	<u>Yes</u>
			Stevens	<u>Yes</u>
			Crea	<u>Yes</u>
			Gormley	<u>Yes</u>

MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

None

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS

Jason Worth reported on the Marsh Restoration Project, the Streetscape Project, and the Drainage Project. He spoke about the progress the town is making with FEMA regarding the Community Rating System.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens thanked Mr. Worth for his work on the Community Rating System as well as everyone involved.

Mayor Ray Gormley also thanked the Zoning Officer and his secretary for their hard work.

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

Township Engineer Jason Worth explained at this time we are waiting for the final award from the county.

Mayor Ray Gormley discussed the drainage issue on West Susquehanna Drive and possibly including it in the MUA's Drainage Project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – any topic

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

Mr. Ed Andrew: Spoke about the importance of the Marsh Restoration Project and expressed his concerns regarding any short fall in funding.

Mayor Ray Gormley explained he met with the Mayor of Tuckerton and there will be discussions once there is a solid plan.

Mr. Ed Andrew: Spoke about the loss of ratable's in town and lack of public access to the water to launch a boat or kayak.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens agrees public access to the water is needed and discussed some options.

Mayor Ray Gormley mentioned the town is re-pursuing an opportunity for a grant to create water access at the Community Center.

Mr. Art Mooney: Expressed his concerns regarding the impact the Affordable Housing on Oak Lane will have on the school system and taxes.

Mayor Ray Gormley stated he had a brief meeting with the Frog Pond School. At this time it cannot be determined how it will affect the schools.

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

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Schlick: Announced the Senior Citizen Expo will be Wednesday May 3, at the Community Center.

Kehm: No comment.

Stevens: Spoke about Meridian Health Care and the townships involvement in Paint the Town Pink.

Crea: Thanked Township Clerk Diana McCracken for her work on Paint the Town Pink and employees Diane Galuppo and Mark Ellis for bringing together the CRS Program. She spoke about the importance of recycling and her plans with the Recycling Coordinator and thanked everyone involved in preparing the Senior Citizen Expo.

Gormley: Discussed the progress of the Marsh Restoration Project and the surrounding towns involved.

Being no further business,

Motion to Adjourn: Stevens Second: Schlick All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Diana K. McCracken, RMC

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Township Clerk