

Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting

June 8, 2017

7:30 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 Arrived 8:15pm Mr. Kehm Yes Ms. Stevens Yes

Mrs. Crea Yes Mr. Gormley Yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

➤ May 25, 2017 Township Meeting

Motion to Approve: Kehm Second: Stevens All in favor

ORDINANCE– Anticipated Adoption Date: June 8, 2017

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”] Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated this is in accordance with the court settlements on Affordable Housing.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained this ordinance is establishing the parameters of the zones on the zoning map.

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

No public participation.

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

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

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.*

- 2017-141 A Resolution appointing Daniel Schnepf as a permanent full-time Laborer for the Township of Little Egg Harbor *[he shall be compensated in accordance with the salary ordinance and applicable collective bargaining agreement]*
- 2017-142 A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with West Tuckerton Volunteer Fire Department for vehicle maintenance services *[this Shared Services Agreement shall become effective on June 8, 2017 and shall continue in full force and effect for a period of three years, terminating on June, 7, 2020]*
- 2017-143 A Resolution authorizing the renewal of club licenses for the 2017-2018 licensing year *[Mystic Island Post 493 American Legion, Mystic Islands Cooperative Assoc., and Italian American Social Club]*
- 2017-144 A Resolution authorizing the renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption and Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses for the 2017-2018 licensing year *[GMG Inc. DBA Mystic Island Casino, Sea Oak Country Club, LLC, and Louna Inc., DBA West Tuckerton Liquor Store]*
- 2017-145 A Resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2017 Budget to allow for the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 *[\$53,425.51, FY2017 Clean Communities Grant]*
- 2017-146 A Resolution in support of the passage of A4784/S3149 by the Legislature *[Establishing a clear and defined process for Sandy-impacted homeowners for repayment of their debts]*

*Mayor Ray Gormley asked the Township Administrator to read a letter for resolution 2017-141. Township Administrator Garrett Loesch read a letter from Public Works Superintendent Brad Griffin recommending Daniel Schnepf as a full time Laborer.*

*Mayor Gormley asked Committeeman Kehm to share his information on resolution 2017-146. Committeeman John Kehm stated he agrees with Legislature and spoke about ongoing issues many residents are having with contractors not completing work they were paid to do after Super Storm Sandy.*

*Township Attorney Jean Cipriani discussed creating a resolution for committee review to forward on to the Legislatures.*

Motion to Open to Public: Stevens

Second: Kehm

All in favor

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Consent Agenda Only

*Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for details on resolution 2017-145, amending the budget.*

*Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained anytime after the budget is adopted and revenue is received, a resolution must be done to add it in. He discussed the various ways the funds may be utilized.*

*Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if there is a consumption license available in town and how often they are renewed.*

Mayor Ray Gormley stated one is available.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained consumption licenses are renewed yearly in June. Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for details on the townships shared services with West Tuckerton Fire Company.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained the process beginning with a prepared spreadsheet from Public Works for reimbursement.

Motion to Close to Public: Stevens	Second: Crea		All in favor
Motion to Approve: Kehm	Second: Stevens	Roll Call:	Schlick <u>Absent</u>
			Kehm <u>Yes</u>
			Stevens <u>Yes</u>
			Crea <u>Abstain on 2017-143, yes to balance</u>
			Gormley <u>Yes</u>

Mayor Ray Gormley introduced and welcomed new employee Daniel Schnepf to the Public Works Department.

**BILL RESOLUTION**

2017-147 A Resolution authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$3,282,506.08

- Current Account: \$3,182,887.38
- Third Party Account: \$99,618.70

Motion to Approve: Stevens	Second: Kehm	Roll Call:	Schlick <u>Absent</u>
			Kehm <u>Yes</u>
			Stevens <u>Yes</u>
			Crea <u>Abstain on 06038, yes to balance</u>
			Gormley <u>Abstain on 07048, yes to balance</u>

**MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS**

- Raffle License Application for the American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island on-premise gift raffle on October 15, 2017
- Raffle License Application for the Ocean County Foundation for Vocational and Technical Education 50/50 raffle on October 5, 2017 at Cuisine on the Green

Motion to Approve: Kehm                      Second: Stevens                      All in favor

**TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS**

Jason Worth reported on the status of the Park-N-Ride, a submission for grant opportunities with Sustainable Jersey and the Marsh Restoration Project.

At this time Deputy Mayor Crea excused herself and stepped out due to an MUA conflict. Jason Worth spoke about the MUA's Twin Lakes Boulevard Project, permits and application fees. They are asking for the governing body's approval to waive the road opening fees by resolution so they can obtain their road opening permit and proceed with the work.

*Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained the townships ordinance on excavation of streets provides an exemption for the township but not for other public entities within the township such as the MUA. A request was made to the township for a waiver to be done by resolution which has been drafted.*

*Committeewoman Lisa Stevens agrees this will save the tax payers money.*

*Committeeman John Kehm agrees it will be beneficial to wave the fee.*

*Township Attorney Jean Cipriani read the following resolution by title.*

2017-148

A Resolution authorizing the request to waive Road Opening Permit's fees for the Twin Lakes Project for the complete restoration of Twin Lakes Boulevard

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

*Committeewoman Lisa Stevens thanked the township engineer for all his hard work on Sustainable Jersey.*

*Mayor Ray Gormley also thanked Committeewoman Stevens for her work as well.*

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – any topic

*Township Administrator Garrett Loesch spoke about some recent issues with the townships website.*

*Mayor Ray Gormley mentioned resolving the issue once and for all regarding the website.*

*Mr. Dave Fuller: Asked if there has been progress with Fish and Wildlife in moving forward with the Marsh Restoration Project.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth stated not yet. A few weeks ago we were provided with a questionnaire which we responded to and are presently working on additional requested information.*

*Mr. Dave Fuller: Asked if there is an alternative plan if the additional grants for the Marsh Restoration Project are not approved.*

*Mayor Ray Gormley explained there have been discussions regarding additional funds as well as finding a location for the spoils.*

*Committeeman John Kehm explained the need to not only get the project done now but in the future as well.*

*Mr. Ed Andrew: Discussed how the Marsh Restoration Project will benefit both upland and waterfront property taxes.*

*Mr. Chris Kolkowski: Asked if the Army Corp. of Engineers is involved with the Marsh Restoration Project.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth explained the town is required to get a permit from them to complete the work.*

*Mr. Chris Kolkowski: Asked if it would be helpful for residents to contact some of the larger organizations to speak in favor of the project to move forward.*

*Mayor Ray Gormley stated there is a public comment period of thirty days through the website of the Army Corp. of Engineers. Any positive input would be helpful.*

*Mike of Beach Drive: Made some suggestions regarding the townships website.*

*Mr. Gary Rizzolo: Asked if the sites for the Marsh Restoration Project are already set under the current permit.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth explained an application has been made identifying the sites once a permit is issued.*

*Mayor Ray Gormley explained the entire section of Mystic Island needs to be dredged however there is still the issue of finding areas for the spoils.*

*Mr. Pete Tolecki: Spoke about safety concerns for boaters during low tide and the need for dredging.*

*Mr. Art Mooney: Asked why "The clock is running" on the Osborne Island situation.*

*Mayor Ray Gormley explained there is limited time on the grant funds and dredging months.*

*Mr. Art Mooney: Asked when the clock will run out.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth stated it is good until June 30, 2018 however there's a small window for in water activity.*

*Mr. Art Mooney: Expressed his concerns for the future of the Marsh Restoration Project.*

*Committeeman Dave Schlick arrived at 8:12pm.*

*Mr. Peter Ferwerda: Asked if the municipality will be financially responsible for a portion of the Marsh Restoration Project.*

*Mayor Ray Gormley stated at this point we have a grant secured and the two we are trying to obtain have no match.*

*Mr. Peter Ferwerda: Asked if the property owner has agreed to accept the spoils.*

*Mayor Ray Gormley explained he has not agreed which is the hold up.*

Motion to Close to Public: Stevens

Second: Kehm

All in favor

#### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

*Schlick: No comment.*

*Kehm: No comment.*

*Stevens: Read the monthly/yearly report for the activities in the Code Enforcement and Construction Office.*

*Crea: Advised residents there is information on the back table from the Office of Emergency Management and the Recycling Center. She spoke about the Senior Advisory Board and a new program for senior residents and their caregivers.*

*Gormley: Spoke about an important meeting both he and Committeewoman Stevens will be attending with 9<sup>th</sup> District Senator Connors, State Representatives, the DEP, the Army Corp. and everyone involved with the Marsh Restoration Project.*

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION


2017-149 A Resolution authorizing the convening of an Executive Session in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act matters of discussion to include

- Capital Projects

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>

Motion to Close Executive Session, Reconvene		
Regular Township Meeting: Stevens	Second: Schlick	All in favor
Being no further business,		
Motion to Adjourn: Stevens	Second: Kehm	All in favor

Respectfully submitted,  
  
 Diana K. McCracken, RMC  
 Township Clerk