

Mayor Ray Gormley explained we received a small amount of CDBG money for the community center.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated we received approximately a two hundred thousand dollar grant for paving.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained any additional grant money at this time will be used to pay down the debt.

Mr. Art Mooney: Questioned the wording of the ordinance and asked for more clarity in the future. He questioned the need for bullet proof glass.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained the need for security in various departments.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for the duration of the bond, the rating, and its impact on the tax rate.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch gave a brief explanation on the bond.

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| Motion to Close to Public: Stevens | Second: Crea | All in favor |
| Motion to Adopt: Stevens | Second: Crea | Roll Call: |
| | | Schlick <u>No</u> |
| | | Kehm <u>Yes</u> |
| | | Stevens <u>Yes</u> |
| | | Crea <u>Yes</u> |
| | | Gormley <u>Yes</u> |

First Reading and Introduction

2017-09 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” so as to require property registration *[registration of all property for effective code enforcement]*

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained this is to ensure clear contact information on properties to enforce property maintenance codes.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained it will also assist in reimbursement to the town for property maintenance costs.

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| Motion to Introduce: Stevens | Second: Crea | Roll Call: | Schlick <u>Yes</u> |
| | | | Kehm <u>Yes</u> |
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| | | | 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.

2017-151 A Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between the Township of Little Egg Harbor and T&M Associates for the Streetscape Improvement Project *[the New Jersey Economic Development Authority is requiring an Amendment of the Agreement to increase the contract to T&M Associates to \$118,400 an increase in contract price of \$24,225]*

2017-152 A Resolution authorizing the release of a performance guarantee posted by S. Batata Construction Company conditioned on the posting of a maintenance guarantee *[2015 Streetscape Improvement Project]*

- 2017-153 A Resolution authorizing the execution of a No Charge Change Order with T&M Associates for the Marsh Restoration and Replenishment Project (*moving \$88,600 from the environmental sampling line item to the preliminary line item, permitting line items to cover T&M's request for additional environmental sampling as part of the permit review process*)
- 2017-154 A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Change Order to the Contract for the FY2016 NJDOT Municipal Aid Road Program for Improvements to Otis Bog Road [*an increase of \$42,000 for the realignment of the intersection of Leitz Boulevard and Wisteria Lane*]
- 2017-155 A Resolution adopting the "Affirmative Marketing Plan" [*the township is required to adopt an Affirmative Marketing Plan to ensure that all affordable housing units created are affirmatively marketed to low- and moderate-income households, particularly those living and/or working within Housing Region 4*]
- 2017-156 A Resolution endorsing the Revised Housing Element and Fair Share Plan [*the township committee approves the Revised Housing Element and Fair Share Plan adopted by the Planning Board on July 6, 2017 in accordance with the Court Order*]
- 2017-157 A Resolution identifying the township's intent to appropriate funds or bond in the event of a funding shortfall [*appropriate funds or authorize the issuance of debt to fund any shortfall in hits from the affordable housing program that may arise whether due to inadequate funding from other sources or for any other reason*]
- 2017-158 A Resolution awarding a Professional Services Agreement to Rehabco, Inc. as Affordable Housing Administrative Agent [*the term of the contract shall be for the period August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018*]
- 2017-159 A Resolution authorizing the release of a performance guarantee posted by Amboy Bank with the Township Clerk conditioned on the acceptance of a maintenance bond [*Patricia Lane*]
- 2017-160 A Resolution authorizing the release of a performance guarantee posted by Amboy Bank with the Township Clerk conditioned on the acceptance of a maintenance guarantee [*Foxmoor at Tallwoods*]
- 2017-161 A Resolution authorizing the release of a performance guarantee posted by Tocco & Sons General Contractors conditioned on the acceptance of a maintenance bond [*road opening for 35 South Burgee Drive*]
- 2017-162 A Resolution certifying tax liens for costs incurred in accordance with the Property Maintenance Code [*\$5,150 in unpaid property violations*]
- 2017-163 A Resolution authorizing the transfer of Tax Sale Certificate #16-00044 [*delinquent water and sewer charges were assigned to the wrong lot by the MUA to correct this a corrected tax sale certificate needs to be created and transfer the lien*]

- 2017-164 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 [*\$64.34 from the State of New Jersey Alcohol Ed Rehab & Enforce Fund*]
- 2017-165 A Resolution certifying the Governing Body has reviewed, as a minimum, sections of the Annual Audit
- 2017-166 A Resolution authorizing the writing of bid specifications and receipt of bids for new recycling and trash cans [*95 gallon universal container*]
- 2017-167 A Resolution authorizing the writing of bid specifications and receipt of bids for a new tractor [*model year 2017 or new Kubota Utility Tractor*]
- 2017-168 A Resolution cancelling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 [*totally-disabled veteran*]
- 2017-169 A Resolution cancelling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 [*totally-disabled veteran*]
- 2017-170 A Resolution cancelling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 [*totally-disabled veteran*]
- 2017-171 A Resolution cancelling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 [*totally-disabled veteran*]
- 2017-172 A Resolution cancelling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 [*Widow of a totally-disabled veteran*]
- 2017-173 A Resolution cancelling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 [*totally-disabled veteran*]

Motion to Open to Public: Stevens

Second: Kehm

All in favor

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Consent Agenda Only

Mr. Peter Ferwerda: Asked for information on the Streetscape Project.

Township Engineer Jason Worth gave an update on the completed project.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated he will provide Mr. Ferwerda with information when available.

Mr. Peter Ferwerda: With regard to Resolution 2017-153, he asked why it is necessary for the No Charge Change Order with T&M Associates.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated some of the tasks of the project require additional time and effort and he explained the No Cost Change Order.

Mr. Peter Ferwerda: Asked for clarification on Resolution 2017-157.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained how the four resolutions work together and gave a detailed explanation on Affordable Housing, the Affirmative Marketing Plan and the rehabilitation portion.

Mr. Peter Ferwerda: Asked if there will be additional cost for the Affordable Housing Administrative Agent.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained the town went out for an RFP which was awarded to Rehabco, Inc. They are capped and will not exceed the spending plan.

Mr. Peter Ferwerda: Asked who will write the specs for the new tractor.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated the Purchasing Agent, the department head and he will write the specs.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if the Affordable Housing will affect the property taxes.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani stated it will not.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for information on the Affirmative Marketing Plan.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani gave a brief explanation of the Marketing Plan.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens explained the town is court ordered to do this.

Mr. Art Mooney: Questioned the wording of Resolution 2017-157, Affordable Housing shortfall.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani gave a brief explanation and stated this is required to maintain our immunity.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for details on Resolution 2017-158, Professional Services Agreement.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained the agreement and stated the town is required by the court to have a Housing Agent paid through the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Mr. Dave Fuller: Congratulated the essay winners and asked for an explanation on the change order in Resolution 2017-153.

Township Engineer Jason Worth explained this is simply a transfer of funds from one line item to another.

Ms. Gail Kelley: Asked for clarification on who will benefit from the Affordable Housing.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani gave a breakdown on Affordable Housing and income guidelines.

Mr. Timothy Kelley: Stated he is unclear whether the Oak Lane Project is for veterans, Super Storm Sandy victims or low income.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani stated each of them would qualify and explained the process.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked how one would go about getting on the list for the Rehab Program.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained she believes they will contact the housing agent.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked for the amount allowed per rehab.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani stated approximately ten thousand dollars maximum per project.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked how much money is currently in the trust fund.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated approximately two hundred and fifty five thousand dollars.

Ms. Barbara Sturna: Asked where the Affordable Housing Administrative Agent Rehabco, Inc. is located and how it works.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained they are located in Ocean County but will be available in Little Egg Harbor. They monitor the rehabilitation program in which residents have work done on their own homes.

Ms. Barbara Sturna: Asked who will manage the selection of residents for the Oak Lane Project.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani stated the selection will be done primarily through the developer.

Ms. Barbara Sturna: Asked for the low income requirements.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Lieutenant Troy Bezak gave an update on the overall activities within the Police Department for the month of June.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS

Jason Worth reported on the Twin Lakes Boulevard water main replacement, the Radio Road and Playhouse Drive Pump Station and road work, the Drainage Project with Earle Asphalt and the Oak Lane paving. The work on Otis Bog Road should be completed by early next week. He gave an update on the Marsh Restoration Project.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens thanked Mr. Worth and Mr. Oris for all their hard work.

Mayor Ray Gormley reiterated Ms. Stevens's comments.

Committeeman Dave Schlick questioned the cost to pave Twin Lakes Boulevard.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated there is more than just paving involved and gave a detailed description of the work.

Committeeman Dave Schlick mentioned a large bump on Radio Road near Playhouse Drive.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated that should be addressed shortly.

Committeeman Dave Schlick stated there is another road bump in front of the Oak Lane Project.

Motion to Open to Public: Stevens

Second: Schlick

All in favor

PUBLIC COMMENTS – any topic

Resident: Discussed the need for the Marsh Restoration Project and the frustration many boaters are having.

Mayor Ray Gormley discussed at length the progress and issues with the Marsh Restoration Project.

Mr. Ed Andrew: Asked what the impediments are at this time holding up the Marsh Restoration Project.

Mayor Ray Gormley stated we need the DEP to sign the application that allows us to apply for the permit.

Mr. Ed Andrew: Asked if the meeting with Senator Connors was helpful and if there is a timeframe at this point.

Mayor Ray Gormley spoke about the meeting and stated at this time he does not have a time frame for the project.

Mr. Ed Andrew: Mentioned an article he read that states Mystic Island is listed as the slowest recovering area in the state since the recession. He read a prepared statement expressing his concerns for the way the governing body is handling the Marsh Restoration Project among other issues.

Mr. Ed Gautier: Discussed the urgent need for the Marsh Restoration Project and also expressed his concerns with how the governing body is handling the issue.

Mr. David Fuller: Read a letter from the President of Atlantic Coast Realty urging the governing body to move forward with the Marsh Restoration Project. The loss of these waterways will have a dramatic effect of the lifestyle of the residents and the desirability of Little Egg Harbor Township. He read a prepared statement about his conversation with Mr. Fanz of the DEP.

Township Engineer Jason Worth gave an update on the status of the Marsh Restoration Project.

Mr. David Fuller: Discussed his frustration with the lack of committee response to their emails as well as the lack of progress on the dredging. He requested information on today's meeting with Tuckerton Borough and other elected officials regarding the project. He spoke about Osborn Islands involvement and questioned why a representative was not invited to attend today's meeting.

Township Engineer Jason Worth gave a brief explanation of the meeting.

Mayor Ray Gormley explained the reason for today's meeting is the DEP is recommending bifurcating Iowa Court to address immediate needs. He explained he called the meeting and Mr. Brenner insisted just the two mayors be present.

Mr. David Fuller: Stated he does not agree and in the future a member of Osborn Island should be present. They are a stakeholder as well.

Mr. Jason McCarsky: Mentioned safety issues with people speeding down Atlantis Boulevard and asked for speed bumps.

Mr. Mark Sobiak: Asked for an update on the No-Knock Registry.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani gave a brief explanation and an update of the No-Knock Registry.

Ms. Ann Mikas: Commended the students on their essays.

Mr. Art Mooney: Spoke about transparency and issues with the township website. Mentioned the loss of ratables and asked for a solution.

Mayor Ray Gormley explained the steps the township is taking such as the abandoned property registry.

Mr. Joel Nevins: Discussed code violations with a bulkhead on Osborn Island that is affecting his property.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani discussed Code Enforcement and property maintenance.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch will have the engineer look at the property.

Mr. Dan Smith: Expressed his concerns for the completion of the Marsh Restoration Project. He asked the Township Engineer if there is a fifteen foot setback past the edge of the road that the township owns and if it's from the center line or edge.

Township Engineer Jason Worth explained it is generally a fifty foot right of way in Little Egg Harbor however it varies per town.

Ms. Kathy Williscroft: Mentioned speeding and traffic issues on Leitz Boulevard and suggested speed bumps.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated he will consider revisiting that matter.

Mr. William Rezivuto: Praised the construction office and the inspectors for the outstanding service they provided during the construction of Urgent Care Now on Route 539.

Motion to Close to Public: Stevens

Second: Kehm

All in favor

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Schlick: No comment.

Kehm: Spoke about the upcoming drive-in movie at the community center and mentioned residents concerns regarding activities outside the center after 10pm. He addressed some of the negative comments made during the public portion this evening.

Stevens: Mentioned some recent boating accidents and thanked all the first responders for their hard work and dedication. She attended a residents 100th birthday at the Terraces and spoke about his achievements.

*Crea: Discussed a program she is looking into to assist caretakers and informed residents the community center has a free lunch program for children eighteen and under. She thanked the Mayor for the Day students for their essays.
Gormley: Invited the students to read their essays.*

At this time the students read their Mayor for the Day Essays.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2017-175 A Resolution authorizing the convening of an Executive Session in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, no formal action will be taken

- Matters of Personnel
- Matters of Contracts

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| 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: Kehm All in favor

Being no further business

Motion to Adjourn: Stevens Second: Kehm All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Diana K. McCracken, RMC
Township Clerk