

FEBRUARY 11, 2021

MINUTES

7:00 PM

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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.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY – Virtual public meeting procedure & protocol statement

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

Yes Mr. Scibetta Yes Mr. Kehm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- January 14, 2021 Township Meeting
- January 14, 2021 CDBG Meeting
- January 26, 2021 CDBG Meeting

Motion to Approve: Gormley

Second: Crea

All in favor

Committeewoman Stevens abstained on January 26, CDBG meeting. She was unable to participate online.

ORDINANCE 2021-01 [SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending §15-12.11 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, entitled "Stormwater Control Ordinance for Areas that are not within the Pinelands Area"

Motion to Introduce: Scibetta	Second: Gormley	Roll Call:	Stevens	<u>Yes</u>
			Gormley	<u>Yes</u>
			Crea	<u>Yes</u>
			Scibetta	<u>Yes</u>
			Kehm	<u>Yes</u>

CONSENT AGENDA

A Consent Agenda includes Resolutions 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.

- 2021-62 Accepting the separation from service of Matthew Spadaccini and authorizing execution of a Separation Agreement and Release with same
- 2021-63 Appointing Rodney R. Haines as interim Township Administrator until December 31, 2021
[Mr. Haines will receive a stipend of \$20,000 for acting as interim Township Administrator.]
- 2021-64 Authorizing reimbursement of sick leave to employees for COVID-19 exposure at township building
[A COVID-19 work exposure resulted in eight (8) township employees being directed to leave work and quarantine in accordance with CDC guidelines; these employees will be reimbursed for the sick leave taken for the COVID-19 exposure.]
- 2021-65 Designating Damian Murray, Esquire, to act as Judge of the single joint municipal court of the Township of Little Egg Harbor and the Township of Eagleswood in accordance with a Shared Services Agreement
[Three (3) year term commencing April 21, 2020 and ending April 22, 2023]
- 2021-66 Designating Daniel Sahin, Esquire, to act as Alternate Judge of the single joint municipal court of the Township of Little Egg Harbor and the Township of Eagleswood in accordance with a Shared Services Agreement
[Three (3) year term commencing April 21, 2020 and ending April 22, 2023]
- 2021-67 Awarding a contract for the 2020 Drainage Improvement Project to MNC Concrete LLC
[Nine (9) bids were received; MNC Concrete LLC was the lowest responsible bidder with said bid being \$219,676.40 Base Bid, Alternate Bid A for \$33,572.64, Alternate Bid B for \$17,443.64, Alternate Bid C for \$13,782.00 and Alternate Bid D for \$3,650.00 for a total of \$288,124.68.]

- 2021-68 Awarding a contract for lease of two (2) 2021 Ford Escape SE Plug-In Hybrid vehicles to D&M Leasing under the National Cooperative Sourcewell Contract #060618-CVL
[The lease term is for 36 months at \$808.31 a month.]

- 2021-69 Authorizing the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean for the FY21 Child Restraint Program Grant
[The CRG is a program run by the Ocean County Sheriff's Office for the purpose of inspecting and installing child restraints in vehicles.]

- 2021-70 Authorizing the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean for the FY 2021 Prosecutor's Program
[The Prosecutor's Program is a traffic safety program run by the Prosecutor's Office for the purpose of investigating traffic crashes that result in serious injuries and/or fatalities in Ocean County.]

- 2021-71 Appointing Rodney Haines as a member to the Natural Lands Trust Advisory Committee

- 2021-72 Appointing Rodney Haines as Safety Coordinator to the Little Egg Harbor Township Safety Committee

- 2021-73 Appointing members to the Little Egg Harbor Township Environmental Commission

PUBLIC COMMENT – Consent Agenda Only

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

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked for details regarding Mr. Spadaccini's Separation Agreement.

Mayor Kehm explained Mr. Spadaccini decided to explore other endeavors and we wish him well.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked for the payout amount under his agreement.

Mayor Kehm stated the payout will be in the amount of \$7,613.23. He briefly explained the details.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked which department will utilize the 2021 Ford Escape Hybrid vehicles.

Mayor Kehm stated the vehicles will be used in the Construction and Code Enforcement department.

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

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

BILL RESOLUTION

- 2021-74 Authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$5,776,251.00

Motion to Approve: Stevens	Second: Gormley	Roll Call:	Stevens	<u>Yes</u>
			Gormley	<u>Yes</u>
			Crea	<u>Abstain on 02028, 02063, 02064, yes to balance</u>
			Scibetta	<u>Yes</u>
			Kehm	<u>Yes</u>

Miscellaneous Approvals

- Raffle License Application for St. Theresa's Church monthly 50/50 raffle for April, 2021 through September, 2021
- Raffle License Application for Little Egg Harbor Tuckerton PBA Charity Inc. 50/50 raffle on March 27, 2021 at Pinelands Brewing Company

Motion to Approve: Gormley Second: Stevens All in favor

PUBLIC COMMENT – Any Topic

Motion to Open to Public: Scibetta Second: Gormley All in favor

Mr. John Edmunds: Read a prepared statement with regard to the ongoing issues with traffic on Center Street.

Mayor Kehm will have Administrator Rodney Haines get an update on the matter.

Ms. Kate Goode: Mentioned she is the President of Harbortown Villas Homeowners Association on Schooner Court. Was advised that an issue regarding their street will be discussed in Executive Session this evening. She asked for a resolution to include Schooner Court in the townships snow removal.

Mayor Kehm explained we will be taking up this matter in Executive Session however at this time the outcome cannot be determined.

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

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Township Engineer Jason Worth gave an update regarding the speed limit concerns on Center Street, the Schedule C Road Paving list for 2021, the future replacement of the Otis Bog Bridge, the 2019 CDBG reimbursement with the County, the overall dredging projects and the beach replenishment projects.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Stevens: Commended three of our Police Officers for a home birth delivery they performed last Sunday. Mom, Dad and baby are doing well.

Crea: Asked everyone to be careful during in this cold icy weather and wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Gormley: Congratulated new Township Administrator Rodney Haines gave an update on the dredging projects.

Scibetta: Thanked all the Environmental Commission volunteers and is looking forward to working with them. He spoke about the upcoming EV Charging Station at Town Hall.

Kehm: Wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Township Administrator Rodney Haines announced there will be an Executive Session this evening with some additional items added. Items will include contractual discussion of recreation fields, a possible MUA appeal issue, an update on mechanic interviews and some open negotiations with other open contracts, per diem dispatchers and possibility of new police officers.

Township Attorney Melanie Appleby read the following resolution by title.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2021-75 Authorizing the convening of an executive session in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act – matters of discussion are contractual matters: White Collar Union, Schooner Court and personnel policy. Formal action may be taken.

Motion to Approve: Gormley Second: Stevens All in favor

Township Attorney Melanie Appleby read the following resolutions by title.

2021-76 Appointing Brett Behrens as a Police Officer for Township of Little Egg Harbor Police Department

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

2021-77 Appointing Christopher Citarella as a Police Officer for the Township of Little Egg Harbor Police Department

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

Township Attorney Melanie Appleby asked for a motion authorizing the Administrator and CFO to explore financing options for improvements to the Township Recreation Fields with a cap up to two million dollars

Motion: Gormley	Second: Scibetta	Roll Call:	Stevens	<u>Yes</u>
			Gormley	<u>Yes</u>
			Crea	<u>Yes</u>
			Scibetta	<u>Yes</u>
			Kehm	<u>Yes</u>

Being no further business,
Motion to adjourn: Stevens

Second: Scibetta

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,


Diana K. McCracken, RMC
Township Clerk