

2019-05 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending Chapter 15 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, entitled "Land Use and Development" §15-4.25, §15-13.1, §15-13.2, and §15-13.4

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani stated this is simply implementing changes that were made in the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan and she briefly explained.

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

ORDINANCE [SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]

2019-01 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, to establish the compensation of township employees

Motion to Open: Gormley Second: Kehm All in Favor

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for specific details on the salary ordinance.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani stated the purpose of the salary ordinance is to set the salary ranges which she briefly explained.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked how the public can view individual salary details.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained the information is public and can be requested.

Motion to Close: Gormley Second: Stevens All in Favor

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

2019-69 A Resolution authorizing the appointment of a Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer in the Township of Little Egg Harbor Police Department

2019-70 A Resolution awarding bid to purchase a 2020 or newer Mack or equal GR64F with 25 cubic yard rear loader refuse truck

2019-71 A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Schedule "C" Agreement with the County of Ocean for 2019

2019-72 A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Bass River for construction services

- 2019-73 A Resolution authorizing the purchase of NICE Inform Recorder Equipment for the Police Department under State Contract #83909
- 2019-74 A Resolution authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 2 to the contract with DSC Construction Company, Inc. for Twin Lakes Boulevard Drainage Improvements
- 2019-75 A Resolution authorizing the submission of a Sustainable Jersey Grant
- 2019-76 A Resolution authorizing various tax refunds

PUBLIC COMMENT – Consent Agenda Only

Art Mooney: Questioned what determines which items are not controversial and grouped on the consent agenda.

Mayor Crea explained the consent agenda is a time saving measure however the public may speak about any of the items after they are all read.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained an item can be removed from the consent agenda if a governing body member believes it should be discussed separately.

Ms. Renee Durante: Asked for details on the resolution authorizing the submission of a Sustainable Jersey Grant.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated the township is certified in the Sustainable Jersey Program in which the goal is to create greener and more sustainable communities. He provided details of the grant.

Ms. Jean Rhodes: Asked for an explanation on Resolution 2019-72, a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Bass River for construction services.

Mayor Crea explained the Shared Services Agreement with Bass River Township is to provide Construction Official and Sub-Code Official for services.

Ms. Jean Rhodes: Asked if they are paid for their services.

Mayor Crea stated yes, they are paid for their services.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini explained how the agreement works.

Ms. Jean Rhodes: Asked if the appointment of a Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer is the hiring of a new Police Officer.

Mayor Crea explained this officer will be assigned to the schools.

Ms. Jean Rhodes: Asked how many Police Officers are required for a town this size and what is the population.

Mayor Crea explained she is not sure how many are required however the township has approximately forty four officers and about twenty two thousand residents.

Deputy Mayor John Kehm mentioned the town is quite large at forty nine square miles.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani briefly discussed the ratio of police and the number of residents.

Deputy Mayor John Kehm mentioned Captain Hawkins may have more specific information on this matter.

Ms. Renee Durante: Asked if a law enforcement officer can be in each school.

Mayor Crea explained a special officer is assigned to each school.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens thanked the Township Engineer for applying for a grant for electric vehicle charging stations.

PUBLIC COMMENT – any topic

Ms. Renee Durante: Expressed concerns that George Gilmore is charged with tax evasion and his firm is employed by the town.

Mayor Crea explained the town is aware of the situation however Jean Cipriani is our Counsel and doing an excellent job.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani introduced herself as the Township Attorney and briefly discussed the indictment of one of the partners in her law firm.

Ms. Elaine Andrelli: Asked why there is still construction equipment left behind between Walgreens and Mystic Shores from the sidewalk project.

Township Engineer Jason Worth explained the project is not finished yet and there will be additional sidewalk installed and roadwork weather permitting.

Ms. Lynn Healey: Asked for the status of the senior center.

Mayor Crea explained the senior center is open however its organizational use has been changed. Most of the groups are now meeting at the community center.

Ms. Lynn Healey: Mentioned she is a member of the garden club and laurel auxiliary which always met at the senior center and would like to continue meeting there.

Mayor Crea explained the senior center no longer is exclusively for senior activities. We will try to make your transition to the community center as easy as we can.

Mr. Michael Ogden: Asked for clarification on the ordinance regarding Land Use and Development.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani mentioned the only portion of the ordinance that has been changed is the weight of trucks on the street and driveways which she further explained.

Ms. Linda Famie: Wanted to clarify something that was printed in the Sandpaper regarding her father's property on Route 9. She stated the property was cleaned up by the owners and not the township. She spoke about the years of dumping on the property and the clean-up process. She discussed her interest in getting Great Wolf Lodge to purchase the sixty eight acre property and asked the township for their assistance.

Mr. Art Mooney: Suggested the township look into a facility specifically for senior citizen activities.

Ms. Jean Rhodes: Explained she has lived here for many years and believes the senior center was originally built for senior citizens. She feels they are being pushed out of the facility.

Mayor Crea mentioned she feels at this time the senior center would be better suited for hosting outreach programs therefore the small organizations would then meet at the community center.

Ms. Jean Rhodes: Suggested the outreach programs use the community center instead of the senior center. She asked what the future plans for the old senior center are.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini explained the original grant was intended for a senior center for senior citizen use; however, that has since expired. He discussed the various outreach programs that would utilize the old senior center that would benefit the residents of the town.

Ms. Jean Rhodes: Questioned the change in some of the township meetings to once a month.

Mayor Crea explained we believe we are able to accomplish our task in one meeting a month however if something extraordinary comes up, we have the opportunity advertise and hold another meeting.

Ms. Jean Rhodes: Asked if the township will seek a different law firm if George Gilmore is found guilty of the tax charges against him.

Mayor Crea stated if the township and committee believe there is an issue that needs to be addressed, it will be done at that time.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained the trial is slated to begin March 29, therefore the charges will be heard within the next few months.

Ms. Renee Durante: Suggested setting up a meeting with the senior community to discuss the matter of the senior center.

Mayor Crea believes this is a good idea and should be scheduled.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked if there will still be a budget meeting this year and if so, when will it be.

Mayor Crea stated there will be a budget meeting however the date is not set yet.

Motion to Close: Gormley

Second: Kehm

All in Favor

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Stevens: Wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and Presidents weekend.

Scibetta: Spoke about the Municipal Alliance Committee Meeting he recently attended.

Gormley: Spoke about the purpose of a survey boat on the waters to assist the township in applying for a dredging permit and gave an update on the completion of the dredging on Osborn Island. He explained the Iowa Court permit was signed and work will start soon and gave details of the March 15, public hearing on next phase of the dredging project.

Kehm: Asked for consideration at the next township meeting a resolution stating we will not be a sanctuary town and to ask Stafford down to Bass River if they would follow.

Crea: Invited the public to attend Meet the Mayor at the library on February 19.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2019-78 A Resolution authorizing the convening of an Executive Session in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act – Contractual matters pertaining to potential acquisition of land or interest in land from the County of Ocean. No formal action will be taken

Motion to Approve: Gormley

Second: Kehm

Roll Call:	Stevens	<u>yes</u>
	Scibetta	<u>yes</u>
	Gormley	<u>yes</u>
	Kehm	<u>yes</u>
	Crea	<u>yes</u>

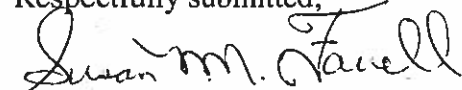
Being no further business,

Motion to Adjourn: Stevens

Second: Gormley

All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,



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Deputy Township Clerk