

APRIL 8, 2021

MINUTES

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### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

*Deputy Township Clerk Susan Farrell 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

➤ March 11, 2021 Township Meeting

Motion to Approve: Gormley                      Second: Crea                      All in Favor  
*Committeewoman Lisa Stevens abstained on the March meeting minutes.*

### PROCLAMATIONS

*Committeewoman Lisa Stevens read a proclamation designating the week of April 4-10, 2021 as "National Library Week."*

*Ms. Leslie Karvan stated on behalf of Dawn Heyson, the Branch Manager of the Ocean County Library she would like to thank the Mayor and Committee for their ongoing support of the library as well as proclaiming "National Library Week." She spoke about the many amenities available at your local library.*

Mayor John Kehm read a proclamation designating the week of April 18-24, 2021 as "National Volunteer Week."

Deputy Mayor Blaise Scibetta read a proclamation designating the month of April, 2021 as "National Autism Awareness Month."

Committeewoman Barbara Jo Crea read a proclamation designating the month of May, 2021 as "Older American's Month."

Mayor Kehm announced Resolution 2021-102 will be added to this evening's agenda which he will read later.

**ORDINANCE 2021-05 [SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]**

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, accepting a Deed of Dedication pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-1 and-2

*[The drainage basin in the project known as Grace Estates has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with prior land use approvals and state statute and acceptance of said drainage basin and the maintenance thereof by the Township is in the public's interest.]*

Motion to Open: Stevens                      Second: Gormley                      All in Favor

*No public participation.*

Motion to Close: Stevens                      Second: Gormley                      All in Favor

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

**ORDINANCE 2021-06 [SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]**

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, providing for the renovation of and improvements to the Township of Little Egg Harbor Sports Complex and appropriating \$2,000,000 therefor and providing for the issuance of \$1,900,000 in bonds or notes of the Township of Little Egg Harbor to finance the same

*[The improvements authorized and the purposes for which the bonds or notes are to be issued consist of the renovation of and improvements to the Township Sports Complex, including, but not limited to, various renovations and improvements to soccer and football fields, together with all purposes necessary, incidental or appurtenant thereto.]*

Motion to Open: Stevens                      Second: Gormley                      All in Favor

*No public participation.*

Motion to Close: Gormley                      Second: Scibetta                      All in Favor

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

**ORDINANCE 2021-07 [SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]**

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending Chapter 277 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, entitled "Qualified Private Communities"

*[This amendment clarifies the standards by which the Township provides certain services under N.J.S.A. 40:67-23.1 as to certain private roads, and to update citations.]*

Motion to Open: Stevens                      Second: Gormley                      All in Favor

*No public participation.*

Motion to Close: Gormley                      Second: Stevens                      All in Favor

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

**Ordinance 2021-08 [FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION]**

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, vacating all of the right, title and interest of the Township in a portion of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, off County Route 539, that traverses Block 251 Lots 1.02 & 3 and Block 243 Lot 5

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

2021-92      Accepting the resignation of and authorizing the compensation of accumulated time to Daniel Schnepf

2021-93      Authorizing advertisement for bids for private property removal and/or demolition  
*[Bids will be received for the removal and/or demolition of 50 West Raritan Drive.]*

2021-94      Reinstatement of installment plans for delinquent special assessment plans affecting properties in Mystic Island Maintenance Dredging Project Phase 1 – Radio Road East and Osborn Island Maintenance Dredging Project  
*[This resolution authorizes the Tax Collector to reinstate the installment plan for delinquent payments on said special assessments, up and until November 10,*

*2021, so long as said property pays the amount of the delinquent payment and any interest on the delinquent payment that has accrued from the date that the installment was due and payable until the date that payment of the delinquent installment is made.]*

- 2021-95 Authorizing the adoption of an emergency temporary budget for the year 2021  
*[N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides that, in addition to temporary appropriations necessary for the period prior to the adoption of the budget and regular appropriations, the governing body may make emergency temporary appropriations for any purposes for which appropriations may lawfully be made for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the date of the adoption of the budget for the current fiscal year.]*
- 2021-96 Authorizing the execution of an addendum to the OCCARES Grant Program Agreement with the County of Ocean  
*[This addendum allows the Township to continue to seek reimbursement for COVID-19 related costs and expenses through December 31, 2021 or until such funds are depleted.]*
- 2021-97 Authorizing the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2020 – June 2025  
*[The joint Municipal Alliance Committee consists of Eagleswood, Little Egg Harbor and Tuckerton and was established to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse.]*
- 2021-98 Authorizing the execution of an Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement, and execution of a General Permit 24 CAFRA Application, as to Block 326.216, Lots 22 and 23.01  
*[As owner of a 10-foot wide drainage easement in and along the premises at Block 326.16, Lot 22 and Lot 23.01, the Township authorizes the execution of a CAFRA General Permit 24 Application for bank stabilization and wetland enhancement made by David and Janet Fuller, and Michael and Jennie Shatynski, contingent upon the execution by the Fullers and Shatynskis of an Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement.]*
- 2021-99 Supporting the application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation ("NJDOT") by the County of Ocean for street intersection improvement and a four (4) ton weight limit on Center Street from Oak Lane to Route 9  
*[In response to the requests from the Township, the County of Ocean intends to establish a four ton weight limit restriction, and make modifications to the intersection of Center Street and Route 9, with the intent to provide an additional barrier to using Center Street as a cut through by requiring vehicles to make a left turn from Route 9 southbound onto Maple Avenue and a right onto Center Street.]*

- 2021-100 Cancelling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 [N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 provides for an exemption from property taxes on certain property owned by a totally-disabled veteran.]
- 2021-101 Authorizing various tax refunds
- 2021-102 Authorizing the advertisement and receipt of bids for two (2) 2021 or newer Mack LR 64R or equal side loader with duel sit down cab trash trucks

**PUBLIC COMMENT – Consent Agenda Only**

Motion to Open to Public: Gormley      Second: Stevens      All in Favor  
*Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if Resolutions 2021-95 and 2021-96 are tied together in any way.*

*Mayor Kehm gave a brief explanation on both resolutions.*

*Township Administrator Rodney Haines stated Resolution 2021-95 is just an extension of our original temporary budget that was adopted at the reorganization meeting which he explained. Resolution 2021-96 is an extension of the program put in place last year which he discussed.*

*Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked for details regarding the modifications to the intersection of Center Street and Route 9.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth stated it will restrict any turns from Route 9 onto Center Street which he explained.*

*Mr. John Edmunds: Gave a brief explanation of the proposed changes to Center Street and thanked the town for their work on the matter.*

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

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

**BILL RESOLUTION**

2021-103 Authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,134,755.51

Motion to Approve: Scibetta      Second: Crea      Roll Call:	Stevens	<u>Yes</u>
	Crea	<u>Abstain on</u> <u>04015, 04036,</u> <u>04037, 04076,</u> <u>04077, yes to</u> <u>balance</u>
	Gormley	<u>Yes</u>
	Scibetta	<u>Yes</u>
	Kehm	<u>Yes</u>

## PUBLIC COMMENT – Any Topic

*Mr. John Edmunds: Spoke at length about the issues on Center Street.*

*Mr. James King: Announced he is the President of Pinelands Soccer Association and spoke about the importance of volunteer work and is pleased the ordinance was passed for improvements to Sports Complex.*

*Ms. Kate Goode: Asked for a change to a resolution from the prior meeting regarding curbside collection of solid waste for Harbourtown Villas. She explained there is no curbside pick-up, they have a dumpster.*

*Township Attorney Melanie Appleby explained she will review the resolution and if needed, an amendment can be done.*

*Ms. Shannon Zimmerman: Stated she is the Treasurer for Pinelands Junior Wildcats Football and Cheer Organization and thanked the town for passing the ordinance for improvements to the fields at the sports complex.*

Motion to Close to Public: Stevens

Second: Gormley

All in Favor

## TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

*Jason Worth reported on the Veteran's Park landscaping, the DOT Grant for roadwork on Seabreeze and Tradewinds Drive, FEMA's mapping for Region 2 and the DCA's new grant program called the Local Recreation Improvement Grant.*

*Committeewoman Lisa Stevens thanked the township engineer for all of his hard work.*

## TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

*Stevens: Expressed her concerns regarding an increase in Covid cases and the future of in person meetings.*

*Crea: Mentioned she would like to begin putting together future Senior Citizen Advisory Board meetings.*

*Gormley: Gave an update on dredging.*

*Scibetta: Spoke about a meeting with Greater Mercer TMA, the upcoming Community Wide Clean-up, Sustainable Jersey, and results of the meeting with Congressman Jeff Van Drew.*

*Kehm: Spoke about his positive meeting with Congressman Van Drew, the slight increase in Covid cases, and the reopening of the Community Center.*

Being no further business,  
Motion to adjourn: Stevens

Second: Gormley

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan M. Farrell, RMC*

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Deputy Township Clerk