Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting

May 24, 2018

7:00 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

ROLL CALL:

Yes Mr. Schlick

Yes Mr. Kehm

Yes Ms. Stevens

Yes Mrs. Crea

Yes Mr. Gormley

Committeeman John Kehm read a presentation for the Masters Gardeners of Ocean County, Inc.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens read a proclamation designating Friday, June 1, 2018 as "National Gun Violence Awareness Day." She presented the proclamation to Nicole Blackburn of the Ocean County group Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America.

Ms. Blackburn thanked the governing body for their support and bringing awareness to this cause.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 10, 2018

Motion to Approve: Stevens

Second: Crea

All in favor

ORDINANCE

Anticipated Action for this Evening

Second Reading and Final Adoption

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New 2018-07 Jersey, amending Chapter 93 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, entitled "Police Department" so as to add the position of Deputy Chief of Police

Motion to Open to Public: Stevens

Second: Crea

All in favor

No public participation.

Motion to Close to Public: Schlick

Second: Kehm

All in favor

Motion to Adopt: Stevens

Second: Kehm

Roll Call: Schlick

No

Kehm Stevens Yes Yes

Crea

Yes

Gormley Yes

First Reading and Introduction

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New 2018-09 Jersey, amending Chapter 156 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, entitled "Certificates of Occupancy"

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained this simply removes in certain sections the reference to the Construction Code Official and replaces those references with the reference of the Zoning Officer or his or her designee.

Motion to Introduce: Stevens

Second: Kehm

Roll Call: Schlick

Yes Yes

Stevens Crea

Kehm

Yes Yes

Gormley

First Reading and Introduction An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New 2018-10 Jersey, amending Chapter 159 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, entitled "Construction Codes, Uniform"

Motion to Introduce: Stevens

Second: Kehm

Roll Call: Schlick

Yes

Kehm Stevens Yes Yes

Crea

Yes

Gormley Yes

First Reading and Introduction

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending Chapter 279 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, entitled "Rental Property"

Motion to Introduce: Crea

Second: Stevens

Roll Call: Schlick

Yes

Yes

Kehm Stevens

Yes

Crea

Yes

Gormley

Yes

ORDINANCE

Anticipated Action for June 14, 2018

Second Reading and Final Adoption

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New 2018-08 Jersey, providing for the replacement of a stormwater drainage collection system in the Mystic Island section of the Township of Little Egg Harbor and appropriating \$4,250,000 therefor and providing for the issuance of \$4,250,000 in bonds or notes of the Township of Little Egg Harbor to finance the same

CONSENT AGENDAA 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.

- 2018-130 A Resolution appointing Philip D'Amore as on call per diem electrical inspector [at the rate of \$30.00 per hour]
- 2018-131 A Resolution appointing Maryann O'Neill as a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board [for the unexpired term of Moira Modica]
- 2018-132 A Resolution declaring its official intent to reimburse expenditures for project costs from the proceeds of debt obligations of the Township, including in connection with its participation in the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank Financing Program
- 2018-133 A Resolution authorizing the execution of an addendum to the Contract with Rumpf Law Firm as Chief Municipal Public Defender
- 2018-134 A Resolution awarding a contract for the Twin Lakes Boulevard Drainage Improvements [DSC Construction, Inc. base bid amount \$3,412,662.00]
- 2018-135 A Resolution identifying the location of Veteran's Park [Radio Road and West Calabreeze Way]
- 2018-136 A Resolution authorizing a tax refund for [69 Galley Way, refund is due to a 1st quarter property tax payment made by the mortgage company on an exempt veterans home]

Mayor Ray Gormley asked the Township Engineer for comment on the Twin Lakes Boule vard Drainage Improvements Project.

Township Engineer Jason Worth explained bids were taken on Tuesday with DSC Construction as low bidder.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens gave a brief update on the well deserved Veteran's Park.

Motion to Open to Public: Kehm

Second: Stevens

All in favor

PUBLIC COMMENT - Consent Agenda Only

No public comment.

Motion to Close to Public: Schlick

Second: Kehm

All in favor

Motion to Approve: Stevens Second: Kehm Roll Call: Schlick

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Kehm Stevens

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Crea

Abstain on 2018-133,

yes to balance

Gormley Yes

BILL RESOLUTION

2018-137 A Resolution authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$315,599.52

Current Account: \$239,972.88

> Third Party Account: \$75,626.64

Motion to Approve: Stevens Second: Kehm Roll Call: Schlick Yes Kehm Yes Stevens Yes Abstain on 05040, yes Crea to balance Gormley Yes

MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

- > Amended Raffle License Application for the American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island 50/50 cash raffles various dates 2018
- > Raffle License Application for the American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island on-premise gift raffle on October 14, 2018
- Raffle License Application for the American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island 50/5 O raffle on October 14, 2018

Motion to Approve: Stevens

Second: Kehm

All in favor

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS

Jason Worth reported on the Townships South Boom Way Bulkhead Project, the paving project on Pinehurst Drive and Seminole Drive and lastly the preconstruction meeting with the developer of Chase Bank which will be located in front of Wal-Mart. He wished everyon e a safe holiday weekend.

Motion to Open to Public: Stevens

Second: Kehm

All in favor

PUBLIC COMMENT - any topic

Mr. Peter Ferwerda: Asked when executive session minutes are released.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained the minutes are available once completed however not everything may be released such as the individual discussions of current employees.

Ms. Diane Galuppo: Thanked Officer Hoolihan for his professional manner during a recent emergency. She suggested the town look into paid services for the first aid squad especially during overnight hours.

Mayor Ray Gormley suggested Ms. Galuppo express her requests in writing to the governing

Mr. Earl Lewis: Asked the Mayor if he has an update regarding the poor quality of service Comcast delivers to Mystic Shores.

Mayor Ray Gormley explained he has been gathering information and working on it.

Mr. Earl Lewis: Read a prepared statement regarding a guest speaker's bi-partisan discussion at the last Senior Citizen Advisory Meeting.

Deputy Mayor Crea explained she was at the meeting and will do her best in the future to make sure things don't happen that offend others.

Mr. Dave Fuller: Discussed the way Ocean City is handling their dredging permit process and suggested Little Egg Harbor follow their lead. He expressed his concerns regarding the amount of time it is taking the town to move forward with this project.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani gave a brief update on the status of the dredging project. Mr. Ed Gautier: Commended Public Works for the work they do in cleaning up abandoned properties. He spoke about the Abandoned Property Rehabilitation Act of 2004 and suggested the town look into it.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani stated the town is aware of the Rehabilitation Act and has all necessary and statutorily authorized ordinances in place. She explained in working with Code Enforcement, the governing body has authorized the firm to seek orders in Superior Court for demolition or further work on a number of the most egregious properties.

Mayor Ray Gormley explained the town is prepared to take the necessary steps to get these properties cleaned up however it takes time.

Mr. Dan Wegman: Asked for guidance regarding an issue he had with a committee member on Face book.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani stated if he feels any member of the governing body has acted inappropriately, he may seek private counsel or the Local Government Ethics Law.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for the duties of the Deputy Chief of Police position.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained as a Civil Service town the duties of the position are also established by Civil Service job specifications.

Mayor Ray Gormley added the applicants are subject to a test.

Mr. Blaise Scibetta: Thanked the Mayor and Committeewoman Stevens for attending the meeting at Calvary Baptist Church called "Knock out Opioid Abuse". It was very informative. He asked for an update on the additional sidewalks on Mathistown Road.

Mayor Ray Gormley explained the bid process for the additional sidewalks and spoke about the "Knock out Opioid Abuse" meeting.

Motion to Close to Public: Stevens

Second: Schlick

All in favor

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Schlick: Spoke about Great Bay Rotary Clubs "Flags for Hero's" as well as a program started by a gentleman from Alabama called "Fifty Lawns for Fifty States". He wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day.

Kehm: Recognized the recent passing of COP President Chuck Hender and announced the upcoming events at the community center.

Stevens: Discussed the meeting she attended "Knock out Opioid Abuse". She mentioned an upcoming Habitat for Humanity meeting and invited everyone to attend the Memorial Day Parade.

Crea: The Senior Advisory Board will be sponsoring a Senior Fraud and Identity Theft seminar July 11, at Towns Hall. Please remember our fallen heroes.

Gormley: Announced a new program through local Police Departments to get help for people with Opioid addiction. During the months of June, July, and August we only have one township meeting a month. Have a safe holiday weekend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2018-138 A Resolution authorizing the convening of an Executive Session in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act - Matters of Contracts regarding the Natural Lands Conservation Grant and Matters of Personnel regarding the Township Administrator Formal Action May Be Taken

Motion to Approve: Stevens

Second: Kehm

Roll Call: Schlick Kehm

Yes Yes

Stevens Crea

Yes Yes

Gormley Yes

Motion to Close Executive Session, Reconvene Regular Township Meeting: Stevens Second: Crea

ond: Crea All in favor

At 9:21pm Committeeman John Kehm stated he is leaving the municipal building and excused himself from any further proceedings.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani read the following resolution by title.

2018-139 A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the retirement of Garrett Loesch From the positions of Township Administrator and Chief Financial Officer and authorizing execution of a retirement agreement

Motion to Approve: Stevens

Second: Crea

Roll Call: Schlick

Schlick Yes
Kehm Absent

Stevens Crea Yes Yes

Gormley Recused

from the vote

Being no further business, Motion to Adjourn: Stevens

Second: Schlick

All in favor

Respectfully submitted, Liana K. McCracken, RMC

Diana K. McCracken, RMC

Township Clerk