

JUNE 11, 2020

MINUTES

4:30 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.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 14, 2020

Motion to Approve: Kehm

Second: Scibetta

All in favor

Ordinance 2020-06 [SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]

Authorizing the execution of a lease agreement with Atlantic City Electric for the use of facilitating provision of electrical transmission services in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-15

Motion to Open to Public: Scibetta

Second: Kehm

All in favor

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked for an explanation on this ordinance.

Mayor Crea stated Atlantic City Electric will be doing some work in our town and needs to use some township property which she briefly explained.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini explained they will be replacing some existing poles and performing some work on the power lines.

Township Attorney Melanie Appleby stated the municipality can enter into a lease of property done by ordinance which she briefly discussed.

Motion to Close to Public: Stevens	Second: Scibetta		All in favor
Motion to Adopt: Gormley	Second: Scibetta	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 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.

2020-113 Authorizing the adoption of an emergency temporary budget for the year 2020
(The Emergency appropriates funds to operate the Township for one month)

2020-114 Providing for an issue of general obligation assessment bonds and authorizing the sale of \$4,100,000 principal amount of General Obligation Assessment Bonds, Series 2020, authorizing advertisement of a Notice of Sale; authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to sell and award the bonds; determining the form and other details of the bonds; and authorizing other matters relating thereto

2020-115 Consenting to the proposed Ocean County Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan Amendment for 245 Great Bay Boulevard, Block 295, Lot 1
(The Township has no objection to the amendment of the sewer service area and the Ocean County Water Quality Management Plan to include 245 Great Bay Boulevard.)

2020-116 Consenting to the proposed Ocean County Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan Amendment for Sea Pirate Campground, Block 173, Lot 3.02 (portion)
(The Township has no objection to the amendment of the sewer service area and the Ocean County Water Quality Management Plan to include Sea Pirate Campground.)

2020-117 Authorizing the filing of an application for the NJDOT Municipal Aid Road Program FY 2021 for improvements to Tradewinds Drive and Seabreeze Drive
(The Township is submitting a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Program for Fiscal Year 2021 for improvements on Tradewinds Drive and Seabreeze Drive in the amount of \$515,970.50.)

2020-118 Temporarily permitting outdoor dining at all eating establishments within the Township of Little Egg Harbor

2020-119 Rescinding Resolution 2020-100 and allowing all rentals by Hotels, Motels Guest Homes and Residential Properties

2020-120 Opposing toll hikes on the Garden State Parkway and New Jersey Turnpike and urging Governor Murphy to veto the NJTA minutes

2020-121 Opposing A-4175 which would allow the State to bond for \$5 billion and force New Jersey taxpayers to bear the brunt of property tax surcharges and sales tax increases

2020-122 Authorizing various tax refunds

PUBLIC COMMENT Consent Agenda Only

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

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for details on Resolution 2020-113, the emergency temporary budget. CFO Rodney Haines explained this is just a temporary budget for one month of expenditures with hopes of introducing 2020's budget at the July meeting and adoption in August.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for a rundown on the total assessment in Resolution 2020-114, Assessment Bonds.

CFO Rodney Haines stated these bonds go along with the Osborne Island Dredging Project and the Mystic Island Phase 1 Project which he briefly explained.

Mr. Art Mooney: With regard to Resolution 2020-118, outdoor dining, he asked why it is a resolution since it is already an executive order with the state.

Township Attorney Melanie Appleby stated this allows the town to create a procedure for the food establishments to have outdoor dining which she explained in detail.

Mayor Crea explained the town is trying to help the businesses in any way they can to keep them open during this time.

Ms. Pat Johnson: With regard to the assessment bonds she asked how much the Osborne Island assessment will be separate from the Phase 1 Dredging Project.

CFO Rodney Haines explained he believes Osborn Island will be 1.9 million of the 4.1 million with the remainder being Mystic Island. This is not the total cost of the project.

Mr. Dave Fuller: Asked if the public meeting on the dredging project has been planned yet.

CFO Rodney Haines explained at this time we are working on how to accommodate the meeting.

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

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

BILL RESOLUTION

2020-123 Authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,362,438.56

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

MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT – any topic

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

Ms. Diana Michaels: Asked if there is any information on the protest this weekend.

Mayor Crea explained there will be a peaceful protest on Sunday morning beginning at the community center at 10:30am.

Ms. Diana Michaels: Expressed her concerns because she heard people from out of state are coming to attend the protest.

Mayor Crea explained there will be police presence in order to ensure the safety of the public.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini explained the protest is believed to be a local community and a peaceful event.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if the protest will be held on the community center grounds.

Mayor Crea stated yes.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini explained the event organizers applied for a permit to use township property for the event which will begin in the community center parking lot.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for information on the permit.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini stated he is not sure of the permit cost and we will be waiving the insurance for this event.

Mr. Art Mooney: Expressed his concerns regarding the lack of insurance for this event and asked who approved it.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini stated he approved it.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for the number of residents in the township's nursing homes infected with the Coronavirus.

Ms. Diana Michaels: Mentioned there is a chart which she believes is put out by the Board of Health that contains that information.

Mayor Crea explained once we receive the information we will forward it on to Mr. Mooney.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for the status of the Comcast negotiations.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained Committeeman Scibetta is working on this however at this time the negotiations are still ongoing.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for an update on the FEMA loan.

CFO Rodney Haines explained we put in a request with FEMA to delay the loan payment due to budget concerns and do not have to make a payment in 2020. We are still working on getting relief for the total payment.

Mr. Art Mooney: Expressed his concerns regarding the local banks closing down and asked if the town was notified of this.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens stated the banks are now closed to the public but not completely shut down.

Mr. Art Mooney: Explained the public was not informed by the banks that they will be temporarily closed and now residents must travel to other locations.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked if the governing body has any information about the bear sighting at Sea Pirate Campground.

Mayor Crea explained there is no information about the bear at this time.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked what kind of work is being done at Parkertown Beach.

Township Engineer Jason Worth explained the State DOT Office of Maritime Resources was using Parkertown Beach as a staging area for some dredging work they were doing in the bay and intercostals waterways. The job is now complete.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked if they paid the township for the use of the land.

Township Engineer Jason Worth doesn't believe they paid anything and explained it was just a courtesy for their project.

Mr. Dave Fuller: Thanked the township for the wonderful job they did on Little Treasure's Park and questioned why there are no camera's or gate as originally discussed.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini mentioned there were discussions about a possible gate to lock the park for security reasons however we have not gotten to that point yet.

Mr. Dave Fuller: Discussed the poor condition of the former bank property on the corner of Mathistown Road and Radio Road and asked for information on the check valve situation on Osborne Island which was previously discussed.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini stated that project is under consideration as we put together any capital projects and the budget which he briefly explained.

CFO Rodney Haines explained the check valves were part of the overall drainage projects we are contemplating, however the ordinance has not been introduced yet.

Mr. Dave Fuller: Asked if there is any feedback from New Jersey Lands Trust on the Iowa Court Living Shoreline.

Township Engineer Jason Worth believes the project was successful and we have reclaimed quite a bit of land back for them.

Mr. Dave Fuller: Asked when would be a good time to discuss the south side which would be on Ohio Drive.

Township Engineer Jason Worth believes they are looking to gage the performance of the Iowa Court project before entertaining further projects on their property.

Mr. Dave Fuller: Asked if the foam the fire company uses to put out fires on boats is toxic or not. Deputy Mayor Kehm will check with the chief of the fire department for that information.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini reiterated Deputy Mayor Kehm's information.

Motion to Close to Public: Stevens

Second: Scibetta

All in favor

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Jason Worth gave an update on the 2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Road Program application, the preconstruction meeting for Great Bay Boulevard and Iowa Court, and the Radio Road bulkhead work which will begin Monday, June 15.

Deputy Mayor Kehm asked if signage will be needed and the beach area closed for the work at the bulkhead at the end of Radio Road in Mystic Islands.

Township Engineer Jason Worth explained the county will be closing off that portion of the road.

Deputy Mayor Kehm asked if the town should post the information on their face book page and website.

Township Engineer Jason Worth mentioned he has spoken to some of the surrounding developments to make them aware of the upcoming project and closures.

Committeeman Scibetta thanked Mr. Worth for his updates and looks forward to what transpires with solar work at the township building.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Stevens: Reminded everyone to continue to wear masks and wash their hands during this time when the state begins plans to open back up. She wished everyone a happy July 4th weekend.

Scibetta: Spoke about his conversations with local business owners and the need to assist them during this time and congratulated the class of 2020.

Gormley: Mentioned the Commercial Revitalization sign is going up on Route 539 and at this time there are approximately eleven businesses signed up. He gave the details for anyone wishing to participate and wished everyone a happy July 4th.

Kehm: Congratulated Committeeman Gormley and the Commercial Revitalization group on all their work on the billboard. He asked the township attorney what the ramifications would be if the township allowed the businesses to open early.

Township Attorney Melanie Appleby stated the governor through executive orders has the authority to enforce them through penalties and fines which she briefly explained.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani stated the executive orders all contain a provision that make it incumbent among the municipalities to enforce the executive orders. She explained the ramifications of allowing the businesses to open early.

Kehm: Discussed the success of the recent drive-in movie at the community center and wished everyone a happy, safe 4th of July weekend.

Crea: Announced the next virtual "Meet the Mayor" will be June 16, at 2pm. She reminded residents to complete their census forms and thanked the staff and residents of Little Egg Harbor for their patience and cooperation during this time. She asked Mr. Spadaccini to update the public on the reopening of the township buildings.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini announced the township will be open to the public on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's from 10am to 2pm beginning June, 15. He explained the safety measures that will be in place during that time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2020-124 Authorizing the convening of an Executive Session in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss matters of personnel. No formal action will be taken

Motion to Approve: Stevens Second: Scibetta All in favor

Being no further business,

Motion to Close Executive Session, Reconvene Regular Township Meeting

And Adjourn: Stevens Second: Scibetta All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Diana K. McCracken, RMC
Township Clerk