

## Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting

JUNE 13, 2019

7:30 P.M.

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

PROCLAMATION

➤ Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge Anniversary

*Committeewoman Lisa Stevens read a proclamation commemorating the Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge on its 80th Anniversary.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

➤ May 8, 2019

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-11

**[FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION]**

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, providing for preliminary expenses in connection with potential Township dredging projects and other related expenses in and for the Township of Little Egg Harbor and appropriating \$380,000 therefor and providing for the issuance of \$361,000 in bonds or notes of the Township of Little Egg Harbor to finance the same

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 NO. 2019-12 [FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION]**

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, providing for improvement to Little Treasures Playground within Mystic Island Park in the Township and appropriating \$200,000 therefor from the Township's Open Space Trust Fund

Motion to Introduce: 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>

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-13 [FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION]**

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending Chapter 323 the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic"

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-14 [FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION]**

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending Chapter 3 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, entitled "Administrative Organization"

Motion to Introduce: Stevens	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 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.*

- 2019-127 A Resolution appointing Mark Ellis as Community Development & Planning Director
- 2019-128 A Resolution authorizing the appointment of laborers to the Township Department of Public Works under the Clean Communities Grant
- 2019-129 A Resolution terminating legal services of Gilmore & Monahan effective June 30, 2019
- 2019-130 A Resolution appointing Jean L. Cipriani, Esquire, of the firm of Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm & Halm, P.A., as Temporary Township Attorney for the Township of Little Egg Harbor

- 2019-131 A Resolution appointing Jean L. Cipriani, Esquire, of the firm of Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm & Halm, P.A., as Temporary Tax Appeal Attorney for the Township of Little Egg Harbor
- 2019-132 A Resolution authorizing the receipt of proposals for Township Attorney and Tax Appeal Attorney
- 2019-133 A Resolution rejecting all bids received for the Veteran's Park Project – Phase 2 and authorizing the re-advertisement and receipt of bids
- 2019-134 A Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract under the H-GAC Commission Cooperative Purchasing System (Contract #AM10-18)
- 2019-135 A Resolution authorizing the Township of Little Egg Harbor to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement (Educational Services Commission of New Jersey)
- 2019-136 A Resolution authorizing the Township of Little Egg Harbor to enter into the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Cooperative Pricing Agreement
- 2019-137 A Resolution authorizing the sale of surplus property no longer needed for public use on an on-line auction website, [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com)
- 2019-138 A Resolution authorizing the renewal of Club Licenses for the 2019-2020 licensing year
- 2019-139 A Resolution authorizing the renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption and Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses for the 2019-2020 licensing year
- 2019-140 A Resolution certifying tax liens for costs incurred in accordance with the Property Maintenance Code

*Mayor Crea briefly explained some of the resolutions on the Consent Agenda.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT Consent Agenda Only**

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

*Mr. Peter Ferwerda: Expressed his concerns with regard to the termination of the firm Gilmore & Monahan and how the township plans to move forward.*

*Mayor Crea explained the attorney on record with Little Egg Harbor will not change, just the law firm.*

*Mr. Jay Zimmerman: As a member of Squad 85 he thanked the governing body for their support and hard work and briefly spoke about the volume of calls the squad receives and the wear and tear on their vehicles.*

*Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked how many ambulances are being purchased and the cost.*

*Mayor Crea stated one ambulance at the cost of \$150,000.00.*

*Mr. Pete Oakin: Questioned the cost of the ambulance.*

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

*Mayor Crea stated Squad 85 is made up of hard working volunteers that do a tremendous job and are always there when you need them.*

#### RESOLUTION

2019-141 A Resolution awarding a contract for the Mystic Island Maintenance Dredging Project Phase 1 – Radio Road East

*Mayor Crea explained Resolution 2019-141 will be discussed in Executive Session.*

#### BILL RESOLUTION

2019-142 A Resolution authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$4,125,601.68

Motion to Approve: Stevens	Second: Scibetta	Roll Call: Stevens <u>Yes</u>
		Scibetta <u>Yes</u>
		Gormley <u>Abstain on 06037, yes to balance</u>
		Kehm <u>Yes</u>
		Crea <u>Abstain on 06027, yes to balance</u>

*Mayor Crea announced she must abstain on Consent Agenda item 2019-138.*

#### MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

- Raffle Application for Rotary Club of Great Bay Reverse Raffle on October 18, 2019 at Sea Oaks Country Club
- Raffle Application for F&AM #286 Sextant Lodge Reverse Raffle on August 16, 2019 at Sea Oaks Country Club

Motion to Approve: Gormley	Second: Stevens	All in favor
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#### TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS

*Jason worth reported on the Townships Drainage Project, the Maryland Road Project, the continued work on Iowa Court, and the Osborn Island Dredging Project. The DOT has announced their next grant program for municipal roadways which will be discussed with the Administrator and Public Works for candidates.*

#### PUBLIC COMMENT – any topic

Motion to Open to Public: Stevens	Second: Gormley	All in favor
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*Mr. Gary Rizzullo: Read a prepared statement on behalf of the Osborn Island Residents Association requesting a representative participate in the townships plans for the beach area. Mayor Crea explained the property is part of open space and a public hearing will be held. Township Attorney Jean Cipriani mentioned there will be a public hearing and an opportunity for consultation with the affected residents as the project develops.*

*Mr. Robert Hirth: Expressed his concerns regarding the impact plastic bags have on the environment.*

*Mayor Crea stated the township is aware of the matter and Committeewoman Stevens is working on it.*

*Committeewoman Lisa Stevens explained as part of Sustainable Jersey we have a Green Team that plans to educate families on recycling and matters of this type.*

*Mr. Robert Hirth: Asked why the sign at Parkway Exit 50 North includes New Gretna and Tuckerton but not Little Egg Harbor.*

*Mayor Crea suggested contacting the Department of Transportation.*

*Mr. Robert Hirth: Discussed the parking issues at the end of Radio Road and believes Veteran's Park is more of a park than a memorial.*

*Committeewoman Lisa Stevens explained Veteran's Park is meant to recognize all veteran's past, present and future.*

*Deputy Mayor Kehm mentioned the governing body can discuss changing the name to Veteran's Memorial Park.*

*Mr. Robert Hirth: Suggested changing the street name from Grace Place to Veteran's Way.*

*Mr. David Cooksen: President of Mariners Point Beach Homeowners Association located at the end of Radio Road. He explained since Super Storm Sandy, the waterfront property at Mariners Point has eroded with water coming over the bulkhead onto the properties which has killed the plants and trees that were originally planted there. He asked the governing body to consider including their properties in the improvements to the beach area.*

*Mayor Crea stated since that area is township property they will include it in their discussions.*

*Mr. Lou Cavaluzzi: Thanked the governing body for all their work on the dredging project and mentioned people are pleased the project will not cost as much as originally anticipated. He asked if it will be voted on this evening.*

*Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained there will be a resolution addressing the bids that came in. The topic will be discussed in Executive Session.*

*Mr. Lou Cavaluzzi: Stated since the project came in under budget, he asked the township to estimate closer to the actual cost for future dredging projects.*

*Ms. Andrea Digletts: Discussed some issues she is having with the Tax Assessor.*

*Township Attorney Jean Cipriani asked for Ms. Digletts property address to review the matter.*

*Ms. Gail Kelly: The grass median on Country Club Boulevard is not maintained properly. It used to be cared for however now it is mostly weeds and an eyesore.*

*Mayor Crea will have the Township Administrator look into it.*

*Mr. Gary Rizzullo: Asked for a timeline for the Radio Road beach project.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth explained survey work on the bulkhead at the end of the roadway is completed and applications for state agencies should be submitted in the next few days.*

*Resident of Ohio Drive: Asked why the grass and trees are maintained along Radio Road only up to Ohio Drive.*

*Committeeman Ray Gormley explained Radio Road is a County road.*

*Mayor Crea explained the Township Administrator will look into the matter.*

*Mr. David Cooksen: Discussed his concerns regarding the proposed bulkhead at the end of Radio Road and how it will affect the Mariners Point Beach properties. The water levels are rising at a rapid rate.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth stated the bulkhead will protect the road from erosion which he briefly discussed.*

*Mr. Peter Ferwerda: Reminded residents that a large portion of the township is under the jurisdiction of the Army Corp of Engineers therefore there are restrictions on what can and cannot be done with regard to the wetlands.*

*Mr. Robert Dalton: Asked why the design of the bulkhead at the end of Radio Road was done without input from the residents that live in that area.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth explained it is a County roadway and they dictate which materials are used.*

*Mr. Robert Dalton: Asked if the public has access to the plans and if there will be a handicap ramp to the beach area.*

*Mayor Crea mentioned the information can be obtained through an OPRA request form.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth explained the existing ramp would be maintained for handicap access.*

*Deputy Mayor Kehm spoke about the importance of maintaining and protecting the road area.*

*Mr. Ed Andrew: Explained he is concerned about the beach area and asked if it will be addressed at some point.*

*Mayor Crea explained the beach is a whole separate issue.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth explained there are over a hundred shellfish lease areas located in and around Osborn Island that are a concern and we are discussing our options with the DEP.*

*Mr. Dave Fuller: Spoke about his conversation with a local bay man who believes the replenishing of the beach area would not directly affect his clam beds. He asked the Township Engineer to speak with him.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth mentioned he would be happy to speak with him.*

Motion to Close to Public: Gormley

Second: Kehm

All in favor

#### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

*Stevens: Wished everyone a Happy Father's Day.*

*Scibetta: Thanked Mr. Zimmerman and his volunteers for cleaning up Little Treasures Park and spoke about the Community Clean-up, the recent MAC meeting and the upcoming National Night Out. He wished everyone a Happy Fathers Day.*

*Gormley: Congratulated Squad 85 on their new ambulance and thanked all the community volunteers. Happy Father's Day.*

*Kehm: Announced some upcoming events at the community center, discussed the importance of the new ambulance for Squad 85 and thanked the volunteers for their dedication. He wished everyone a Happy Father's Day and a great summer.*

*Crea: Thanked Mr. Oakin for his work and dedication to Squad 85. She gave the details of the upcoming seminar, Refunds, Rebates and Reimbursements, the next Senior Citizen Advisory Board Meeting and Meet the Mayor. She announced the township will hold an informational seminar called the Guide to Property Taxes on July 2, here at Town Hall and wished everyone a Happy Fathers Day.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2019-143 A Resolution authorizing the convening of an Executive Session in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The purpose of this meeting is contractual matters specifically pertaining to the Dredging Project and to Comcast. Action will be taken

Motion to Approve: Gormley Second: Kehm All in favor

Motion to Close Executive Session, Reconvene

Regular Township Meeting: Gormley Second: Stevens All in favor

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani read the following resolution.

2019-141 A Resolution awarding a contract for the Mystic Island Maintenance Dredging Project Phase 1 – Radio Road East

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			Crea	<u>Yes</u>

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani announced for the record a letter was received from the second bidder indicating a challenge to the bid. There were two basis' proposed in the letter for the challenge, they have both been reviewed and a legal recommendation was made to the governing body in Executive Session and the determination of the Council has been to award to the lowest bidder. The reasons expressed in the letter of challenge are insufficient to warrant rejection of the low bid.

Being no further business,

Motion to Adjourn: Gormley Second: Stevens All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

*Diana K. McCracken, RMC*

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Township Clerk