

JULY 9, 2020

MINUTES

7:30 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

*Township Attorney Jean Cipriani read a brief statement explaining the protocol for this evenings meeting.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

➤ June 11, 2020

Motion to Approve: Scibetta

Second: Kehm

Roll Call:	Stevens	Yes
	Scibetta	Yes
	Gormley	Yes
	Kehm	Yes
	Crea	Yes

PROCLAMATION

➤ Purple Heart Recognition Day

Mayor Crea read a proclamation designating August 7, 2020 as Purple Heart Recognition Day.

Ordinance 2020-05 [SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]

Creating Chapter 15, entitled "Land use Development" of the Township Code Book of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, so as to create section 15-8.17, entitled "Portable Buildings"

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

Ms. Pat Johnson asked if these are portable storage units.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini stated these are actually portable structures with or without axils or wheels, trailers, and portable temporary containers with a permit fee of \$50 for 60 days.

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

Motion to Adopt: 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>

Ordinance 2020-07 [FIRST READING & INTRODUCTION]

Vacating all of the right, title and interest of the Township of Little Egg Harbor in a portion of unnamed road off Thomas Avenue that is bound by Block 65, Lots 15 & 24, Block 68, Lot 3, and Block 69, Lots 1, 2 & 3

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 2020-08 [FIRST READING & INTRODUCTION]

Authorizing the increase of final appropriations to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits for CY 2020 and to establish a cap bank pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14

CFO Rodney Haines stated this is basically a spending cap bank ordinance which allows us to bank appropriated monies up to a certain limit which he briefly discussed.

Motion to Introduce: Scibetta Second: Gormley

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.*

- 2020-125 Authorizing the adoption of an emergency temporary budget for the year 2020  
*[The Emergency appropriates funds to operate the Township for one month.]*
- 2020-126 Introduction of the 2020 Municipal Budget  
*[The budget has total general appropriations of \$23,780,536.46. The amount to be raised by taxation to support the budget will be \$18,660,967.76.]*
- 2020-127 Opposing elimination of Senior Citizen Tax Freeze and Homestead Rebate Tax Relief Program  
*[Supporting the 9<sup>th</sup> Legislative Districts efforts calling on Governor Murphy to not eliminate the Senior Freeze and Homestead Benefit.]*
- 2020-128 Authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the State of New Jersey for up to \$6,000 to fund the purchase, installation, and maintenance of one (1) dual port Level 2 LilPad charging station at 665 Radio Road  
*[The Township has received a grant from the State of New Jersey for \$6,000 to fund the purchase of an electric vehicle charging station which will be installed outside of Town Hall giving all residents and visitors local access to a charging station.]*
- 2020-129 Authorizing the use of a competitive contracting process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.3 for the design, installation, ownership, operation and maintenance of solar photovoltaic systems at the Township Municipal Building, and authorizing the township engineer to prepare plans and request for proposals for said project  
*[The Township plans to initiate a competitive contracting process to design, install, own, operate, and maintain a solar panel system at the Town Hall Complex to offset the Townships energy costs. Execution of this plan has the potential to save the Township tens of thousands of dollars a year.]*
- 2020-130 Requiring submission of the Covid 19 Public Emergency Safety Policy and Plan from organizations planning sporting activities on municipal property  
*[Per the Governor's Executive Order and the Department of Health Guidance for Sports Activities, all youth sports organizations are required to develop a "Program Preparation Plan" which details how the organization will conduct athletics while maintaining a safe and socially distant environment for players, coaches, etc. The Township is asking these organizations to provide a copy of this plan prior to beginning any activities.]*
- 2020-131 Authorizing various tax refunds

Mayor Crea asked CFO Rodney Haines to explain Resolution 2020-126, the 2020 Municipal Budget.

CFO Rodney Haines gave a brief explanation of the 2020 Budget.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Consent Agenda Only

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

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if the Police Department is fully funded compared to the amount requested this year.

CFO Rodney Haines explained we are fully funding the request of the Police Department within this budget.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked if the dual port Level 2 LilPad charging station is an electric car charging station.

Mayor Crea stated yes, it is a car charging station which will be located at town hall.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked for details on the solar panels to be installed at the township building.

Mayor Crea explained at this time we are in the planning stage and nothing will be done yet.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked if the energy audit will cover the panels.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated this resolution allows us to go out to bid for a power purchase agreement which he briefly explained.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked where the panels will be placed.

Township Engineer Jason Worth explained the system would be built around the site, possibly around the basins and some carport structures which he briefly discussed.

Mr. James King: As the Pinelands Soccer Association President he thanked the township for considering the health and safety of the students during the Covid19 pandemic and asked the township to provide information on what is required at this time.

Mayor Crea explained the township follows the governor's executive orders.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini stated we are only requiring a copy of the associations plans under the executive order.

Motion to Close to Public: Kehm	Second: Scibetta	All in favor
Motion to Approve: Scibetta	Second: Kehm	Roll Call:
		Stevens <u>Yes</u>
		Scibetta <u>Yes</u>
		Gormley <u>Yes</u>
		Kehm <u>Yes</u>
		Crea <u>Yes</u>

**BILL RESOLUTION**

2020-132 Authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$4,568,488.73

Motion to Approve: Gormley	Second: Scibetta	Roll Call:	Stevens	<u>Yes</u>
			Scibetta	<u>Yes</u>
			Gormley	<u>Yes</u>
			Kehm	<u>Yes</u>
			Crea	Abstain on 20-07025, 07033, 07048, yes to balance

### MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

Amended Raffle License No. 2019-56 for St. Theresa's Church for October 6, 2020 and November 3, 2020

Raffle License No. 2020-14 for American Legion Post 493 50/50 on September 6, 2020

Motion to Approve: Kehm

Second: Scibetta

All in favor

### PUBLIC COMMENT – any topic

Motion to Open to Public: Scibetta

Second: Gormley

All in favor

*Mr. John Edmunds: Announced he is circulating a petition to reduce the speed and weight limit on Center Street between Oak Lane and Maple Avenue in Tuckerton. He will also present it to Tuckerton Borough at their next meeting.*

*Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini explained the petition can be sent to him or the Clerk's Office.*

Motion to Close to Public: Kehm

Second: Scibetta

All in favor

### TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

*Jason Worth reported on the application to the DOT for Fiscal Year 2021 Municipal Aid Program, the Radio Road bulkhead and Mystic Beach project, the reconstruction work on Iowa Court and the Great Bay Boulevard road work.*

*Committeeman Blaise Scibetta thanked Mr. Worth for his work on the EV Charging Station and asked if he could speak to the County regarding paving or bike lanes on Radio Road.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth mentioned he has reached out to the County Engineer regarding possible bike lanes and they will send some information on their guidelines.*

### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

*Stevens: Thanked the MUA for the beautiful work they did painting the water tower and mentioned she will be presenting the VFW and the American Legion with the Purple Heart Proclamation and two parking spots will be added for Purple Heart members at the township complex and Veteran's Park.*

*Scibetta: Discussed his concerns for this year's election and the way the vote by mail ballots were handled.*

*Gormley: Mentioned the bulkhead project at the end of Radio Road is complete and thanked the County and Township Engineer for their help and support. The business advertisement sign on Route 539 is complete. He invited local businesses to advertise on the sign and gave the details. He spoke about an upcoming birthday of a resident who will be 109 years old.*

*Kehm: Spoke about his issues with the vote by mail ballots, the success of the recent community center drive-in movie and the budget.*

*Crea: Announced this month's Meet the Mayor will be cancelled. She gave a Covid19 update and mentioned the township hours have returned to 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday.*

*Spadaccini: Briefly explained what is asked of residents when returning to building during business hours.*

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

2020-133 Authorizing the convening of an Executive Session in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss contractual and personnel matters. No formal action will be taken.

Motion to Approve: Scibetta

Second: Gormley

All in favor

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