# Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting

JULY 11, 2019

7:30 P.M.

#### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Crea introduced sixth grade student McKenzie as this evenings "Mayor for the Day" contest winner. McKenzie led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Crea also asked everyone to keep Committeewoman Stevens in their prayers since she lost her mother today.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

Township Clerk Diana McCracken read the Open Public Meeting Statement and opened the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Absent Ms. Stevens

Yes Mr. Scibetta

Yes Mr. Gormley

Yes Mr. Kehm

Yes Mrs. Crea

### MAYOR FOR THE DAY

McKenzie read her winning "Mayor for the Day" Essay.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

JUNE 13, 2019

Motion to Approve: Gormley

Second: Kehm

All in favor

#### [SECOND READING AND ADOPTION] ORDINANCE NO. 2019-11

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 Open to Public: Scibetta Second: Gormley

Roll Call:

Absent Stevens

Yes Scibetta Gormley Yes

Kehm Yes Crea Yes

All in favor

Roll Call:

Second: Scibetta

Absent Stevens Scibetta Yes

Gormley Kehm

Yes Yes

Crea

Yes

No public participation.

Motion to Close to Public: Kehm

Motion to Adopt: Gormley

Second: Kehm

[SECOND READING AND ADOPTION] ORDINANCE NO. 2019-12

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 Open to Public: Scibetta

Second: Gormley

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked the governing body to make the public aware that they can view the ordinances in full on the township's website.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked for details on the improvements to the playground.

Mayor Crea explained the money will be used for updated equipment and security features.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked if it is acceptable to use monies that are earmarked for natural lands

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani stated it depends on the language of the original referendum and she briefly explained.

Motion to Close to Public: Scibetta

Second: Gormley

All in favor

Motion to Adopt: Kehm

Second: Scibetta

Roll Call:

Absent Stevens

Yes Scibetta Yes Gormley Kehm Yes Yes Crea

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-13

[SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]

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 Open to Public: Gormley

Second: Kehm

All in favor

No public participation.

Motion to Close to Public: Gormley

Second: Scibetta

All in favor

Motion to Adopt: Gormley

Second: Kehm

Roll Call:

Absent Stevens

Scibetta Yes Gormley Yes Kehm

Yes

Crea

Yes

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-14

[SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]

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 Open to Public: Kehm

Second: Scibetta

All in favor

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked for details on this position and if there is an increase in salary.

Mayor Crea explained the individual in this position is Mark Ellis who will oversee Planning, Zoning and Construction. There is no increase in salary.

: Motion to Close to Public: Gormley

Second: Kehm

All in favor

Motion to Adopt: Scibetta

Second: Gormley

Roll Call: Stevens

Absent Yes

Gormley Kehm

Crea

Scibetta

Yes Yes

#### **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.

- 2019-144 A Resolution appointing Dylan Kraswewski as Permanent Diesel Mechanic Supervisor of Public Works
- 2019-145 A Resolution authorizing the adjustment of salary for Diane Galuppo

  This resolution has been pulled from the agenda. Further discussion is needed.
- 2019-146 A Resolution appointing Jean L. Cipriani, Esq. of the firm of Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani, P.A. as Township Attorney for the Township of Little Egg Harbor
- 2019-147 A Resolution appointing Jean L. Cipriani, Esq. of the firm of Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani, P.A. as Tax Appeal Attorney for the Township of Little Egg Harbor
- 2019-148 A Resolution establishing a recycling Robo-Can Pilot Program
- 2019-149 A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for the NJDOT Municipal Aid Road Program FY 2020 for Improvements to Great Bay Boulevard
- 2019-150 A Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 (final) to the Contract with Black Rock Enterprises, LLC for the 2018 Sidewalk Improvement Project
- 2019-151 A Resolution awarding a contract for the Demolition of Certain Structures to Mathis Construction Company, Inc.
- 2019-152 A Resolution awarding a contract for the 2019 Drainage Improvements to Maryland Road to Earle Asphalt Company
- 2019-153 A Resolution awarding a contract for Veterans Park Phase 2 Project to Sussman Enterprises
- 2019-154 A Resolution providing for an issue of General Obligation Bonds and authorizing the sale of \$6,896,000 principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019, 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
- 2019-155 A Resolution authorizing the amendment to the 2019 budget to allow for the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (2016 Recycling Tonnage Grant)
- 2019-156 A Resolution authorizing the amendment to the 2019 budget to allow for the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (FY2019 Clean Communities Grant)
- 2019-157 A Resolution authorizing the amendment to the 2019 budget to allow for the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (2018 Body Armor Replacement Fund)
- 2019-158 A Resolution certifying tax liens for costs incurred in accordance with the Property Maintenance Code
- 2019-159 A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate pursuant to Chapter 99 of the Public Laws of 1997
- 2019-160 A Resolution authorizing various tax refunds

# PUBLIC COMMENT Consent Agenda Only

Motion to Open to Public: Gormley Second: K

Second: Kehm All in favor

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for an explanation on Resolution 2019-151, Demolition of Certain Structures

Committeeman Ray Gormley stated this is to address the abandoned and neglected homes within the town and will allow us to begin with the demolition of three homes with more to follow. He briefly explained the process.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for details on the Veterans Park Phase 2 Project.

Mayor Crea explained bids were taken and Sussman Enterprises was awarded the project.

Committeeman Ray Gormley mentioned the goal is to get this project done as soon as possible.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked how much will the Phase 2 Project cost.

Mayor Crea stated the cost is \$303,582.50 which includes everything with the exception of some lighting and landscaping.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked for the actual amount of the change order with Black Rock Enterprises for the 2018 Sidewalk Improvement Project.

Mayor Crea stated the original figure was \$620,966.00 which was reduced to \$566,275.91.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked how much Mathis Construction will receive to demolish the three houses.

Committeeman Ray Gormley explained the cost is approximately \$70,000.00 which includes some older homes that may contain asbestos.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked for the location of the homes to be demolished and who decides which properties go on the demolition list first.

Mayor Crea gave the addresses of the properties.

Committeeman Ray Gormley explained the decision was made by our Zoning and Code Enforcement departments. They made a list starting with the top twenty five worst properties.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Questioned if the Sidewalk Project on the corner of Center Street and Mathistown Road will affect the cedar trees that have been there a long time.

Committeeman Ray Gormley believes that is part of a Planning Board Project.

Motion to Close to Public: Gormley

Second: Kehm

All in favor

Motion to Approve: Gormley

Second: Kehm

Roll Call: Stevens

Absent Yes

Scibetta Gormley

Gormley Yes
Kehm Yes

Crea

Yes

# **BILL RESOLUTION**

2019-161 A Resolution authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$2,628,538.30

Motion to Approve: Scibetta Second: Kehm Roll Call:

Stevens

Absent Yes

Scibetta Y

Gormley \_ Kehm

Yes Yes

Crea

Abstain on

07007,

07021, 07064, yes to

balance

# MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

- > Raffle Application for Women's Club by the Bay 50/50 raffle on September 24, 2019
- ➤ Bingo Application for the West Tuckerton Fire Co. on September 20, 2019
- > Raffle Applications for the West Tuckerton Fire Co. gift auction, 50/50 and lottery hat raffles on September 20, 2019
- ➤ Raffle Application for the American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island 50/50 raffle on October 13, 2019

Motion to Approve: Kehm

Second: Gormley

All in favor

#### TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS

Engineer Charles Cunliffe reported on the Improvements to Maryland Road, the Mystic Island Dredging Project Phase 1, and the Park-N-Ride on Route 539.

Committeeman Blaise Scibetta asked for an update on the town wide energy audit.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini stated the township engineer has provided copies which he will review.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT - any topic

Motion to Open to Public: Gormley

Second: Kehm

All in favor

Mr. Art Mooney: Commended the first responders who handled a matter that took place this morning in Sunrise Bay, He spoke about New Jersey Bill S2425 which revises the law relating to common interest communities and urged the governing body to support Senator Connors in his efforts against it.

Ms. Eliza Rhodes: Discussed at length some concerning issues she is having with her neighbors. Deputy Mayor Kehm asked Ms. Rhodes to speak with both him and Mayor Crea after the meeting.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani advised Ms. Rhodes to consult with an attorney.

Mr. George Lange: Thanked the governing body for their efforts in the housing demolition project.

Motion to Close to Public: Scibetta

Second: Gormley

All in favor

#### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Scibetta: Explained he spent the day with the Code Enforcement Officer to get a perspective on the day to day activities which he briefly discussed. He spoke about the PAL Program and the upcoming National Night Out.

Gormley: Spoke about the progress of the Commercial Revitalization Board.

McCracken, RMC

Kehm: Congratulated Mayor for the Day student McKenzie. He discussed the upcoming annual horseshoe tournament and Miss Little Egg Harbor Pageant and his work with Committeeman Scibetta on Comcast negotiations.

Crea: Thanked Mayor for the Day student McKenzie and spoke about the special meeting to hire a replacement for Committee Secretary Linda Cicco. She gave details on the upcoming Meet the Mayor and the next Senior Citizen Advisory Board Meeting.

Being no further business, Motion to adjourn: Gormley

Second: Kehm

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Diana K. McCracken, RMC

Township Clerk