

Mr. Ed Andrew: Asked who the owner is and why it is being vacated.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani stated it is a paper street with no plans to make it a real street therefore it was vacated which she briefly explained.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated George Mcconnell owns the property that bounds the paper street.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked if the owner will pay anything for this property.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained a street vacation as required by statute is not a question for sale because its not considered township owned, they are simply vacating an easement.

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 2020-08 [SECOND READING & ADOPTION]

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

Motion to Open to Public: Kehm	Second: Scibetta		All in favor
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Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for information on this ordinance.

CFO Rodney Haines stated this allows us to bank unused spending appropriations which he explained.

Motion to Close to Public: Gormley	Second: Kehm		All in favor
Motion to Adopt: 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 2020-09 [INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING]

An ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, providing for beach replenishment and the creation of a breakwater at Parkertown and Mystic Beaches for the Township of Little Egg Harbor and appropriating \$2,950,000 therefor and providing for the issuance of \$2,802,500 in bonds or notes of the Township of Little Egg Harbor to finance the same

(The project includes substantial replenishment of the beaches out to the 1977 Tidelands Claim line as well as the construction of breakwaters to protect the beaches from erosion.)

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 2020-10 [INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING]

An ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, providing for the Mystic Island Drainage Improvements – Phase II Project, appropriating \$1,714,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$1,714,000 bonds and notes to finance a portion of the costs thereof, authorized in and by the Township of Little Egg Harbor, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey

(The project is a follow-up to the recent replacement of water and sanitary sewer utilities by the LEHT MUA, and includes the installation of new storm drainage improvements and roadway reconstruction/paving via the NJ IBank.)

Motion to Introduce: 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 2020-11 [INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING]

An ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the sale of Block 80, Lot 8 on the municipal tax map to Michael Iacono in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b) and N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.2 (Route 539; \$25,000)

(This ordinance authorizes the sale of a non-conforming lot owned by the Township to an adjacent property owner for \$25,000.00 plus Township-incurred fees. The lot was offered to all adjacent owners with only the purchaser responding.)

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>

Resolution No. 2020-134

Authorizing the 2020 Municipal Budget be read by title only

(This resolution is to save time prior to opening of the public hearing by permitting to be read title as opposed to reading every line item.)

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>

PUBLIC HEARING 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

CFO Rodney Haines gave a brief overview of the 2020 Municipal Budget.

2020-135 Resolution adopting 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.)

Motion to Open to Public: Gormley Second: Kehm All in favor
Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for the total increase over last years budget.
CFO Rodney Haines stated the total budget goes down from last year which he briefly explained.

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

Motion to Approve: Scibetta Second: Stevens Roll Call: Stevens Yes
 Scibetta Yes
 Gormley Yes
 Kehm Yes
 Crea Yes

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.

2020-136 Authorizing the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean for the Ocean County Leaf and Vegetative Waste Composting Program
(This agreement outlines the responsibility of the Township of LEH and Ocean County pertaining to the composting program sites permitted by the NJDEP. The agreement will remain in effect through 2024.)

2020-137 Authorizing the execution of the FY2021 Municipal Alliance Agreement
(This agreement authorizes the submission of a strategic plan through the County of Ocean; for the Eagleswood/Little Egg Harbor/Tuckerton Municipal Alliance. This grant is for FY 2021 in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse.)

2020-138 Authorizing the execution of a Change Order to the contract for the FY 2018 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program – Improvements to Maryland Road
(Final contract change order reducing the contract amount from \$402,913.13 to \$402,892.61 based on as-built construction quantities.)

2020-139 Authorizing the execution of a Change Order to the contract for the 2019 Drainage Improvement Project
(Final contract change order reducing the contract amount from \$180,013.13 to \$172,586.92 based on as-built construction quantities.)

2020-140 Authorizing the Township Engineer to complete work to submit an application to the NJDEP for a Shore Protection Grant for the Mystic Beach and Parkertown Beach Replenishment and Stabilization Project

(Application to the NJDEP Division of Coastal Engineering for shore protection grant funding to replenish the Mystic and Parkertown Beaches, and implementation of breakwaters for long term stabilization.)

- 2020-141 Authorizing the submission of a Sustainable Jersey Grant Application for an Environmental Stewardship Grant
(Application to Sustainable Jersey for environmental stewardship grant funding to replenish the Mystic and Parkertown Beaches, and implementation of breakwaters for long term stabilization.)
- 2020-142 Authorizing the execution of the OCCARES Grant Program Agreement with the County of Ocean
(This grant is to participate as a subgrantee in the federal funds that Ocean County received through the CARES Act.)
- 2020-143 Supporting the right to in-person voting in addition to mail-in balloting
(This Resolution urges the Governor to not limit voting in the November 3, 2020 General Election to vote-by-mail, but to keep open the option to voters so that they may choose to vote in-person at the ballot box.)
- 2020-144 Authorizing assignment of Tax Sale Certificate #11-00051
(The Township currently holds a tax lien on Block 222, Lot 5, by assigning the lien the Township will collect \$7,178.88 of back unpaid taxes.)
- 2020-145 Certifying tax liens for costs incurred in accordance with the Property Maintenance Code
- 2020-146 Authorizing various tax refunds

PUBLIC COMMENT – Consent Agenda Only

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

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for an explanation on mail in ballots.

Mayor Crea stated mail in ballots will be sent to everyone registered to vote which she explained.

Deputy Mayor Kehm explained universal mail in ballots.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini mentioned in New Jersey it is no longer called a mail in ballot, it is now a vote by mail ballot.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained the difference between an absentee ballot and universal ballot.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens explained this resolution is the township urging the governor to keep the option to voters to vote at the polls.

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

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>

BILL RESOLUTION

2020-147 Authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$6,183,623.04

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>

MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

- Raffle application for the Ocean County Fdn for Vocational Technical Education for a 50/50 raffle on October 8, 2020 at Cuisine on the Green
- Raffle application for American Legion Post #493 Mystic Island for a 50/50 raffle on November 8, 2020

Motion to Approve: Scibetta	Second: Kehm	All in favor
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PUBLIC COMMENT – Any Topic

Motion to Open to Public: Scibetta	Second: Kehm	All in favor
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Ms. Thea Gleason: Mentioned as of now, the public must request a vote by mail ballot.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani believes that is correct which is the point of passing this evenings resolution urging the governor to support in-person voting.

Ms. Thea Gleason: Addressed Mr. Scibetta and Mr. Spadaccini regarding the Little Free Library her English Club would like to donate to the Little Treasures Park.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini mentioned he will follow up with the attorney on that matter.

Committeeman Blaise Scibetta thanked Ms. Gleason and her students for their hard work.

Ms. Thea Gleason: Asked if it is true that grant money will be used to sidewalk Radio Road.

Township Engineer Jason Worth mentioned Committeeman Scibetta has discussed the need for bike lanes or sidewalks along Radio Road which we have discussed with Ocean County Engineering. He gave a brief update on the discussions.

Ms. Thea Gleason: Discussed the need pedestrian safety on Radio Road.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated we can request the County reduce the speed limit.

Mr. John Edmunds: Asked if he could do a presentation at this meeting.

Mayor Crea explained the difficulty with doing a presentation due to some committee members working from their phones. She gave a brief overview of Mr. Edmunds petition regarding the speed limit on Center Street.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini explained he will forward Mr. Edmunds presentation to the governing body, Township Engineer and Township Attorney.

Mr. John Edmunds: Explained he wanted to do the presentation to make the Little Egg Harbor residents aware of the issue.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained it is up to the Chair at this time to decide on the presentation this evening. She suggested the Township Administrator forward the document to the governing body and make it available through the Clerk's Office for the public review.

Mr. John Edmunds: Briefly discussed the issues on Center Street.

Township Engineer Jason Worth mentioned he spoke with Mark Jenke of the Ocean County Engineering office and they are willing to see what can be done.

Mr. John Edmunds: Stated he will be taking this matter to Tuckerton Borough as well since Center Street is also part of Tuckerton.

Mayor Crea commended Mr. Edmunds on the work he has done on this matter and asked him if he would like to do an oral presentation at this time.

Mr. Ed Edwards: Spoke about some of the issues with traffic, noise and the vibrations the large trucks cause to the residents.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens suggested Mr. Edmunds share his power point presentation with Mr. Spadaccini therefore he can forward it to the governing body.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini stated he will share the presentation with the committee

Ms. Amanda Mauer: I am a neighbor of Mr. Edmunds who lives near Center Street also supports the need to reduct speed and redirect traffic on CenterStreet.

Mr. Dave Fuller: Asked if the check valves for nuisance flooding are in the capital budget for Osborn Island.

CFO Rodney Haines explained the check valves were part of the capital ordinance put forth to the township committee for consideration.

Mayor Crea explained the discussion is ongoing and that ordinance has not been fully agreed upon at this time and discussions are still being held.

Mr. Dave Fuller: Understands the bond for the Osborn Island Dredging has been sold and asked for the amount, the interest rate and the term.

CFO Rodney Haines explained the bonds were sold about 3 weeks ago with an interest rate of 1.13% for a ten year bond with the amount of 4.1 million dollars.

Mr. Dave Fuller: Asked if cameras were installed at the Radio Road beach area.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini explained we are considering that as the project moves forward.

Mr. Dave Fuller: Mentioned Veteran's Park and the bank property are starting to look shabby.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens stated the bank property was cut today by the Public Works Department.

Ms. Pat Johnson: With regard to Ordinance 2020-09, beach replenishment at Parkertown and Mystic Beaches she asked if there are plans for public review.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated the plans are not yet done however survey work, soil sampling and wave analysis are done which he briefly dicussed.

Ms. Pat Johnson: With regard to Ordinance 2020-10, providing for Mystic Island Drainage Improvements she asked if it is for the Twin Lakes Boulevard area.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated yes, that is six roads off of Twin Lakes Boulevard which he explained.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Heard legislation created a committee to help relieve some townships from the burden of paying back the money from Super Storm Sandy.

Committeeman Blaise Scibetta explained he had a virtual meeting with Deputy Mayor Kehm and Congressman Jeff Andrew however due to Covid19, there is no new information at this time.

Mr. James King: Thanked the township for helping with their summer soccer program during the Covid pandemic.

Mr. Art Mooney: Expressed his concerns for the poor condition of Center Street, the bank property on Radio Road and Graveling Point.

Township Engineer Jason Worth gave an update on Graveling Point.

Ms. Stephanie Longbow: Spoke about the Mystic Island Drainage Improvements Project.

CRO Rodney Haines gave a brief update on the progression of the project.

Mr. Jonathan Zimmerman: Thanked the township on behalf of Pinelands Youth Football for the great job they did maintaining the townships recreation fields on Route 539.

Motion to Close to Public: Scibetta

Second: Stevens

All in favor

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Jason Worth reported on the potential Solar Project at the municipal complex, the Streetlight Replacement Program, the Iowa Court Project, and the work on Great Bay Boulevard.

Deputy Mayor Kehm asked about the Building Resiliency Infrastructure and Communities Grant.

Township Engineer Jason Worth explained that is a grant just announced by FEMA, part of their Hazard Mitigation Grant Program he gave the details.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Stevens: Spoke about the recent storm and commended Mystic Island Fire Company, the Police Department and AC electric.

Scibetta: Thanked the residents that attended an event to support the local Police Department. He spoke about safety issues on Radio Road, thanked Township Engineer for his work on the issue and reminded everyone to support local businesses during this time.

Gormley: Thanked Mr. Worth for his work on the beach project as well as the committee for their support of it.

Kehm: Reiterated Committeeman Gormley's comments and gave information on the next drive-in movie at the community center.

Crea: Thanked everyone for their patience during the recent storm, urged residents to fill out their Census and announced the September Township Meetings will begin at 7pm. Be safe and well.

Being no further business,

Motion to adjourn: Stevens

Second: Scibetta

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Diana K. McCracken, RMC

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Township Clerk