

SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

MINUTES

7:00 PM

MEETING PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

LEHT Township Meeting 9/10/20

Thu, Sep 10, 2020 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM (EDT)

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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.**Township Attorney Melanie Appleby briefly explained the protocol for this evenings meeting.*ROLL CALL: Yes Ms. Stevens Yes Mr. Scibetta Yes Mr. Gormley Yes Mr. Kehm Yes Mrs. Crea

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

➤ August 13, 2020

Motion to Approve: Scibetta

Second: Gormley

All in favor

Ordinance 2020-09 [SECOND READING & ADOPTION]

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 Open to Public: Scibetta Second: Gormley All in favor
 Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for an explanation on the difference of approximately \$147,000.00.

CFO Rodney Haines stated this is a down payment coming out of the Capital Improvement Fund which he briefly explained.

Motion to Close to Public: Scibetta Second: Gormley 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>

Ordinance 2020-10 [SECOND READING & ADOPTION]

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 I Bank.)*

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

No public participation.

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

Motion to Adopt: 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>

Ordinance 2020-11 [SECOND READING & ADOPTION]

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 Open to Public: Scibetta Second: Gormley All in favor

No public participation.

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

Motion to Adopt: 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>

Ordinance 2020-12 [INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING]

An ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, to add Chapter 302 Entitled "Tax Collector's Fees"

(Adjusts the fees to reflect the current costs associated with services and to create a fee for "In Lieu of Advertising" for properties on the tax sale list to offset the costs of conducting a tax sale.)

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

Ordinance 2020-13 [INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING]

An ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 151 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor. Entitled "Bulkhead Construction"

(This ordinance amends the existing bulkhead construction ordinance to assure consistency with DEP regulations and address issues of preemption. If the requirements of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection do not permit marine bulkheading along the entire lagoon frontage, then the Department's determination on stabilization type shall govern.)

Motion to Introduce: 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.

- 2020-148 Authorizing the Township of Little Egg Harbor to hold an electronic tax sale and authorizing the acceptance of proposals for online tax sale
(Due to the current conditions and capacity restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Township has to be prepared to conduct an electronic tax sale.)

- 2020-149 Accepting the resignation of and authorizing the compensation of accumulated time to David Follmer
(Mr. Follmer was a mechanic at the Department of Public Works and resigned effective August 14, 2020.)
- 2020-150 Authorizing the renewal of Club Licenses for the 2020-2021 licensing year
(Annual renewal of the Liquor License)
- 2020-151 Authorizing the renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption and Plenary retail Distribution Licenses for the 2020-2021 licensing year
(Annual renewal of the Liquor License)
- 2020-152 Approving the Person to Person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 151633-001-002 GMG Inc. (Mystic Island Casino)
(Transfer of liquor license, sale of property Mystic Island Casino to Shanaya Food and Beverage INC)
- 2020-153 Authorizing the submission of a loan application with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection and NJ Infrastructure Bank for the Townships Mystic Island Drainage Improvements Phase 2
(The loan application will be to fund the project through funding sources at the State through low interest and no-interest loans.)
- 2020-154 Authorizing the execution of a shared service agreement with the Borough of Tuckerton for Police Dispatch services
(The agreement will continue the dispatch services that we currently provide to the Borough of Tuckerton.)
- 2020-155 Strongly urging the governor to reinstate critical funding for school-based youth services in the state fiscal 2021 budget
(This resolution seeks to persuade the Governor not to cut funding to school-based youth services, which affects Pinelands Regional School District, forcing closure of the local office which provides critical mental health services to students and their families.)
- 2020-156 Certifying tax liens for costs incurred in accordance with the Property Maintenance Code
- 2020-157 Authorizing various tax refunds

PUBLIC COMMENT – Consent Agenda Only

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

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for the amount of the loan in Resolution 2020-153.

CFO Rodney Haines the loan will be for \$1,714,000.00 that goes with ordinance 2020-10 which he briefly explained.

Motion to Close to Public:	Stevens	Second: Scibetta	All in favor
Motion Approve:	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>

BILL RESOLUTION

2020-158 Authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,580,030.61

Motion Approve:	Gormley	Second: Scibetta	Roll Call: Stevens <u>Yes</u>
			Scibetta <u>Yes</u>
			Gormley <u>Yes</u>
			Kehm <u>Yes</u>
			Crea <u>Abstain on 20-09025, 09026, 09027 & 09044, yes to balance</u>

MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

- Raffle application for Mystic Island Cooperative Association Pull tab 10/1/2020 to 9/30/2021
- Raffle application for Mystic Island Cooperative Association 50/50 on 11/29/2020

Motion to Approve: Scibetta Second: Kehm All in favor

PUBLIC COMMENT – Any Topic

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

Mr. Michael Gremling: Asked for the status of the paving on Great Bay Boulevard. He has a lot of water in front of his home.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated there is still work to be done once the weather permits.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for an update on the Comcast negotiations.

Committeeman Blaise Scibetta stated the agreement should be finalized soon which he explained.

Deputy Mayor Kehm briefly spoke about the success of the meeting with Comcast.

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

Mayor Crea mentioned she has not heard any news on the loan.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini explained the congressman introduced to legislation that they were assigning a committee but there is no hearing as of yet.

Committeeman Scibetta reiterated Mr. Spadaccini's comments.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked when the township meetings will be held again at Town Hall.

Mayor Crea explained once we can accommodate the public safely we will return to regular township meetings.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini explained based on the governors executive orders and our courtroom capacity we could not accommodate the meetings at this time.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if the other boards have the same restrictions.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini stated yes.

Ms. Thea Gleason: Asked if the meetings can take place at a different location. Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini explained the need for recording equipment.

Ms. Amanda Mauer: Read a statement prepared by Mr. Edmunds with regard to ongoing issues on Center Street including weight limit, traffic volume and speeding. Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini stated he has spoken with the Police Chief and in the Little Egg Harbor portion of the street police enforcement has been increased. Township Engineer Jason Worth stated the portion of the road in Little Egg Harbor is a County road however the Tuckerton portion is governed by Tuckerton Borough. He spoke with the County who agreed to look at additional signage, the weight limit and alternative routes which he briefly explained.

Ms. Amanda Mauer: Questioned commercial vehicles traveling through a residential area and spoke about the size of the road and lack of shoulder and sidewalks.

Mayor Crea believes Ms. Mauer has sought out a great amount of information on the matter which will help the township in moving forward.

Mr. Edmunds: Spoke about his meeting with Tuckerton Borough and gave a brief update on his progress.

Mr. Gary Rizzullo: Read a prepared statement representing the Osborn Island Homeowners Association with regard to the installation of backflow lagoon water check valves.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini explained it is currently being considered by the committee as part of the recommendation for the capital budget.

CFO Rodney Haines explained the check valves are part of the overall Drainage Project.

Mr. Art Mooney: Agrees with the residents of Center Street and asked if what was done on Leitz Boulevard with speed limit signs and stop signs could be done there as well.

Township Engineer Jason Worth discussed the difference between the two streets.

Ms. Thea Gleason: Spoke about the Little Free Library.

Motion to Close to Public: Kehm

Second: Scibetta

All in favor

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Jason Worth reported on the Iowa Court Road Project, the Electric Vehicle Charging Station at municipal complex, the township's town wide dredging project and recertifying townships CRS classification for homes in the special flood hazard areas with flood insurance.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Stevens: Mentioned for the record she was present for the meeting even with some technical difficulties.

Scibetta: Glad restaurants are at 25% capacity and asked residents to support them. He spoke about the importance of remembering the victims of 9/11.

Gormley: Spoke about the need to Support local businesses.

Kehm: No comment.

Crea: Discussed the Census and announced Veteran's Park will be holding a 9/11 Memorial Service tomorrow at 10am. Be safe and stay well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2020-159 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: Gormley Second: Kehm All in favor

Motion to Close Executive Session, Reconvene Regular Township Meeting: Gormley Second: Kehm

All in favor

Township Attorney Melanie Appleby read the following resolution by title.

2020-160 Authorizing the township to process an involuntary disability retirement for Officer Edward McNally also conditioned upon the execution of an agreement with Officer McNally that will be within a form acceptable through labor council.

Motion Approve: 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>

Being no further business,
Motion to Adjourn: Stevens

Second: Kehm

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,



Diana K. McCracken, RMC
Township Clerk