

Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting

SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

7:00 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Crea asked the public to remember everyone that was affected by 9/11 including the first responders. She also spoke about long time employee Ollie Clifford who passed away recently.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

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

ROLL CALL:	<u>Yes</u> Ms. Stevens	<u>Yes</u> Mr. Scibetta	<u>Yes</u> Mr. Gormley
	<u>Yes</u> Mr. Kehm	<u>Yes</u> Mrs. Crea	

Mayor Crea introduced Kasey Powers as the Township's new Confidential Secretary and announced she will be joining us on the dais.

Presentation – Girl Scout Troop #50518

Mayor Crea introduced Girl Scout Troop #50518 and explained they received the Bronze Award which is the highest award a Girl Scout Junior can achieve. She spoke about the storm drain project they worked on and presented each member with a certificate of appreciation.

Proclamation – Constitution Week

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens read a proclamation designating September 17 – 23, 2019 as “Constitution Week”. She presented the proclamation to Judy Oliver, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

➤ August 8, 2019

Motion to Approve: Gormley Second: Stevens All in favor
Deputy Mayor Kehm abstained on the meeting minutes.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-15 [SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the change of a street name in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:67-1(k) [*Grace Place to Veterans Memorial Way*]

Motion to Open to Public: Stevens Second: Scibetta All in favor
No public participation.

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

Motion to Approve: Stevens	Second: Kehm	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.

2019-188 A Resolution appointing three part-time Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers

2019-189 A Resolution appointing Karl Held as Construction Official

2019-190 A Resolution authorizing compensation of accumulated time to the estate of Oliver Clifford

2019-191 A Resolution accepting the resignation of and authorizing the compensation of accumulated time to Donald Russell

2019-192 A Resolution authorizing the Township Planner to design the Beach Replenishment and Protection Projects

2019-193 A Resolution authorizing the release of the cash portion of a performance guarantee posted by Amboy Bank for Patricia Estates

2019-194 A Resolution authorizing the execution of an Addendum to the Contract with DSC Construction Co., Inc. for Twin Lakes Boulevard Drainage Improvements

2019-195 A Resolution authorizing the execution of an Addendum to the Contract with Wickberg Marine Contracting for Osborn Island Maintenance Dredging Project

2019-196 A Resolution naming Barry A. Stieber, Esq. of the firm of Citta, Holzapfel & Zabarsky as an Alternate Municipal Prosecutor

2019-197 A Resolution certifying the Governing Body has reviewed, as a minimum, sections of the 2018 Annual Audit

2019-198 A Resolution adopting a Corrective Action Plan in connection with the Township Audit

2019-199 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 NJOEM 966 Grant]

- 2019-200 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 [2019 CDBG]
- 2019-201 A Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to reinstate taxes on property previously qualified for Veterans' Property Tax Exemption
- 2019-202 A Resolution cancelling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30
- 2019-203 A Resolution cancelling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30
- 2019-204 A Resolution certifying tax liens for costs incurred in accordance with the Property Maintenance Code
- 2019-205 A Resolution authorizing various tax refunds

PUBLIC COMMENT Consent Agenda Only

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

Mr. Art Mooney: Expressed his concerns regarding the lack of transparency on Consent Agenda items.

Mr. Peter Ferwerda: Reiterated Mr. Mooney's comments and questioned why three part-time Class II Special Law Enforcement officers are being hired.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini explained there were two vacancies to fill and by hiring three part time officers we will gain an additional ten hours of police coverage and save the township money.

Mr. Peter Ferwerda: With regard to Resolution 2019-192, the Beach Replenishment and Protection Projects, he asked why this was not done when the Master Plan was revised. He also questioned how the addendum to the contract with DSC Construction for the Twin Lakes Boulevard Drainage Improvements will affect the total out of pocket for the project.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated the reexamination of the Master Plan in 2015 heavily discussed resiliency type projects which he briefly explained. He stated the final cost for the Twin Lakes Boulevard Project is \$3,594,872.63 which is about 4 ½% above the bid total due to some design changes. The Osborn Island Maintenance Dredging Projects final construction cost is \$1,494,505.00 due to required additional cubic yard dredging.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked for details on Resolution 2019-192, authorizing the Township Planner to design the Beach Replenishment and Protection Projects.

Committeeman Ray Gormley briefly explained the project.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked for the total cost with regard to the addendum to the contract with Wickberg Marine for the Osborn Island Dredging Project.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated the original bid total was \$1,328,848.00 and the final contract amount is \$1,494,505.00 due to additional lagoon dredging.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked when Osborn Island residents will find out what their special assessment will cost.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani stated the special assessment will not be available until all the project costs are known.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked what the Corrective Action Plan for the township audit will be.
Mayor Crea explained the health insurance was improperly posted.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini mentioned it is basically a book keeping issue.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked for the grant amount in Resolution 2019-199.

Deputy Mayor John Kehm stated the amount is \$6,890.00 for the fire companies and EMS.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked for the grant amount in Resolution 2019-200, and what it will be used for.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani stated the amount is \$35,000.00

Township Engineer Jason Worth mentioned it will be used for improvements in and around the community center.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Questioned if the reinstatement of taxes on the property in Resolution 2019-201 is due to the owner passing away.

Tax Collector Dayna Wilson stated the owner was not a full time resident in Little Egg Harbor and she briefly explained.

Motion to Close: Gormley

Second: Stevens

All in favor

Motion to Approve: Stevens

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

2019-206 A Resolution authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$4,163,440.10

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	<u>Abstain on 1909062, 1909095, yes to balance</u>

MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

- Bingo Application for American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island 2020 Bingos
- Raffle Application for American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island 2020 50/50 Raffles
- Raffle Application for American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island 2020 Pull Tab
- Raffle Application for American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island Gift Raffle on October 13, 2019
- Raffle Application for Ocean County Foundation for Vocational and Technical Education on October 10, 2019
- Bingo Application for PTO of Little Egg Harbor Inc. on October 11, 2019
- Raffle Application for PTO of Little Egg Harbor Inc. Gift Raffle on October 11, 2019

Motion to Approve: Kehm

Second: Stevens

All in favor

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS

Jason Worth reported on the Iowa Court Living Shoreline Project, the Mystic Island Dredging Project, Veteran's Park Project Phase II, and the Maryland Road Improvement Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT – any topic

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

Mr. Gavin Dwyer: Requested the speed limit be lowered on Frog Pond Road. He brought a petition for the governing body to review.

Committeeman Ray Gormley explained both he and the township engineer have been looking into the matter.

Mr. Charles LoPinto: Believes the State uses Round-Up for weed control within the township and he is concerned it may be a health hazard.

Mr. Art Mooney: Spoke about the growth of the town, traffic patterns, and the Master Plan.

Ms. Diane Vanderhorn: As a member of Great Bay EMS she spoke about a membership drive and fundraising events they are having in September and October.

Mr. Phil Curtin: Congratulated the Girl Scouts on raising awareness on keeping the sewer lines clean and asked for information on the design of the drains in the Drainage Improvement Project.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated legally the town must put eco-curb pieces and bicycle safe grates in the design to prevent large items from getting through.

Mr. Phil Curtin: Asked if the speed detectors previously placed on Frog Pond Road are used to deter people from speeding or is the information used to see how many people speed on that road.

Committeeman Ray Gormley briefly explained the purpose of the speed detectors.

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

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Stevens: Discussed the upcoming Flu Clinic, the success of the food pantry's garden, and the Green Team Family Fun Day at the community center.

Scibetta: Displayed a picture of the equipment that will be at Little Treasures Park and spoke about the importance of remembering 9/11, Patriot's Day.

Gormley: Mentioned the Iowa Court Project is complete and spoke about future projects in town.

Kehm: Spoke about Squad 85 and the need for volunteers and announced some upcoming fall events in town.

Crea: The next Meet the Mayor will be held September 17. She mentioned the upcoming Flu Clinic and spoke about the important work Squad 85 does.

Being no further business,

Motion to Adjourn: Gormley Second: Kehm All in favor

Respectfully submitted,



Diana K. McCracken, RMC

Township Clerk