

Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting

SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

7:00 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Ray Gormley asked everyone to remember 9/11 as well as the victims of the recent hurricanes. Keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Deputy Township Clerk Susan Farrell read the Open Public Meeting Statement and opened the meeting.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Schlick Yes Mr. Kehm Yes Ms. Stevens Yes
Mrs. Crea Yes Mr. Gormley Yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

> August 10, 2017 Township Meeting

Motion to Approve: Schlick Second: Kehm All in Favor
Deputy Mayor Crea abstained on the meeting minutes.

Mayor Ray Gormley stated the intersection of Stage Road and Giffordtown Road is once again a four way stop and introduced Mr. John Ernst the County Engineer for an update. Mr. John Ernst explained that based upon complaints received by the County they felt it was beneficial for the safety of the public to return it back to a four way stop. Committeewoman Lisa Stevens asked if the intersection would warrant a traffic signal in the future. Mr. John Ernst explained there is not enough traffic volume to warrant a traffic light at this time. Mayor Ray Gormley asked for an update on the Park-N-Ride. Mr. John Ernst gave a brief update on the Park-N-Ride.

ORDINANCE First Reading and Introduction

2017-10 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter 269 of the Township Code to regulate the practice of real estate solicitations and establish a "No Knock" Registry

Motion to Introduce: Schlick Second: Crea Roll Call: Schlick Yes
Kehm Yes
Stevens Yes
Crea Yes
Gormley Yes

2017-11 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending Chapter 194 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, entitled "Grading and Drainage" [amend §194-4 entitled "Plan standards"]

Motion to Introduce: Stevens

Second: Crea

Roll Call:	Schlick	Yes
	Kehm	Yes
	Stevens	Yes
	Crea	Yes
	Gormley	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.*

- 2017-189 A Resolution appointing alternate members to the Little Egg Harbor Township Community Advisory Board for the year 2017 [Robert Dalton and James Rogers]
- 2017-190 A Resolution appointing Betty Wheeler as a Member and George Lange as an Alternate Member to the Little Egg Harbor Township Economic Development Commission
- 2017-191 A Resolution approving a Revised Spending Plan for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund [the revisions consist of (1) the housing rehabilitation must fund an average of \$10,000 per unit consistent with the statutory requirement; (2) the Affordability Assistance Program will consist of grants and low- and no-interest loans; and (3) Eligible properties for which affordability assistance is sought may any unit within the Township that is subject to affordability controls and monitoring requirements.]
- 2017-192 A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office for the Drug Recognition Expert Callout Program [The DRE program is aimed at detecting and arresting impaired drivers throughout Ocean County. During times where manpower is needed for enforcement, members of the police department will be called upon to assist. Officers will be paid by money from the DWI/DRE grant which has been designated by the State of New Jersey, the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office and the Board of Chosen Freeholders]
- 2017-193 A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office for the Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Program [The DWI program is aimed at detecting and arresting impaired drivers throughout Ocean County. During times where manpower is needed for enforcement, members of the police department will be called upon to assist. Officers will be paid by money from the DWI/DRE grant which has been designated by the State of New Jersey, the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office and the Board of Chosen Freeholders]
- 2017-194 A Resolution authorizing the sale of surplus property no longer needed for public use on an on-line auction website, "www.govdeals.com"
- 2017-195 A Resolution ratifying the Township Administrator's execution of the Addendum to Agreement for provision of energy supply services after legal and engineering review and approval [continue participation in the energy aggregation program with Tri-Eagle Energy, L.P. for a 12-month term to begin in October, 2017 through September, 2018]

- 2017-196 A Resolution reaffirming support for the Green Team Advisory Committee and supporting participating in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program *[to support an application for the Sustainable New Jersey program]*
- 2017-197 A Resolution authorizing receipt of bids for building access restriction devices
- 2017-198 A Resolution certifying tax liens for costs incurred in accordance with the property maintenance code *[\$2,530.00 in unpaid property violations]*
- 2017-199 A Resolution cancelling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 *[totally-disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption]*
- 2017-200 A Resolution cancelling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 *[totally-disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption]*
- 2017-201 A Resolution cancelling taxes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 *[totally-disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption]*
- 2017-202 A Resolution establishing an Accelerated Tax Sale date of December 20, 2017

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Consent Agenda Only

Motion to Open: Stevens

Second: Schlick

All in Favor

*Mr. Peter Ferwerda: In reference to Resolution 2017-191, he asked why the township is still passing rules and revisions on the Affordable Housing Spending Plan.*

*Township Attorney Jean Cipriani stated the original spending plan was submitted and approved however changes were required by the Special Master. She discussed the changes.*

*Mr. Peter Ferwerda: Asked the township engineer to explained Resolution 2017-195, for energy supply services.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth explained this will continue the Energy Aggregation Program for one more year.*

*Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if a homeowner sells their home will the new resident automatically be enrolled in the Energy Aggregation Program.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth believes a new homeowner will create a new account however he will look into it.*

*Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked for a description of Resolution 2017-197, building access restriction device.*

*Deputy Mayor Crea stated it is a key job and pad employees use to gain access into the township building.*

*Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked for the cost.*

*Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained the resolution is requesting quotes and she briefly explained the estimated cost and process.*

*Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked if the legal and engineering reviews were done on the Energy Aggregation Program.*

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani stated the reviews were done and explained the process of continuing the program

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked if the program saved residents money.

Township Engineer Jason Worth explained since the program is continuing, it is saving residents money. If there wasn't any savings, it would go back to Atlantic City Electric's rates.

Mayor Ray Gormley discussed his personal savings with the program.

Committeeman Dave Schlick briefly explained how the key job works.

Mr. Robert Hirth: Asked if the property maintenance code in resolution 2017-198 applies to commercial properties as well.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani believes it pertains to all properties.

Mr. Robert Hirth: Expressed his concerns for some commercial properties in town including the car wash and storage facility on Mathistown Road and Mystic Island Marina.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained state statute includes limited clean up.

Mr. Robert Hirth: Mentioned the removal of gas tanks at the old Texaco station on Radio Road. He believes the soil is contaminated and asked who owns it.

Township Engineer Jason Worth explained someone owns the property and had approval to upgrade the site however it never happened. He is not aware of any contamination.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens stated the car wash has been cleaned up and explained township officials are not allowed on these properties without owner permission and can only site them for ten feet in.

Township Engineer Jason Worth explained Code Enforcement met with the marinas property owner and is working on cleaning it up.

Motion to Close: Stevens                      Second: Kehm                      All in Favor

Committeeman Dave Schlick asked for information on Resolution 2017-196, the Green Team Advisory Committee.

Township Engineer Jason Worth explained a Green Team is required by the Sustainable Jersey Program.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens briefly explained the process.

Motion to Approve: Stevens	Second: Kehm	Roll Call:	Schlick	No on 2017-195, yes to balance
			Kehm	Yes
			Stevens	Yes
			Crea	Yes
			Gormley	Yes

**BILL RESOLUTION**

2017-203 A Resolution authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$3,787,467.92

- Current Account: \$2,954,047.15
- Third Party Account: \$833,420.77

Motion to Approve: Stevens	Second: Crea	Roll Call:	Schlick	Abstain on 09080 & 09015, yes to balance
			Kehm	Yes
			Stevens	Yes
			Crea	Abstain on 09138 & 09157, yes to balance
			Gormley	Yes

#### MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

- Bingo application for the American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island for various dates 2018
- Amended Bingo application for the American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island for various dates 2017
- Raffle application for the American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island Daily Pull Tab Tickets for 2018
- Raffle application for the American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island Gift Auction on October 1, 2017
- Raffle application for the Greater Atlantic Cancer Fund, Inc. 50/50 raffle on November 4, 2017 at the Parkertown Firehouse
- Raffle application for the Greater Atlantic Cancer Fund, Inc. Gift Auction on November 4, 2017 at the Parkertown Firehouse
- Amended Raffle application for the Italian & American Social Club of Barnegat, NJ 50/50 raffle on December 17, 2017 at Sea Oaks Country Club
- Raffle application for the Marine Trades Association of NJ Foundation 50/50 raffle on October 3, 2017 at Sea Oaks Country Club
- Raffle application for the Barnegat Bay Decoy & Bayman's Museum Gift Basket Raffle on October 13, 2017 at Cuisine on the Green

Motion to Approve: Schlick

Second: Kehm

All in Favor

#### TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS

*Jason Worth reported on a grant for road improvements to Pinehurst Drive and Seminole Drive as well as Leitz Boulevard. He discussed future options for the Fiscal Year 2018 DOT grants and gave an update on the townships efforts to enter the CRS Program. We expect a certification in November and the township to officially enter the program by April 2018.*

*Committeeman John Kehm thanked everyone that worked hard to get the township in the program and asked what the percentage of savings would be.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth stated between fifteen and twenty percent.*

*Committeewoman Lisa Stevens thanked everyone involved for their hard work on this program.*

*Deputy Mayor Crea reiterated Committeewoman Steven's comments.*

*Committeeman John Kehm asked when the town started working on the CRS program.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth stated before Super Storm Sandy in 2012.*

*Mayor Gormley spoke about the importance of flood insurance.*

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS – any topic

Motion to Open: Crea

Second: Schlick

All in Favor

*Mr. Peter Oakin: As a resident he read a detailed letter regarding the financial situation of Great Bay EMS and the need for newer vehicles. He explained their annual budget has been the same for over twenty years yet the police and fire departments receive a much larger budget and clothing allowance.*

*Mayor Ray Gormley explained the unfortunate financial situation the town faces at this time and suggested creating a committee in the upcoming year to discuss the needs of the EMS.*

*Mr. Peter Oakin: Does not believe it is fair that the EMS only receives \$70,000.00 a year which hasn't changed in at least eighteen years.*

*Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained there is a state statute that caps the amount municipalities can give to first aid squads which is \$70,000.00. There is a provision in that for extraordinary circumstances but it cannot be on an annual basis.*

*Mr. Peter Oakin: Stated Stafford and Barnegat have filed extraordinary expense in the past years and all their ambulances are paid for by the town and their mortgage.*

*Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained the statute that provides for that aid provides for the cap of \$70,000.00 for annual aid. The provision for equipment including ambulances is separate, which is allowed.*

*Mr. Peter Oakin: Stated the only way Great Bay EMS will succeed in the future is with the assistance of the township. He spoke about the dedicated volunteers and the many budget cuts. Committeeman John Kehm understands Mr. Oakin's frustration because he has been with Squad 85 for about ten years. He explained that the fire companies have a fire tax however EMS does not. He made some suggestions on soliciting funds.*

*Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained there is a special statute that establishes fire districts however it is not the same for first aid squads.*

*Mr. Peter Oakin: Asked who would be responsible for creating a taxing district for the EMS.*

*Township Attorney Jean Cipriani stated she is not aware of any provision in the law that allows for a first aid squad taxing district but will look into it.*

*Mayor Ray Gormley will set up a meeting with the squad's trustees and officers to share ideas and move forward.*

*Mr. Art Mooney: Spoke in support of the first aid squads and asked when the \$70,000.00 budget was first established.*

*Township Attorney Jean Cipriani believes the cap has been in place since the 1990's but will look into it.*

*Committeeman John Kehm mentioned they are always looking for grant opportunities to help the EMS and will continue to do so.*

*Ms. Donna Stanion: As an EMT and recruiting officer for Great Bay EMS she spoke about her journey as an EMT and the dire need for a new ambulance and equipment.*

*Mr. Robert Hirth: Suggested transferring some money from the fire districts to help the EMS squads. He asked why the community center wasn't raised after super storm sandy.*

*Committeeman John Kehm explained we were only required to raise the mechanicals. The clean up and repairs were done by the volunteer organization Operation Blessing.*

*Mr. Robert Hirth: Spoke about some code violations in town and mentioned creating a veterans memorial park.*

*Committeewoman Lisa Stevens stated there have been discussions about a memorial park and possible locations.*

*Dr. Patel: Mentioned the poor condition of Lenape Drive.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth explained each year there is work done on the roads in Mystic Shores and he will look at Lenape Drive.*

*Mr. Woody Allen: He is Chaplain of the Citizens on Patrol and spoke about the Local Police Law Enforcement Week of Prayer.*

*Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked why lagoon dredging, open space and the dog park are on executive session and not discussed publicly.*

*Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained those are contractual matters related to those topics.*



*Ms. Pat Johnson: These subjects have not been talked about openly. She asked who will be attending executive session.*

*Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained these have been discussed openly quite a few times. The committee will attend along with the Deputy Township Clerk, the Township Engineer and myself.*

*Mr. Peter Ferwerda: Spoke in support of the EMS and made some suggestions in combining services with the fire companies.*

Motion to Close: Stevens

Second: Schlick

All in Favor

#### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

*Schlick: Asked why the Police Department didn't do a report this evening. Asked if the Economic Development Committee could come to a meeting and give an update and asked if a governing body member should participate in the seminars the school is having in looking for a new superintendent.*

*Gormley explained at this time the school has not asked for our assistance however we can reach out to them and see if it is needed.*

*Kehm: Saturday, September 16, the Tuckerton Lodge will be hosting a fundraiser breakfast for hurricane Harvey and Irma victims from 8am to noon.*

*Stevens: The Ocean Monmouth food bank is now renamed Fulfill New Jersey. Our local food garden has produced over four hundred pounds of vegetables and fruit this season. She thanked Squad 85, spoke about the Green Team and asked for volunteers. The flu and pneumonia clinic is Tuesday, September 19, 10am to 12noon at town hall. September is leukemia awareness month. She gave an update on applications for the Oak Lane project and announced the Environmental Committee is looking for members and alternates.*

*Crea: Thanked Squad 85 for their service, Mr. Patel and Mr. Allen for Law Enforcement Prayer Week, the Tax Collector and Tax Assessor for their informative workshop and assistance to the residents. Homestead rebate paperwork will be mailed out this week. There is an upcoming informational workshop here at town hall including the Ocean County Surrogates office and Meals on Wheels. Medicare Part D day will be at the senior center. Senior advisory meeting will be September 25, with speakers Police Chief Rich Buzby and Ocean County Prosecutor Joseph Coronato.*

*Gormley: Praised Squad 85 and the Police Department for their life saving measures and dedication. He announced the animal control report is available for the public on the back table. He had a positive conversation with Bruce Freedman from the DEP regarding the Marsh Restoration/Dredging Project. The township will be awarded an additional \$400,000.00 grant dedicated to Iowa Court.*

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

2017-204 A Resolution authorizing the convening of an Executive Session in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, no action will be taken

- Police Personnel
- Lagoon Dredging
- Open Space
- Dog Park
- Roof Replacement Project

Motion to Approve: Stevens

Second: Crea

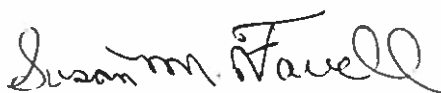
Roll Call:	Schlick	<u>Yes</u>
	Kehm	<u>Yes</u>
	Stevens	<u>Yes</u>
	Crea	<u>Yes</u>
	Gormley	<u>Yes</u>

Being no further business  
Motion to Close Executive Session  
and Adjourn: Stevens

Second: Crea

All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,



Susan M. Farrell, RMC  
Deputy Township Clerk