

OCTOBER 8, 2020

MINUTES

7:00 PM

MEETING PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

LEHT Township Meeting

Thu, Oct 8, 2020 7:00 PM - 11:00 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.*ROLL CALL: Yes Ms. Stevens Yes Mr. Scibetta *Yes Mr. Gormley Yes Mr. Kehm Yes Mrs. Crea**Committeeman Gormley had difficulty with audio and could not be heard at the beginning of the meeting. Committeeman Gormley was present during the entire meeting. He can be heard later in the meeting.**Township Attorney Jean Cipriani briefly explained the protocol for this evenings meeting.**Committeewoman Lisa Stevens read a proclamation designating the month of October as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month."*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

> September 10, 2020

Motion to Approve: Kehm

Second: Stevens

All in favor

Ordinance 2020-12 [SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]

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 Open to Public: Stevens

Second: Scibetta

All in favor

No public participation.

Motion to Close to Public: Kehm

Second: Scibetta

All in favor

Motion to Adopt: Kehm

Second: Stevens

Roll Call:

Stevens	<u>Yes</u>
Scibetta	<u>Yes</u>
Gormley	<u> </u>
Kehm	<u>Yes</u>
Crea	<u>Yes</u>

Ordinance 2020-13 [SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]

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 bulk heading along the entire lagoon frontage, then the Department's determination on stabilization type shall govern.)

Motion to Open to Public: Stevens

Second: Scibetta

All in favor

No public participation.

Motion to Close to Public: Stevens

Second: Kehm

All in favor

Motion to Adopt: Kehm

Second: Scibetta

Roll Call:

Stevens	<u>Yes</u>
Scibetta	<u>Yes</u>
Gormley	<u> </u>
Kehm	<u>Yes</u>
Crea	<u>Yes</u>

Ordinance 2020-14 [FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION]

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey, providing for township-wide drainage projects in and for the Township of Little Egg Harbor and appropriating \$455,000 therefor and providing for the issuance of \$432,250 in bonds or notes of the Township of Little Egg Harbor to finance the same.

(A bond ordinance for storm drainage improvements in various roadways of the Township including the replacement of drainage easement outfalls and installation of tide valves.)

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

Ordinance 2020-15 [FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION]

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending Chapter 274 entitled "Property Pending Foreclosure Registration" of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor

(The ordinance repeals and replaces the Township's current Ordinance CH 274 Property Pending Foreclosure, Registration of" The previous ordinance required a creditor that was foreclosing on a residential property to register with the Township. Furthermore, it required the creditor to be responsible for and fix any nuisance or violation occurring on the property within 30 days of notification. If the creditor failed to repair or correct, the Township could repair or correct and charge the creditor for the work completed. The revised ordinance expands and strengthen the previous ordinance. The ordinance establishes a process to address violations and deterioration of foreclosed mortgaged properties. The ordinance establishes a registration program and corresponding fees for these properties; it requires multiple inspections of the property throughout the foreclosure process; it holds creditors accountable for the maintenance and security of these properties and provides a mechanism to avert foreclosure actions through timely intervention, education, or counseling of property owners.)

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

Ordinance 2020-16 [FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION]

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter A380 of the Municipal Code entitled "Cable Television Franchise"

(Ordinance authorizing a 10-year Renewal Term with Comcast for the provision of a cable television and communications system. These services are non-exclusive and would not prevent another provider from supplying services during the ten-year term. The Township will receive a one-time \$116,500 PEG Capital Grant payable within 6 months of the adoption of the Certificate of Approval by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. Comcast will also continue courtesy cable service at the certain Township and public facilities including volunteer fire and EMS facilities Comcast and the Township agree to partner on Public Service Announcements for the Economic Revitalization

Committee. Comcast will provide 5 Public Service Announcements a month for a period of 3 years which the Township, through the Commercial Revitalization Advisory Board, will allocate to local businesses. Comcast will also consider any application by the non-profit Commercial Revitalization Action Board for provision of additional Public Service Announcements for local businesses or funds connected to the provision of same.)

Motion to Introduce: Stevens Second: Kehm Roll Call:

Stevens	<u>Yes</u>
Scibetta	<u>Yes</u>
Gormley	<u> </u>
Kehm	<u>Yes</u>
Crea	<u>Yes</u>

Ordinance 2020-17 [FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION]

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter 323, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" so as to lower the speed limit on Frog Pond Road to 25 MPH and create a No-Passing Zone

(This Ordinance creates a 25 mph speed limit, as well as a no-passing zone for the entire length of Frog Pond Road)

Motion to Introduce: Scibetta Second: Kehm Roll Call:

Stevens	<u>Yes</u>
Scibetta	<u>Yes</u>
Gormley	<u> </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.

2020-161 Authorizing a contract to Realauction.com LLC for the Electronic Tax Sale for the Tax Collector's Office in the maximum contract amount not to exceed \$37,500.00 and authorizing the Mayor to execute and the Township Clerk to attest to a contract with Realauction.com LLC
(This contract is to allow the Township to conduct the tax sale electronically and not be restricted by the current capacity restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic)

2020-162 Certifying cost to the Board of Assessments for the Osborn Island Maintenance Dredging Project
(Resolution to transmit final costs to the Township Tax Assessor for certification and purposes of holding the public hearing for the pending assessment on waterfront properties in the Osborn Island)

2020-163 Certifying cost to the Board of Assessments for the Mystic Island Maintenance Dredging Project Phase 1 Radio Road East

(Resolution to transmit final costs to the Township Tax Assessor for certification and purposes of holding the public hearing for the pending assessment on waterfront properties in the Mystic Island section East of Radio Road)

2020-164 Cancelling taxes and authorizing refunds pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30

PUBLIC COMMENT – Consent Agenda Only

Motion to Approve: Stevens Second: Scibetta All in favor

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked if the final assessment for the Osborn Island Dredging and Mystic Island Phase 1 is available.

CFO Rodney Haines stated these ordinances are for the committee to approve the final expenses and then go to the Tax Assessor for certification. He explained the process.

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

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

Committeeman Gormley's audio is now restored.

BILL RESOLUTION

2020-165 Authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,061,143.79

Motion to Approve: 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>

MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

- Raffle application for American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island 50/50 raffle on various dates for calendar year 2021
- Raffle application for American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island pull tab raffle for calendar year 2021
- Raffle application for St. Theresa Church monthly 50/50 raffle December, 2020-March, 2021
- Raffle application for American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island 50/50 raffle on December 18, 2020
- Amended Raffle application for F&AM #286 Sextant Lodge reverse raffle on December 27, 2020

Motion to Approve: Scibetta Second: Stevens All in favor

PUBLIC COMMENT – Any Topic

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

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked if the drainage project will include flappers to keep the tides from coming in.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated yes, there is an allotment in the total for tide valves: some on Osborn Island and some on the water front.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked if negotiations have been reached with Comcast.

Committeeman Blaise Scibetta stated we have negotiated a deal with Comcast that will be good for Little Egg Harbor.

Deputy Mayor Kehm briefly discussed the negotiation process and thanked everyone involved in its success.

Mr. Edmunds: Asked what is being done about the speed limit on Center Street.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini announced he has spoken with the Police Chief and Police Captain about the matter; they are increasing police patrols in the area which he briefly discussed.

Mr. Edmunds: Read a prepared statement expressing his concerns with regard to the issues on Center Street.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini explained we are working in conjunction with Tuckerton Borough on the matter.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked what is going on with the energy aggregation program.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated the program with Tri-Eagle is up this month. The rates so far through public bids have not been favorable therefore we will revert back to the utility company's rates at this time.

Mr. Gary Rizzulo: Expressed his concerns regarding bulk pick-up.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini explained residents are to call in for bulk pick-up however if Public Works passes a property with bulk out front, they will note the address for their list.

Ms. Amanda Mauer: Since Dr. Edmunds did a traffic study on Center Street; she asked if police could monitor the street during the busy hours.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini explained Captain Hawkins is working with the Police Chief of Tuckerton Borough to utilize the data provided from the County.

Ms. Amanda Mauer: Discussed the many challenges the police will face while monitoring Center Street and asked if a digital monitor can be placed on the street to show how fast people are driving.

Township Engineer Jason Worth mentioned in talking with the County Engineers office, they are reviewing additional signage within the Little Egg Harbor section of Center Street which he briefly explained.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked if Ordinance 2020-15, Property Pending Foreclosure Registration was created due to Sea Oaks going bankrupt.

Township Administrator Matt Spadaccini stated this ordinance will require foreclosed properties to register with the township which he explained.

Mayor Crea mentioned the meeting agendas are posted on the township website with explanations attached to each one.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked if the governing body has any comments on Sea Oaks going bankrupt.

Mayor Crea explained she does not have any details on the matter.

Mr. Ed Andrew: Thanked the township for bulk clean up and pushing along the special assessment amount.

Motion to Close to Public: Stevens

Second: Scibetta

All in favor

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Jason Worth reported on the bid process of the electric car charging station, the CDBG grant for the community center improvements and the bid for the solar power purchase agreement for the municipal building.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Stevens: Reminded everyone that it is National Library Week and Domestic Violence Awareness Month and she spoke about the upcoming ceremony at the Pulaski Monument.

Scibetta: Spoke about the importance of volunteerism, thanked the Township Engineer for his work on the EV grant and wished everyone a happy Columbus Day.

Gormley: Stated thanks to Jason Worth and his team we were able to secure a town wide dredging permit and mentioned we are close to submitting our permitting process for both beaches.

Kehm: Discussed the plans for the community center, announced the Halloween events have been cancelled this year due to Covid19 however the drive-in movie will continue.

Crea: Thanked everyone for participating in the virtual township meetings and wished everyone safety and wellness.

Being no further business,

Motion to Adjourn: Stevens

Second: Kehm

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,



Diana K. McCracken, RMC
Township Clerk