

LITTLE EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 25, 2018

7:00 P.M.

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 Mr. Schlick Absent Mr. Kehm Yes Ms. Stevens
Yes Mrs. Crea Yes Mr. Gormley

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens read a proclamation designating the month of November 2018 as "National Family Caregivers Month."

Committeeman Dave Schlick read a proclamation designating the month of November as "National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month."

Deputy Mayor Barbara Jo Crea read a proclamation honoring the hero's of 911 with the "Tunnel to Towers" 5K Run & Walk. She presented the proclamation to Michael Silvers of Mystic Island Volunteer Fire Company, Chris Pietsch, West Tuckerton Volunteer Fire Company and Matt Gilmore, Parkertown Volunteer Fire Company. All attended the 5K Run & Walk on September 30, 2018.

Mayor Gormley thanked all the volunteers for the tremendous job they do in serving our community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

> October 11, 2018

Motion to Approve: Schlick Second: Stevens All in favor

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

2018-15 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter 50 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, entitled "Green Team Advisory Committee"

Motion to Approve: Stevens Second: Schlick Roll Call: Schlick Yes Kehm Absent 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.*

Mayor Gormley explained the addition of Resolution 2018-226 which he read in full.

2018-226 A Resolution authorizing a partnership with the Southern Ocean County Chamber of Commerce for Destination Marketing & Economic Development

2018-219 A Resolution extending appointment of Rodney Haines as Acting Chief Financial Officer

2018-220 A Resolution appointing Barbara Kelly as a member to the Little Egg Harbor Township Environmental Commission

2018-221 A Resolution authorizing the preparation of bid specifications and the advertising and receipt of sealed bids for the Private Property Debris Removal and Demolition Program

2018-222 A Resolution authorizing the removal of Block 325.403, Lot 4 from the Tax Sale list

2018-223 A Resolution authorizing the removal of Block 330.01, Lot 28 from the Tax Sale list

2018-224 A Resolution certifying tax liens for costs incurred in accordance with the Property Maintenance Code

PUBLIC COMMENT – Consent Agenda Only

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

*Ms. Debra Vershak: Asked for Barbara Kelly's qualifications as a member to the Environmental Committee.*

*Committeewoman Lisa Stevens mentioned she is a liaison to the Environmental Committee and invited Ms. Kelly to introduce herself.*

*Ms. Barbara Kelly: She stated she has a Bachelor's degree in Biology and a Master's degree in Marine Biology and she briefly discussed her qualifications.*

*Ms. Debra Vershak: Asked if the abandoned house across from Atlantis Country Club on Country Club boulevard is part of the Private Property Debris Removal and Demolition Program.*

*Mayor Ray Gormley explained that property is not on the list at this time and is privately owned.*

*Mr. Ed Andrew: Spoke about the great services available at the Southern Ocean Chamber of Commerce.*

*Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for details on Resolution 2018-221, bids for Private Property Debris Removal and Demolition Program.*

Mayor Gormley stated they will be done on a job to job basis and he briefly explained the process.

Mr. Art Mooney: Mentioned Resolution 2018-224, certifying tax liens for costs incurred in accordance with the Property Maintenance Code is not posted in full on the website.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani gave a brief breakdown of the resolution.

Township Clerk Diana McCracken explained the list is not generated until Tuesday afternoon or late Wednesday therefore the full resolution may not appear on the website. It may be reviewed at the Clerk's Office during business hours.

Mr. Art Mooney: Discussed the importance of transparency.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked if Sandy funds will be used for the Private Property Debris Removal and Demolition Program.

Mayor Gormley stated no and explained it was worked into the budget.

Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained the cost of demolition will be a lien on the properties which the township should be reimbursed for once they are sold.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Asked if a majority of these homes are a result of Super Storm Sandy and how the town decides the order of the project.

Mayor Gormley stated a majority of the homes are Sandy damaged and Code Enforcement provides the list. He explained the process.

Motion to Close to Public: Schlick

Second: Crea

All in favor

Motion to Approve: Stevens	Second: Crea	Roll Call: Schlick	Abstain on 2018-226, yes to balance
		Kehm	Absent
		Stevens	Yes
		Crea	Yes
		Gormley	Yes

**BILL RESOLUTION**

2018-225 A Resolution authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$159,270.51

Motion to Approve: Stevens	Second: Schlick	Roll Call: Schlick	Yes
		Kehm	Absent
		Stevens	Yes
		Crea	Abstain on 10093, 10094, yes to balance
		Gormley	Yes

**MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS**

- Raffle License Application for St. Theresa Church monthly 50/50 raffle January, 2019 – June, 2019
- Raffle License Application for The Baymen Men's Club Inc. 50/50 raffle, various dates January, 2019 – December, 2019
- Raffle License Application for Southern Ocean County Community Foundation Inc. gift raffle on December 6, 2018 at Cuisine on the Green

Motion to Approve: Stevens

Second: Crea

All in favor

## TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS

*Jason worth reported on the Township's Sidewalk Project, the Twin Lakes Boulevard Project, the Osborne Island Dredging Project and the Mystic Island Dredging Permit which is under review.*

*Mayor Gormley spoke about the difficult process in obtaining a dredging permit and credited all involved in making it possible.*

## PUBLIC COMMENT – any topic

Motion to Open to Public: Stevens

Second: Crea

All in favor

*Mr. Wayne Martin: Discussed the issues with flooding on Twin Lakes Boulevard.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth stated the old bulkheads will be reconstructed, all outfall pipes and drains in the road are being replaced and certain inlets and low points will be raised.*

*Ms. Debra Vershak: Asked why the Green Team Committee is increasing by two members and if they are volunteers.*

*Mayor Gormley stated they are all volunteers.*

*Committeewoman Lisa Stevens stated we went through the process to add the additional members to the committee and she briefly explained.*

*Ms. Debra Vershak: Asked if tree clearing permits were issued to Shooters Range on Route 539. Township Engineer Jason Worth stated the tree clearing permits are issued by the township's Zoning Officer at the beginning of a project.*

*Ms. Debra Vershak: Asked how to get a copy of the permit.*

*Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained the information can be requested through an OPRA request form.*

*Ms. Debra Vershak: Expressed her concerns for Shooters Outdoor Range and will be contacting Washington DC, the Environmental Protection Services. She also discussed her views on commercial garbage pick-up.*

*Mr. Art Mooney: Discussed the Energy Aggregation Program.*

*Ms. Pat Johnson: Questioned the change in the disposal site for the Osborn Island Dredging Project.*

*Mayor Gormley explained it is the contractor's obligation to choose an approved disposal site.*

*Mr. Tom Williams: Questioned the residency of a member of the governing body and urged the members to look into it.*

*Township Attorney Jean Cipriani explained legally it is the Board of Elections and the County Clerk's Office that would look into the allegations.*

*Mr. Ed Andrew: Asked when the paving on Maryland Road will begin.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth explained the bond ordinance was approved in early October therefore the paving will not begin until spring.*

*Mr. Ed Andrew: Asked for an update on the Park-N-Ride.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth explained at this time the County has not contacted him regarding their approval. They are trying to answer final questions from the Turnpike Authority.*

*Mr. Ed Andrew: Thanked the Township Engineer and Committee for keeping the public informed on the progress of the dredging project.*

*Mayor Gormley gave an update on the progress of Iowa Court.*

*Ms. Debra Vershak: Believes the Park-N-Ride is in the bid process.*

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated he has not received a copy of the bid packet but will look into it.

Ms. Debra Vershak: Expressed her concerns regarding the grounds of the new townhomes on Playhouse Road. She believes there may be contamination and asked the township to do testing. Mayor Gormley explained it is up to the contractors engineers to test the ground prior to the project.

Motion to Close to Public: Stevens

Second: Crea

All in favor

#### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Schlick: Spoke about the Tunnel to Towers 5K Run & Walk and asked for an update on South Boom Way.

Jason Worth: Gave a brief update.

Stevens: Discussed the success of this year's Trunk or Treat, the Community Outreach Program, and the annual Rabies Clinic.

Crea: Spoke about the Southern Ocean Resource Center and the upcoming Senior Advisory Board meeting to be held at Cranbury Creek.

Gormley: Thanked all the volunteers and sponsors for all they did to make this year's Trunk or Treat a great success.

Being no further business,

Motion to Adjourn: Stevens

Second: Crea

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

*Diana K. McCracken, RMC*

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Township Clerk