

Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting Minutes

DECEMBER 9, 2021

7:00 P.M.

Mayor John Kehm calls the Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting to order and leads the Pledge of Allegiance. Time: 7:00 p.m.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Township Clerk Kelly Lettera read the Open Public Meeting Statement:

"This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law. Notice of this meeting of December 9, 2021 was duly advertised, posted in the Municipal Complex, and has remained posted as required under the aforesaid statute. The Municipal Clerk is directed to include a record of this statement in the minutes of this meeting."

ROLL CALL

Ms. Stevens: present; Mrs. Crea: present; Mr. Gormley: absent;
Mr. Scibetta: present; Mr. Kehm: present

PRESENTATION

Lieutenant Troy Bezak gave a presentation on the Little Egg Harbor Police Department Body Worn Camera Program that will be implemented in a few days after officer training.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Township Attorney Melanie Appleby explained that the executive minutes have been reviewed for accuracy and as long as the Committee Members have reviewed the minutes they can vote on them even if they were not in attendance at the meeting.

- November 8, 2021
- November 8, 2021 Executive Session
- November 12, 2021 Special Meeting

Motion to Approve: Stevens

Second: Scibetta

All in Favor

ORDINANCE 2021-22

[SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter 293 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor Entitled "Solid Waste and Recycling Collection" so as to Amend Article I, Section 293-3 Entitled "Rules and Regulations"

Motion to Open to Public: Crea

Second: Stevens

All in Favor

No public participation.

Motion to Close to Public: Crea Second: Stevens All in Favor

Motion to Adopt: Crea Second: Stevens

Roll Call: All Yes: Ms. Stevens; Mrs. Crea; Mr. Scibetta, Mr. Kehm

ORDINANCE 2021-23 **[SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]**

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter 323 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" so as to Prohibit Parking of Trailers on Streets

Motion to Open to Public: Crea Second: Scibetta All in Favor

No public participation.

Motion to Close to Public: Stevens Second: Crea All in Favor

Motion to Adopt: Crea Second: Scibetta

Roll Call: All Yes: Ms. Stevens; Mrs. Crea; Mr. Scibetta, Mr. Kehm

ORDINACE 2021-24 **[SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]**

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 15 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, Entitled "Land Use and Development"

Motion to Open to Public: Stevens Second: Scibetta All in Favor

Ms. Pat Johnson from the Sandpaper: Asked for details on how the scenic overlay zone will effect the Township.

Township Planner Jim Oris went into great detail regarding the amendment of gateway overlay zone explaining that it allows the Planning Board to entertain improvements for businesses between their building and the street line along the 539 corridor. He further stated the ordinance also adds additional business uses to the overlay zone.

Mr. Kehm stated the Ordinance was approved by the Planning Board at their last meeting.

Ms. Pat Johnson from the Sandpaper: Asked if the Ordinance went before the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Township Planner Jim Otis explained the process of the ordinance and how for Master Plan impact purposes it goes to the Planning Board not the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Mr. Art Mooney of Windstar Drive: Asked if this ordinance was intended to enhance existing businesses or to encourage new business.

Township Planner Jim Oris stated the ordinance is intended to keep the rural character of Little Egg Harbor but provide improvements between the business and property line to enhance businesses.

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

Motion to Adopt: Crea Second: Stevens

Roll Call: All Yes: Ms. Stevens; Mrs. Crea; Mr. Scibetta; Mr. Kehm

ORDINANCE 2021-25

[SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 299 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, Entitled "Streets and Sidewalks"

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

No public participation.

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

Motion to Adopt: Crea Second: Stevens

Roll Call: All Yes: Ms. Stevens; Mrs. Crea; Mr. Scibetta; Mr. Kehm

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.

RESOLUTION 2021-256

Authorizing the Appointment of Jennifer Millar as Clerk 1 for the Construction Office

RESOLUTION 2021-257

Authorizing Execution of Discharge of Mortgage as to Block 326.80, Lot 15 (116 Kadlubeck Way)

RESOLUTION 2021-258

Authorizing the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2020 – June 2025 [The joint Municipal Alliance Committee consists of Eagleswood, Little Egg Harbor and Tuckerton and was established to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse.]

RESOLUTION 2021-259

Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean for the Drug Recognition Expert Callout Program *[A traffic safety program run by the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office for the purpose of utilizing a DRE callout program to assist with identifying and removing intoxicated drivers from the roadway]*

RESOLUTION 2021-260

Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean for the Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Program *[A traffic safety program ran by the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office for the purpose of identifying and removing intoxicated drivers from the roadways]*

RESOLUTION 2021-261

Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean for Use of the County Truck Wash Facilities *[The agreement allows the Township to utilize Ocean County's Truck Wash Facilities for Township Public Works vehicles]*

RESOLUTION 2021-262

Authorizing the Renewal of and execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Ocean Township for Finance Services *[The agreement provides financial services to Ocean Township (Waretown) by the Township's Chief Financial Officer]*

RESOLUTION 2021-263

Authorizing an Amendment to the 2021 Budget to Allow for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 *[\$283,800 from the New Jersey's Clean Energy SmartStart Program]*

RESOLUTION 2021-264

Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes and Provide a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A 54:4-3.30 on Property Qualifying for Veterans Property Tax Exemption (David Dean, Block 285.01, Lot 27)

RESOLUTION 2021-265

Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes on Property Qualifying for Veterans Property Tax Exemption (Richard J. Sheldrake, Block 326.201, Lot 52)

RESOLUTION 2021-266

Authorizing Various Property Tax Refunds

RESOLUTION 2021-267

Authorizing the Tax Collector to Remove Property from Tax Sale (Block 124, Lots 69 and 70)

RESOLUTION 2021-268

Authorizing the Transfers of Appropriations in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58

RESOLUTION 2021-269

Certifying Tax Liens for Costs Incurred in Accordance with the Property Maintenance Code

RESOLUTION 2021-270

Accepting the Retirement of and Authorizing the Compensation of Accumulated Time to Diane Bonello

RESOLUTION 2021-271

Accepting the Retirement of and Authorizing the Compensation of Accumulated Time to Diane Galuppo

RESOLUTION 2021-272

Authorizing Chief Financial Officer, Rodney R. Haines, to receive an annual stipend for providing services to Ocean Township (Waretown) under a Shared Services Agreement with Ocean Township for Finance Services [*Authorizing an annual stipend to Mr. Haines for providing financial services to Ocean Township (Waretown) under the Shared Services Agreement*]

RESOLUTION 2021-273

Authorizing the Release of Performance Guarantee Posted for the Road Opening – 17 South Baltimore Drive by MSC Enterprises LLC

RESOLUTION 2021-274

Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Township Administrative Support Staff

PUBLIC COMMENT – Consent Agenda Only

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

Ms. Pat Johnson from the Sandpaper: Asked for additional information and changes that have occurred with Resolution 2021-262 and Resolution 2021-272 pertaining to Mr. Rodney Haines and his agreements with Ocean Township.

Interim Business Administrator/CFO, Rodney Haines stated he is working on an “as needed” basis with Ocean Township.

Ms. Pat Johnson from the Sandpaper: Asked how much the Township is receiving from Ocean Township for his services.

Interim Business Administrator/CFO, Rodney Haines stated Ocean Township is paying a 2% increase over the original amount of \$61,200 annually, of which a stipend of \$36,720 annually is provided to Mr. Haines and the Township receives the remaining amount annually.

Ms. Pat Johnson from the Sandpaper: Asked about Resolution 2021-263 Clean Energy Smartstart Program and if it pertains to electric vehicles.

Mayor John Kehm stated the program pertains to LED street lighting within the Township.

Township Engineer Jason Worth provided additional information on the program stating that 1450 street lights will be converted from high pressure sodium bulbs to LED lights throughout the Township.

Deputy Mayor Scibetta stated the next step is to replace the bus shelter with next year's budget and possibly recoup the money through local business advertising on the shelter itself.

Interim Business Administrator/CFO, Rodney Haines stated NJ Transit provided the first bus shelter and all upkeep and maintenance thereafter is done by the Sponsor, which is the Township. The cost for a replacement bus shelter is between \$6,000 and \$10,000. He further stated for the future all bus shelters are on the Township Insurance Policy.

Motion to Close to Public: Stevens

Second: Scibetta

All in Favor

BEST PRACTICES

Interim Business Administrator/CFO, Rodney Haines stated every year the state of New Jersey requires the Township to fill out the best practices checklist which he has completed and the inventory in accordance with the guidelines. He stated the Township scored 20.5 and the state aid will not get reduced because it was above 15. He also stated no vote is required and the checklist will be provided on the website.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Jason Worth gave updates on the active projects within the Township. He stated the improvements made to Tradewinds Drive and Seabreeze Drive are wrapping up and all that remains is restoration and top paving, which should be completed by next week. He stated the dredging for the Mystic Island Phase II Project is finishing up and all should be finished by next week. He stated the dredging for Atlantis is finally underway and will be working there for the next seven weeks then moving over to Mystic Island after that. He lastly stated that the reconstruction of the football and soccer fields is underway and the drainage work has been completed and the sod replacement will be done in the spring. He also wished everyone Happy Holidays with their families.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mayor Kehm presented Committee Member Stevens with a bouquet of flowers for her service and a job well done. He wished her well and appreciated all she has done for the Township.

Committee Member Stevens thanked everyone for the generous gift and for the enjoyment she has had working for the Township. She further stated she will be going into retirement for a while but will eventually work with the Polasky Monument to provide residents with the knowledge and history held within Little Egg Harbor Township. Lastly, she stated it was truly an honor and privilege serving the Township and wished Mr. Maxwell all the best as the next Committee Member.

Committee Member Crea thanked Ms. Stevens for being such a good companion and friend through the years and wished her all the best of luck. Mrs. Crea wished everyone from her family to theirs a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday.

Committee Member Scibetta reiterated what Mr. Money previously stated about the Veterans and thanked Ms. Stevens for all hard work she did during Hurricane Sandy and working for the veterans. He again stated he attended the NJLOM Conference and was provided with a wealth of information

