

JANUARY 14, 2021

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TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY – Virtual public meeting procedure & protocol statement

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Motion to Approve: Stevens

Second: Gormley

All in favor

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			Crea	<u>Yes</u>
			Scibetta	<u>Yes</u>
			Kehm	<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.

- 2021-45 Accepting the retirement of and authorizing the compensation of accumulated time to Thomas Maino
- 2021-46 Accepting the resignation of and authorizing the compensation of accumulated time to Dylan Kraszewski
- 2021-47 Confirming the special assessment amount determined by the Tax Assessor for the Osborn Island Maintenance Dredging Project
 [This Resolution acknowledges the prior public hearing on the matter which noticed 336 water-front properties benefiting from the project, and adopts and confirms the Certified Assessor's report as to the special assessment amount of \$5,056.16 with regard to the Osborn Island Maintenance Dredging Project.]
- 2021-48 Confirming the special assessment amount determined by the Tax Assessor for the Mystic Island Maintenance Dredging Project Phase 1 – Radio Road East
 [This Resolution acknowledges the prior public hearing on the matter which noticed 524 water-front properties benefiting from the project , and adopts and confirms the Certified Assessor's report as to the special assessment amount of \$4,844.74 with regard to the Mystic Island Maintenance Dredging Project Phase 1 – Radio Road East.]
- 2021-49 Authorizing the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding to participate in the On P.O.I.N.T. Program with Ocean Mental Health Services, Inc.
 [Ocean Mental Health Services, Inc. to provide the provision of on-site social workers to assist the Little Egg Harbor Police Department in handling mental health, substance abuse, and social service related calls that the Little Egg Harbor Police receive and provide day-to-day management of the operations of the On P.O.I.N.T. Program]
- 2021-50 Authorizing the execution of Change Order #1 (final) to the contract for Fence Replacement at the Community Center

[Change Order No. 1 (Final), which will result in a net increase of \$882.54 in the contract price, to a new adjusted total of \$45,345.54, representing supplemental work and final as-built quantity adjustment]

2021-51 Authorizing the execution of a Schedule “C” Agreement with the County of Ocean for 2021

[It is the desire of the Ocean County Board of Commissioners to assist local governmental units in the repair and maintenance of its streets and property, road overlay, in addition to providing certain materials and supplies in connection therewith. The township engineer has recommended Oak Leaf Drive, Spruce Drive, Revolutionary Road, Jefferson Lane and Revere Drive to be included in the work undertaken under the Agreement.]

2021-52 Authorizing the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean for the “Move Over” Law Enforcement Program

[The “Move Over” Law Enforcement Program is a traffic safety program run by the Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office for the purposes of identifying, educating, and removing reckless drivers from the roadways.]

2021-53 Authorizing the release of a maintenance guarantee posted for Dollar General

[The township engineer inspected the site and has determined that all of the bonded improvements have been maintained in substantial compliance with the Board approvals.]

2021-54 Awarding a contract for the Registration of Property Pending Foreclosure to Property Registration Champions, LLC d/b/a PROCHAMPS

[This Resolution awards a contract to the lone respondent, Property Registration Champions (PROCHAMS), after proposals were solicited, for services related to registration of property in the Township, pending foreclosure.]

2021-55 Certifying tax liens for costs incurred in accordance with the Property Maintenance Code

[In situations where properties have had previous maintenance violations such as overgrown grass, weeds, brush, etc. the Township performs the necessary clean up and bills the property owner for the cost of the clean-up.]

2021-56 Authorizing various tax refunds

PUBLIC COMMENT – Consent Agenda Only

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

No public participation.

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

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

BILL RESOLUTION

2021-57 Authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$5,048,115.63

Motion to Approve: Crea	Second: Stevens	Roll Call:	Stevens	<u>Yes</u>
			Gormley	<u>Yes</u>
			Crea	Abstain on 01046, 01047, 01048, yes to balance
			Scibetta	<u>Yes</u>
			Kehm	<u>Yes</u>

PUBLIC COMMENT – Any Topic

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

Dr. John: Asked the Township Engineer if there is an update on the County project on Center Street.

Township Engineer Jason Worth mentioned he spoke with County Engineer's office who stated they have taken over a portion of Center Street within Tuckerton which he explained.

Dr. John: Read a prepared statement regarding the issues on Center Street.

Mayor John Kehm stated the County is currently working on the issues on Center Street which he discussed.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Questioned why the consent agenda was no longer read aloud.

Township Engineer Melanie Appleby explained the consent agenda items should be read by title in the future.

Mayor John Kehm explained the agenda is posted on our website prior to each meeting for public review however we will begin reading the consent agenda items beginning next meeting.

Ms. Amanda Mauer: Asked if a flashing speed sign could be placed on Center Street to make people aware of the speed limit as well as how fast they are going.

Mayor John Kehm stated he will look into it.

Mr. James King: Announced he is the Pinelands Soccer Association President. He congratulated the mayor and committee and looks forward to working with them in the upcoming year.

Ms. Stephanie Lombo: Asked for details on the dredging project assessment.

CFO Rodney Haines stated the ordinance states the billings are due March 14, with a thirty day grace period which he explained.

Ms. Stephanie Lombo: Asked for the interest amount for the monthly payments.

CFO Rodney Haines stated the assessment can be paid in one lump sum or over a ten year term which he explained.

Mr. Gerald McGuire: Spoke about property maintenance issues on the sidewalk between the Sunrise Bay development and St. Theresa Church.

Township Engineer Jason Worth believes that may be part of the Sunrise Bay Association but will look into it.

Ms. Pat Johnson: Mentioned the dredging project came in less than it was bonded for and asked what happens to the additional money.

CFO Rodney Haines explained those monies were never borrowed and at the December meeting we cancelled the unspent portion of the ordinances which he discussed.

Mr. Lou Durako: Asked if a partial lump sum payment can be made on the bill.

CFO Rodney Haines explained as long as you're paying more than the initial installment you can pay as much as you want which will reduce your future requirements.

Mr. William Bruffer: Asked why 4.5 million dollars was borrowed if the town knew it wouldn't cost that much.

CFO Rodney Haines reiterated his previous comments.

Mike of E. Sail Drive: Since the entire 4.5 million dollars was not borrowed he asked if township money is being used and residents charged interest.

CFO Rodney Haines stated the ordinance requires the individuals that benefit from the project pay for the cost of the project which he explained.

Mike of E. Sail Drive: Explained he has no water behind his home since Super Storm Sandy especially at low tide and is asking why they are not dredging his area.

Township Engineer Jason Worth explained we did survey up and down the lagoons prior to the project. He asked if he was talking about the area about fifteen feet from his bulkhead out to the center of the lagoon.

Mike of E. Sail Drive: stated yes, that is the area.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated the dredging was never to take place closer than fifteen feet to a bulkhead. It is maintaining the main lagoons and channels which he explained.

Mayor Kehm asked Mike to forward his information to the Township Engineer to look into.

Mr. Todd Saylor: Discussed similar issues on the same street.

Mayor Kehm mentioned he will look into it with the Township Engineer.

Mr. Ed Andrew: Briefly discussed his findings regarding the depth of the water.

Ms. Trish Capobianco: Explained she lives close to the traffic light on Oak Lane and Center Street. She spoke about speeding in front of her home and asked if some signage could be put up.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated he has spoken to the county about better signage and will follow up on it.

Police Chief Rich Buzby briefly discussed some of the challenges the police department has had with enforcing traffic due to the lack of shoulder on that roadway. We will continue to work on it until we solve this problem.

Mr. Art Mooney: Spoke about an earlier matter regarding the portion of land between Sunrise Bay and St. Theresa's Church.

Ms. Stephanie Lombo: Asked if the dredging assessment bill will be itemized so we can see how the money is spent.

CFO Rodney Haines explained the itemized expenses were sent out to everyone back in October with the notice of public hearings.

Ms. Trisha Capobianco: Asked if Center Street could be made a one way street.

Township Engineer Jason Worth discussed the impact that may have on the surrounding roads and mentioned it is also a County road.

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

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Jason Worth reported on the Electric Vehicle Charging Station, the RFP's for landscaping work at Veteran's Park, and the townships future project in Mystic Island for drainage work.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Stevens: Spoke about Covid19 and the vaccine.

Crea: Encouraged everyone to get the Covid19 vaccine and gave the information for the County Board of Health website.

Gormley: Discussed the tree planting project at Veteran's Park and the dredging letter that was sent out for the Atlantis area.

Scibetta: Thanked the Township Engineer for his work on the Electric Charging Station, spoke about the goals of DART Coalition and announced the upcoming registration for Pinelands Soccer Association.

Kehm: Spoke about future negotiations with Atlantic City Electric.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2021-58 Authorizing the convening of an executive session in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act – matters of discussion are contractual matters: Superior Officers, Blue Collar and Sports Complex. Formal action may be taken.

Motion to Approve: Scibetta Second: Gormley All in favor

Township Attorney Melanie Appleby read the following resolutions by title.

2021-59 Authorizing the execution of a collective bargaining agreement and the ratification of a memorandum of agreement with PBA Local 295 SOA (Superior Officers Association)

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

2021-60 Authorizing the execution of a collective bargaining agreement and the ratification of a memorandum of agreement with American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, New Jersey, (AFSCME) Local 3304E (Blue Collar)

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

Being no further business,
 Motion to adjourn: Stevens Second: Gormley All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Diana McCracken

Diana K. McCracken, RMC
 Township Clerk