

LITTLE EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2021

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 October 14, 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-absent; Mrs. Crea-present; Mr. Gormley-present;
Mr. Scibetta-present; Mr. Kehm-present

PROCLAMATION

Committeewoman Crea read a Proclamation designating the month of October 2021, as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

➤ September 9, 2021 Township Meeting

Motion to Approve: Gormley Second: Crea All in favor

Police Chief Jim Hawkins gave a brief overview of the new Officers appointed to the Police Department.

RESOLUTION 2021-204

Appointing Sydney Dietrick as Police Officer for the Township of Little Egg Harbor Police Department

Motion to Approve: Crea Second: Scibetta

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

RESOLUTION 2021-205

Appointing Dave DeFeo as Police Officer for the Township of Little Egg Harbor Police Department

Motion to Approve: Gormley Second: Scibetta

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

RESOLUTION 2021-206

Appointing Vincent Grasso as a Special Law Enforcement Class II Police Officer

Motion to Approve: Scibetta Second: Crea

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

RESOLUTION 2021-207

Appointing Luke Wiatrowski as a Special Law Enforcement Class II Police Officer

Motion to Approve: Gormley Second: Scibetta

Roll Call: All Yes: Mrs. Crea, Mr. Gormley, Mr. Scibetta, Mr. Kehm

Absent: Ms. Stevens

Township Attorney Melanie Appleby administered the Oath of Office's to newly appointed Police Officer's Sydney Dietrick, Dave DeFeo, Vincent Grasso and Luke Wiatrowski.

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.

- 2021-208 Authorizing the Appointment of Chief James Hawkins as Emergency Management Coordinator
- 2021-209 Authorizing the Appointment of Melinda MacNeil as a Per Diem Telecommunicator for the Little Egg Harbor Township Police Department
- 2021-210 Authorizing the Appointment of Ryan Vaux as Alternate Member No. 2 of the Little Egg Harbor Township Planning Board
- 2021-211 Authorizing the Appointment of Larry Ditzel as Plumbing Subcode Official for the Construction Department
- 2021-212 Authorizing the Transfer of Annmarie Papernik from the Township Tax Collector's Office to the Township Police Records Department
- 2021-213 Authorizing the Appointment of Doug Apgar as Laborer 1 for the Department of Public Works
- 2021-214 Accepting the Retirement of and Authorizing the Compensation of Accumulated Time to Patricia Richards
- 2021-215 Accepting the Resignation of and Authorizing the Compensation of Accumulated Time to Kim Bassyouni
- 2021-216 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes on Property Qualifying for Veterans' Property Tax Exemption (Charles A. Smith, Jr., Block 190.10, Lot 8)
- 2021-217 Adopting the Township Personnel Policies and Procedures

- 2021-218 Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Mystic Island Volunteer Fire Company and Little Egg Harbor Township Fire District No. 2 for Vehicle Maintenance Services
- 2021-219 Certifying the Governing Body has Reviewed, as a Minimum, Sections of the Annual Audit
- 2021-220 Authorizing the Partial Release of Performance Guarantee Posted for The Estates by Woodmont Properties
- 2021-221 Authorizing assignment of Tax Sale Certificate #11-00020
- 2021-222 Authorizing assignment of Tax Sale Certificate #12-00034
- 2021-223 Authorizing assignment of Tax Sale Certificate #12-00521
- 2021-224 Authorizing assignment of Tax Sale Certificate #18-00019
- 2021-225 Authorizing assignment of Tax Sale Certificate #18-00493
- 2021-226 Authorizing assignment of Tax Sale Certificate #19-00062
- 2021-227 Certifying Tax Liens for Costs Incurred in Accordance with the Property Maintenance Code
- 2021-230 Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Agreement with USWU Local 255

PUBLIC COMMENT – Consent Agenda Only

Motion to Open to Public: Gormley

Second: Crea

All in favor

Ms. Pat Johnson of the Sandpaper: Asked for Patricia Richards position with the Township, her years of service and accumulated compensation.

CFO Rodney Haines stated Ms. Richards was the Police Records Clerk and her payout will be \$18,660.11 which he explained will be paid in \$500 installments starting December 2021.

Ms. Pat Johnson of the Sandpaper: Asked for the detail of Kim Bassyouni's payout.

CFO Rodney Haines stated Ms. Bassyouni's resigned and her payout is \$137.90.

Ms. Pat Johnson of the Sandpaper: Asked for clarification on the Shared Services Agreement with the fire companies for vehicle maintenance services that was on tonight's agenda.

Mayor Kehm briefly explained the shared services process.

CFO Rodney Haines stated the fire companies use the Township's fuel, minor vehicle parts and repairs and the Township get reimbursed for those services.

Motion to Close to Public: Gormley Second: Scibetta All in favor
Roll Call: All Yes: Mrs. Crea, Mr. Gormley, Mr. Scibetta, Mr. Kehm
 Absent: Ms. Stevens

BILL RESOLUTION

2021-228 Authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$5,782,408.35

Motion to Approve: Scibetta Second: Gormley

Roll Call: All Yes: Mrs. Crea, Mr. Gormley, Mr. Scibetta, Mr. Kehm
 Ms. Crea abstained on 21-10044, 21-10045, 21-10048 & 21-10049
 Absent: Ms. Stevens

MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

Bingo Application No. 2021-03 for American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island Bingo held every Tuesday from November 2, 2021 – December 7, 2021

Raffle Application No. 2021-24 for PTO Pinelands Regional School District 50/50 On-Premise Raffle on November 18, November 19, November 20, December 10, 2021, February 3, and February 4, 2022

Raffle Application No. 2021-25 for American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island 50/50 On Premise Raffle from January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Raffle Application No. 2021-26 for American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island Pull Tab Raffle from January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Raffle Application No. 2021-27 for Woman's Club by the Bay 50/50 On-Premise Raffle on September 19, 2022, October 17, 2022 and November 21, 2022

Motion to Approve: Scibetta Second: Gormley All in favor

PUBLIC COMMENT – Any Topic

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

Mr. Peter Fenwerda of Warren Grove: Asked the Township to come up with a lower tax rate next year.

Ms. Jodi Stewart of Captains Drive: Spoke about the forgiveness of the Sandy disaster loans.

Mayor Kehm thanked Jodi Stewart for her organizations efforts and efforts of those who helped throughout the state.

Ms. Roberta Rapasarti of Cable Drive: Spoke on behalf of the Environmental Commission providing the Committee with an update on the projects they are working on.

Mr. Art Mooney of Windstar Drive: Asked for an update on the bus shelter in front of St. Theresa's Church and the American Rescue Plan.

CFO Rodney Haines gave a brief update on both matters.

Mr. Joe Rullo of Pin Oak Lane: Co-Chairman of the Environmental Commission, spoke about the success of the Blue Bird Program as well as the Community Wide Clean-up event.

Ms. Kate Goode of Spooner Court: Spoke about the Police Chief's salary, the governing body's health insurance and issues with the Township's website.

Mr. Gabriel Franco of West Hudson Drive: With regard to the dredging, he asked if negotiations for the project fail if there will be additional assessments.

Mayor Kehm stated the matter will be discussed in tonight's executive session and hopefully a contractor will be appointed.

Mr. John Edmunds of Spruce Drive: Asked if the Resolutions listed on the agenda could contain more detailed information. He also commended Police Chief Hawkins on the increased police presence in the Center Street area.

Mr. Dan Maxwell of Mariners Point: Praised the Environmental Commission, the Police Chief and the new members to the Police Department.

Mr. Peter Ferwerda of Warren Grove: Spoke about the importance of transparency within the Township.

Mr. Joe Rullo of Pin Oak Lane: Commended Mr. Dan Maxwell and the governing body for their work on the Community-Wide Clean-up event.

Ms. Pat Johnson from the Sandpaper: Discussed some issues with the Police Department's website and asked if a garbage truck was in an accident.

Police Chief Hawkins explained the website is under construction.

CFO Rodney Haines stated one of the garbage trucks was in an accident.

Mr. Art Mooney of Windstar Drive: Discussed modifying the Township website, asking if it could be more user friendly for the public.

Mr. Gabriel Franco: Mentioned the success of this past weekend's Community-Wide Clean up event and thanked Public Works for assisting with supplies.

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

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Jason Worth gave updates on the Mystic Island Phase 2 Drainage Project, the preconstruction meeting for improvements to the recreation complex football and soccer fields, the Safe Routes to School application, and the Township's annual Community Rating System.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Crea: Congratulated the new Police Officers and gave an update on the next Senior Citizen Advisory Board Meeting.

Gormley: Spoke about the importance of volunteerism.

Scibetta: Spoke about the upcoming Harvest Festival hosted by the Little Egg Harbor Chamber of Commerce and praised members of the Environmental Commission for all their hard work during the Community-Wide Clean up event. He also praised the newly hired officers and thanked all the Police Officers for all their hard work that takes place making the community and residents safe.

Kehm: Congratulated this evenings new Police Officers and spoke about former Community Center volunteer Dan Wegman's dedication to the center and the residents of this town.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2021-229 Authorizing the Convening of an Executive Session in Accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss contractual and personnel matters and sale of real estate property. Formal action may be taken.

Motion to Approve: Gormley Second: Scibetta All in favor

Motion to Close Executive Session and Reconvene Regular Township Meeting

Motion: Gormley Second: Crea All in favor

Resolution 2021-231 A Resolution Awarding Contract to JPC Group, Inc. in Accordance with NJSA 40A:11-5(3) for the Mystic Island West Phase I & Atlantis Maintenance Dredging Project

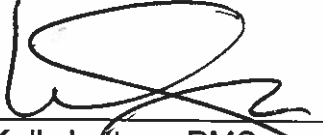
Township Attorney Melanie Appleby provided an overview of the bid and negotiation process, under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3), with the three original bidders and the detailed

breakdown of what the lowest bidder has now proposed for the Mystic Island West Phase I & Atlantis Maintenance Dredging Project. She stated that JPC Group, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder after the negotiations, submitted a base bid of \$8,075,000.00, Alternate Bid 'A' \$1,275,000.00 and Alternate Bid 'B' \$93.00 for a total bid amount of \$9,350,093.00.

Motion to Approve: Gormley Second: Scibetta All in Favor

Motion to Adjourn: Gormley Second: Scibetta All in Favor

I hereby certify the foregoing Minutes were formally approved by the Little Egg Harbor Township Committee.



Kelly Lettera, RMC
Township Clerk