

# Egg Harbor Township Municipal Alliance

Egg Harbor Township Municipal Building, 3515 Bargaintown Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

Tuesday, March 14, 2017 3:30pm  
Egg Harbor Township Community Center  
Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey

## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 3:45pm by Secretary Dena Danz.

The opening statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Member Stephen Slusarski.

### **PRESENT**

Kim Burns  
Dena Danz, Secretary  
Peter Jamieson  
Nick Pella  
Stephen Slusarski  
Matthew von der Hayden, Deputy Administrator

### **ABSENT**

Gwendolyn Conedy  
Staci DiMattia - **EXCUSED**  
Robert O'Donoghue - **EXCUSED**  
Anna Strang  
Lori Ward  
Brian Wilson - **EXCUSED**

All members in attendance were administered their oaths of office. Members in attendance discussed the need for a new chairman. Judge Switzer has retired and the newly appointed Judge Nehmad has stated that he could not be appointed to the municipal alliance due to a conflict of interest.

Members in attendance discussed the need for the chairman, and Secretary Danz made the motion, and it was seconded by Member Slusarski to have Nick Pella serve as the chairman. Member Pella accepted the nomination and it was agreed by all members in attendance.

Secretary Danz reminded members that the 2016-17 grant money needed to be spent by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Member Burns was asked to relay the information related to Atlantic Prevention Resources programs and get any outstanding invoices sent in. Member Slusarski was asked to relay this information on to the DARE/Adopt a cop and project medicine drop coordinators and Secretary Danz will handle hooked on fishing and project graduation final invoices.

Member Slusarski advised that project medicine drop collected over 550 pounds of unused medication last year. This was averaging between 20-30 pounds every two weeks.

We will look into adding hooked on fishing program to the Nature Reserve area in addition to the boat trip as another way to reach out to kids of the younger age group.

National Night out was discussed. The new location of Veteran's Park was great and we will be keeping it there this year. Members were encouraged to look into additional sponsors to assist with paying for the fireworks display.

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Deputy Administrator von der Hayden will reach out to Ocean City to see if their co-op for fireworks is something we can do. This cost may be less than what we pay now, he also mentioned that he will get us a contact from the ACUA who will have information on additional food trucks for the event, as many said we needed more food.

Deputy Administrator von der Hayden also discussed the sustainable Jersey grant and will look for ways to add the Alliance into this grant.

Member Jamieson discussed the nature reserve and mentioned that there are blue bird boxes out there and maybe we could look into adding a bird watching program to the Alliance. Secretary Danz mentioned that if this is something that the Alliance could not proceed with, maybe Recreation could. Member Jamieson will get more information on this for us to discuss in the future.

Member Jamieson also discussed Fun day for the unemployed that is hosted by Asbury United Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed if anyone is interested or knows a group that wants to help. The event is a one day event and runs from 10-2 or 11-3 and will offer games, prizes and lunches for families in the Township who are struggling due to lack of work. It's a way to get their minds off their worries. Secretary Danz suggested contacting Christie Flynn at the High School to see if she had contact information for those who may need the assistance and for volunteers.

Member Burns suggested we look into hosting an event where we bring drugs, suicide and other issues to light for parents and students. An event like this was done at Stockton last year and hosted by Galloway Alliance and the Galloway PD. Secretary Danz stated she attended that and that Laura Pfrommer, Township Committeewoman was interested in this as well. Member Burns and Secretary Danz will try to coordinate with Mrs. Pfrommer and the PD and County to see if and when this can be done. We may be able to team up with JTAC and move forward with this event at the Community Center.

General Public in attendance at this meeting was Nadine Flynn. Nadine stated that she was interested in seeing what the alliance offered and how we were funded. Members explained the programs to her and Secretary Danz provided her with a copy of how the grant from the county breaks down. Nadine was advised if she needed any additional information to call Secretary Danz and she would supply it. She thanked us for our time.

Members discussed the next meeting dates and settled on 4/25 and 6/6 at 3:30 at the Community Center.

Motion was made by Member Slusarski and seconded by Member Burns to adjourn at 5pm. All members were in favor and the meeting was closed.

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Dena Danz, Alliance Secretary

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Nick Pella, Alliance Chairman