

Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting  
Municipal Building, Bargaintown Road  
Egg Harbor Township NJ 08234  
Wednesday, January 25, 2012 – 5:00 p.m.

**Minutes**

Mayor McCullough called the Meeting to Order at 5:06 p.m.

Township Clerk Tedesco read the Opening Statement Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act

Roll Call:	Joe Cafero	present
	John Carman, Jr.	present
	Paul Hodson	present
	Laura Pfrommer	present
	James J. McCullough	present

Also in attendance were Township Solicitor Friedman, Township Administrator Miller, Township Engineer Mott and Township Clerk Tedesco.

**New Business**

**Taxicab Licenses**

In light of the recent sundry changes to taxicab laws, Mayor McCullough recommended Committeemen Carman and Cafero together Paul Rosenberg, Planning Board member form a sub-committee to review the new changes in the law against our existing code for taxicabs and limousines. The sub-committee was asked to present a list of recommended changes to the Township Committee. The Governing Body had no objections and Mr. Rosenberg who was in attendance agreed to serve on this sub-committee.

Mayor McCullough said School Superintendent McCartney has requested two members of Township Committee to serve as liaisons together with three members of the Board of Education to review various school related matters. Mayor McCullough asked Deputy Mayor Hodson and Committeewoman Pfrommer to serve and they agreed. Mayor McCullough reported the Board of Education has choosen to hold School Elections with the General Election. The State Commissioner of Elections will decide if the Board of Education candidates will be listed separately from party candidates. Mayor McCullough said he foresees voter frustration at the 2012 General Election due to the re-districting which will occur in Egg Harbor Township. He explained several existing districts have been re-drawn and five new districts have been added.

**Assignment of Municipal Liens**

Administrator Miller explained Empire Tax Funds and Leo Schoffer have both requested to purchase tax liens. Township Committee had no objections and resolutions will be listed at the February 8, 2012 Township Committee meeting for further consideration.

**2012 Budget**

Administrator Miller advised the deadline to introduce the municipal budget has been extended by one month and our budget is scheduled to be introduced at the March 14<sup>th</sup> Township Committee meeting.

**Other Business (not listed on the Agenda)**

Administrator Miller reported one bid was received for auto body repair which was not less than ten percent of the state contract. Since the state contract ends January 31, 2012 and the vendor will not renew that contract, Township Committee can consider awarding a contract to the original bidder. A resolution will be listed for the February 8, 2012 Township Committee meeting.

**Closed Session**

Number	Title
73	Authorizing the Township Committee to convene into a Closed Executive Session to discuss matters involving litigation; COAH litigation (6 months) and English Creek litigation (6 months)
<b>Motion</b>	Motion Carman, second Cafero to approve Resolution 73
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes

**Township Clerk Tedesco read the Video Broadcast/Television Statement**

**Mayor McCullough lead the Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

Joe Cafero	present
John Carman, Jr.	present
Paul Hodson	present
Laura Pfrommer	present
James J. McCullough	present

**General Public Discussion**

No one came forward.

Motion Cafero, second Hodson to close the public portion. Vote: all voted, yes

**Engineer’s Report**

Township Engineer Mott had nothing to report at this time.

**Resolutions (Consent Calendar)**

Number	Title
74	Resolution transferring monies from one appropriation to another
75	Resolution amending Resolution 474 of 2011 entitled “Resolution authorizing extension of agreement with Core Mechanical Inc for HVAC Services”
76	Resolution awarding contract for Public Works Employees clothing purchase (The Hub)
77	Resolution authorizing cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate 10-00638 for Block 3912, Lot 60.35
78	Resolution authorizing cancellation of Tax Sale Certificates 07-00479, 07-00481, 07-00484 and 07-00486
79	Resolution authorizing cancellation and refund of taxes pursuant to NJSA 54:4-

	3.30 and NJSA 54:4-3.32 on property known as Block 2410, Lot 2 (2 Pole Bridge Road)
80	Resolution authorizing refund of overpaid taxes (various)
81	Resolution authorizing refunds from developers escrow accounts (various)
82	Resolution appointing Robert Fisher as Ambulance Service Member
83	Resolution approving salary increase for William Connelly
<b>Motion</b>	Motion Hodson, second Cafero to approve Consent Calendar Resolutions 74 through 83
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes

#### Resolution (Bill List)

Number	Title
84	Authorizing payment of all bills pursuant to Exhibit A
<b>Motion</b>	Motion Cafero, second Pfrommer to adopt Resolution 84
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes

#### Reports

##### *Township Committee:*

Committeeman Cafero commented a very informative meeting regarding the environmental status of Price's Pit was held last night at the Community Center. Mr. Cafero said funding has been secured and further remediation of this property will begin including the construction of an access road and a water treatment plant.

Deputy Mayor Hodson agreed that last night's meeting regarding Price's Pit was very informative and will be beneficial to area residents.

Committeewoman Pfrommer announced the Recreation Department will be hosting their annual karate competition this weekend and welcomed the public to attend.

Mayor McCullough reminded residents parking is not permitted on snow covered streets which allows our Public Works personnel to plow the streets more quickly and efficiently.

#### Approvals

<b>Motion</b>	Motion Hodson, second Cafero to approve the minutes from the January 1, 2012 Egg Harbor Township Reorganization Meeting
<b>Vote</b>	All voted, yes
<b>Motion</b>	Motion Hodson, second Pfrommerto approve the minutes from the January 11, 2012 Egg Harbor Township Regular Meeting
<b>Vote</b>	All voted, yes
<b>Motion</b>	Motion Cafero, second Carman to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2012 Egg Harbor Township Executive Meeting pursuant to Resolution 53 of 2012
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes

Mayor McCullough acknowledged Donna Burns, 102 Woodbury Drive who asked to address the Governing Body regarding the Egg Harbor Township Dog Park proposal. Mayor McCullough announced that he would

recuse himself from this portion of the meeting based upon recent criticism from several of the dog park supporters regarding him personally and the Egg Harbor Township Golf Course.

Mayor McCullough left the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Ms. Burns stated that she did not have any issues with Mayor McCullough's involvement with the municipal golf course. Ms. Burns advised she contacted Atlantic County Executive Levinson and requested they maintain ownership of the parcel they are willing to donate for a dog park. However, Atlantic County stated they are not interested in having a dog park. Ms. Burns said she reconsidered possible sites and proposed use of a portion of the park located on Scarborough Drive which is owned by Egg Harbor Township. Ms. Burns acknowledged the Township Committee's concerns about the dog park committee possibly disbanding in the future and potential liability issues. Ms. Burns advised the organization would be willing to enter into an agreement with Egg Harbor Township to dissolve the dog park if the committee should cease to exist.

Administrator Miller stated this park has a lot of activity during the baseball, soccer and la crosse seasons.

Deputy Mayor Hodson noted area residents were very much opposed to the Pine Avenue location that was previously proposed. Mr. Hodson said the Township Committee will reconsider the new proposal.

There was a brief discussion and Township Committee advised the new location will also need to be reviewed by the Township Engineer and the Recreation Commission in addition to the Governing Body who are still concerned with liability issues.

#### **Adjournment**

**Motion** Carman, second Cafero to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 pm

**Vote:** all present voted, yes

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**JAMES J. MC CULLOUGH, MAYOR**

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**EILEEN M. TEDESCO, RMC, TOWNSHIP CLERK**

These minutes were approved by the Governing Body at the February 8, 2012 Township Committee Meeting.