

Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting
Municipal Building, Bargaintown Road
Egg Harbor Township NJ 08234

Wednesday, February 9, 2011 – 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Call to Order

Mayor McCullough called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Opening Statement Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act

Deputy Township Clerk read the opening statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act

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

Taxicab Hearings

Luis Marin. Mr. Marin who was denied the renewal of his taxi driver's license appeared before the Committee with an interpreter, Mr. Johanes Nunez. Both men were sworn in. Mr. Marin explained that driving his taxi was his sole means of support and apologized for his carelessness and that he would be careful in the future. He was advised by the Township Committee that they would take his plea into consideration, make a decision and contact him within a week's time.

Atef Bikhit. Mr. Bikhit who was denied the renewal of his limousine driver's license appeared before the Committee. He was sworn in. Mr. Bikhit explained that if his license would not be renewed that he would not be able to properly support his family. He apologized for his carelessness and that he would be careful in the future. He was advised by the Township Committee that they would take his plea into consideration, make a decision and contact him within a week's time.

Old Business

Solid Waste Bids. Administrator Miller advised Township Committee that it is his recommendation to purchase the new trucks and to continue providing the service of trash removal in house. The cost to purchase the five vehicles and the refuse containers is \$1,863,935. That amount takes into consideration a \$150,000 trade in. We have \$1,600,000 in capital from the funds set aside for the public works building. That would leave a balance to come up with of \$263,935. We have \$114,000 due us from the insurance carrier for the fire damage to the two trucks, thereby leaving a deficit of \$149,935 to be funded. Auditor Swartz recommends allowing the insurance reimbursement to be realized as unanticipated revenue which could be used in the 2012 budget and to hold the balance of the purchase. The amount to be authorized is \$275,000 of which \$225,000 will be bonded and the balance of \$50,000 is available in the capital improvement fund for the down payment.

There were no objections from the Township Committee. Administrator Miller advised that he has prepared an ordinance to be introduced this evening which would enable us to award the contract in March.

Committeeman Carman stated that it was a good idea to go with the trucks for the cost savings and liability concerns. He felt that in the long run it was a very good idea. Mayor McCullough stated he had another individual to take a look at the bids and contract and will ask for his recommendation.

Administrator Miller stated that the municipal budget is presently a work in progress.

New Business

Veterans Advisory Board – John Rush

Mayor McCullough recommends John Rush as a member to the Veterans Advisory Board. Township Committee members were in agreement and a resolution to appoint Mr. Rush will be scheduled for the next Township Committee Meeting on February 23, 2011.

Closed Session

Number	Title
91	Authorizing the Township Committee to convene into a Closed Executive Session to discuss matters which may involve litigation and/or personnel
Motion	Motion Hodson, second Carman
Roll Call Vote	Cafero – yes Carman – yes Hodson – yes Risley – yes McCullough - yes

Video Broadcast/Television Statement

Deputy Township Clerk Perez read the video broadcast/television statement.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Presentations

Patty Chatigny, Zoning Officer, was presented with a plaque and a day off with pay for being nominated 2010 Employee of the Year Finalist.

Clark Evenson, IT Specialist, was presented with a plaque and a day off with pay for being nominated 2010 Employee of the Year Finalist.

Terry Wilbert, Land Use Administrator, was presented with a plaque, \$500 bonus and a designated Employee of the Year parking space for being nominated the 2010 Employee of the Year.

Mayor McCullough recognized Sheriff Balles in the audience.

Ordinances – Public Hearings

Number	Title
1	An Ordinance to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits and to establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)
Purpose	The purpose of this Ordinance is to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limit
Public Comment	None
Motion	Motion Cafero, second Hodson
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes

Motion	Motion Cafero, second Carman to adopt Ordinance 1
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes
2	An Ordinance to amend Chapter 96 of the Township Code entitled “Disorderly Persons”
Purpose	Deleting and revising section of Township Code addressing plant mutilation; defacing property; indecent or lewd exposure
Public Comment	None
Motion	Motion Hodson, second Cafero
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes
Motion	Motion Cafero, second Hodson to adopt Ordinance 2
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes
3	An Ordinance to amend the Code of the Township of Egg Harbor, Chapter 115 thereof, entitled Games of Chance
Purpose	Amending Section 115-2, Fees, by reducing municipal fees for bingo and raffle licenses to be no greater than \$300
Public Comment	None
Motion	Motion Hodson, second Cafero
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes
Motion	Motion Risley, second Carman to adopt Ordinance 3
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes
4	An Ordinance authorizing an agreement for tax abatement with Walgreen Eastern Co., Inc. For property located at 2247 Ocean Heights Avenue
Purpose	<i>To grant a tax abatement for Walgreen’s retail store located at 2247 Ocean Heights Avenue</i>
Public Comment	None
Motion	Motion Cafero, second Risley
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes
Motion	Motion Risley, second Cafero to adopt Ordinance 4
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes
5	An Ordinance to vacate a portion of Gravesmith Drive, Hudson Avenue and two 10 foot wide alleys, as described by metes and bounds and located in the Township of Egg Harbor, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey
Purpose	To vacate portions of Gravesmith Drive, Hudson Avenue and two alleys in conjunction with site plan requirements for a renewable energy facility
Public Comment	None
Motion	Motion Cafero, second Hodson
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes
Motion	Motion Hodson, second Cafero to adopt Ordinance 5
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes
6	An Ordinance fixing the salaries of certain officials and employees of the Township of Egg Harbor for the year 2011
Purpose	<i>The purpose of this Ordinance is to fix the salaries of the GWU Bargaining Unit employees for the 2011 calendar year.</i>
Public Comment	None
Motion	Motion Hodson, second Risley
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes
Motion	Motion Hodson, second Carman to adopt Ordinance 6
Roll Call Vote	Cafero – abstain Carman - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes

Ordinance - Introduction

No.	Title
9	<p>Ordinance appropriating \$275,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$225,000 bonds or notes of the Township for various improvements or purposes authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Egg Harbor</p> <p><i>Ordinance 9-2011 to be published in <u>The Mainland Journal</u> on March 2, 2011, for further consideration at a Public Hearing to be held on March 9, 2011. Copies of this Ordinance are available without cost to any member of the general public from the Township Clerk's Office during regular business hours until the date of the public hearing.</i></p> <p>Purpose To secure financing for refuse trucks Motion Motion Carman, second Hodson Roll Call Vote Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes</p>

General Public Discussion

Linda Biamonte, Egg Harbor Township resident inquired about the savings to the Township as a result of awarding a contract for the purchase of the automated trash trucks. Administrator Miller explained the cost savings which result from the shortage of personnel presently that would not be filled or replaced because of the employees who are presently working on the debris vehicles daily. Those employees would be moved around to fill shortage.

Jim Jarvis, 6539 Mill Road. Mr. Jarvis asked Mr. Miller is the trash trucks had ever been used for snow plowing which Mr. Miller responded no and that the new trucks will not be used for snow removal either.

Motion Hodson, second Carman to close the general public discussion portion of the meeting.

Vote: All members voted yes.

Resolutions (Consent Calendar)

Number	Title
92	Resolution extending FLMA leave without pay to Kathleen Johnson (February 9, 2011 through to March 2, 2011)
93	Resolution granting military leave without pay to Steven Swankoski
94	Resolution appointing Bryan Gaviria to serve the Department of Police as a part-time Communications Officer
95	Resolution authorizing refund of overpaid taxes (various)
96	Resolution authorizing donation of communication console to the Atlantic County Sheriff's Office
97	Resolution establishing February 13, 2011 special meeting date for the Township Committee
98	Resolution authorizing Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Yuexiu District of Guangzhou Municipality of the People's Republic of China
99	Resolution authorizing execution of maintenance agreement with Link Communications Ltd (maintenance of DIVR System)
100	Resolution granting FMLA Leave without pay to Casey Beale (February 7, 2011 through to April 10, 2011)
101	Resolution approving permanent employee status for John Conti and Krista Libertore
Motion	Motion to approve Consent Calendar Resolutions 92 through 101
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes

Resolution (Bill List)

Number	Resolution
102	Authorizing payment of all bills pursuant to Exhibit A
Motion	Motion to adopt Resolution 102
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes

Reports

Township Committee:

- Joe Cafero talked about the Historical Society meeting on February 10, 2011 at the Zion Church at 7 p.m. and invited interested persons to attend. The Historical Society is looking for members and volunteers. Committeeman Hodson spoke about the Zion Church being unbelievable and well-preserved and anyone can tour it. It is a treasure in this Township.
- Committeemen Carman, Risley, and Hodson had nothing to report.

Administrator:

- Administrator Miller reported on the special meeting being held in Township hall on Sunday, February 13, 2011, at 12:00 p.m. – there will be the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with Yuexiu District of Guangzhou Municipality of the People's Republic of China. The Agreement is to make positive efforts to promote, exchange and cooperate in areas such as economic, culture, education, sports, and social management through various means and within their respective laws and abilities. The Agreement will be exchanged at 2:30 p.m. at the Egg Harbor Township Community Center where there will be a ceremony and performances. There will be a Chinese New Year celebration. A \$5 donation will be accepted to cover the cost of food. It should be an exciting and dynamic time.

Approvals

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Egg Harbor Township Committee meeting of January 26, 2011

Motion Carman, second Cafero

Vote: All members present voted yes.

Motion to approve the Departmental Reports for the month ending January 2011

Motion Cafero, second Carman

Vote: All members present voted yes

Motion to approve the payroll for the month ending January 2011 in the sum of \$1,090,441.24

Motion Cafero, second Hodson

Vote: All members present voted yes

Adjournment

Motion Cafero, second Risley

Vote: All members present voted yes

James J. McCullough, Mayor



Olga A. Perez, RMC, Deputy Township Clerk

These minutes approved at a meeting
held on February 23, 2011.