

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

Wednesday, February 24, 2010 – 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Deputy Mayor Glassey called the Meeting to Order at 5:05 p.m.

Deputy Township Clerk Perez read the Opening Statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:
John Carman, Jr. - present
Stanley Glassey - present
Paul Hodson - present
John Risley - present
James J. McCullough – present

Also in attendance were Administrator Miller, Deputy Administrator Goodreau, Solicitor Friedman, Engineer Mott and Deputy Township Clerk Perez.

Meeting with Public Works Director Simerson

Mayor McCullough announced that the topics (Public Works Building, Solid Waste Collection and Other Municipal Services) scheduled to be discussed this evening with Public Works Director Simerson are being postponed until a later date.

Meeting with Township Engineer Mott

Engineer Mott talked about Cambridge Crossing being a small subdivision of about 15-20 lots back by Fernwood Avenue Middle School. The developer is down to the last two homes. They have built the homes and have buyers for the homes. With the weather conditions this winter, they have been unable to complete the final paving and therefore, the municipality will not issue certificates of occupancy for the last two homes. The contractor would like to enter into an agreement with the Township wherein they will deposit into escrow the sum of \$37,818 which is the sum to complete the final paving. Within 45 days they will complete the paving and if they should not finalize the paving, the escrow funds shall revert to the township in order for the final paving to be accomplished by the municipality. In the meantime, no certificates of occupancy, inspections or building permits will be held up. The Township Committee had no objection to this and authorized the execution of the agreement by resolution to be added to the agenda this evening.

Deputy Mayor Glassey would like to have the permitting procedure in the Township revisited and possibly amended so that the police department would only be a part of the process if the Township Engineer deems it necessary. Engineer Mott stated that he thought the permitting process is just policy and not done by ordinance. He spoke about permits associated with water, gas and utility permits. Engineer Mott and Deputy Mayor Glassey would like to see the policy streamlined. With the shortage of personnel in the Police

Department, this would be a good time to consider the change. Administrator Miller advised that he would need to review the road opening ordinance to check on the process. It will be addressed at the next Township Committee meeting.

New Business

Revaluation Award. Administrator Miller advised that Resolution 107 on this evening’s agenda awards a contract to Vital Communications for the revaluation. Vital gave the Township the best price. They performed our last revaluation and the Township has a good working relationship with them. Deputy Mayor Glassey stated he had an opportunity to see them in action and agrees they are very professional. Committeeman Carman agreed with the comments although he does not agree with the revaluation taking place at this time because of our economic state of affairs. Administrator Miller advised that Vital Communications would begin working by the end of the month of March, but that would depend on the execution of the contract. Mayor McCullough directed Deputy Administrator Goodreau to schedule Vital for a Mayor’s forum in order to inform our residents of the process.

Veterans Park Field House (Street Hockey/BMX). Administrator Miller spoke about the bids accepted in December of 2009. He stated we had about 15 contractors bid on the job. The money to pay for this project is coming from the developers’ recreation fees and Township’s open space fund. We did not borrow money for this project. The money is in place. The Township has been talking about this project seriously for the last two years. The question put before the Committee by Administrator Miller is will they be inclined to proceed at this time. Committeeman Risley, Glassey, Hodson and Mayor McCullough are in favor of moving forward. Administrator Miller advised it would be listed for approval at the next Township committee meeting.

Directed Waste Flows (Atlantic County). Administrator Miller informed that Resolution 110 on this evening’s agenda requests the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders to establish a waste flow system in the County. Administrator Miller provided a brief overview of the waste flow process. Mayor McCullough stated he spoke with the Freeholders on this matter. Their consensus was to introduce the establishment of the waste flow system and amend later if necessary.

Closed Session

Number	Title
106	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 to enter into closed session
Roll Call Vote	Carman - yes Glassey - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes

Township Committee reconvened at 6:12 p.m.

Video Broadcast/Television Statement

Deputy Township Clerk Perez read the Video Broadcast/Television Statement.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentations

Mayor McCullough presented Scott Lacy with a plaque for being nominated as Employee of the Year finalist for 2009.

Keith Foster was not present to accept his plaque and nomination. His plaque will be forwarded to him.

Mayor McCullough presented James “Jim” Varallo with a plaque for being nominated Employee of the Year for 2009. Mayor McCullough read a short bio on Jim’s accomplishments. In addition to the plaque, he received a check in the sum of \$500 and was awarded a parking space of his choosing for the year 2010.

Proclamations

Committeeman Paul Hodson read a proclamation calling upon citizens of Egg Harbor Township to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2010, “Read Across America Day.”

Deputy Mayor Glassey read a proclamation proclaiming March 2010 as Youth Art Month in the Township of Egg Harbor and urging all citizens to take interest in and give their full support to quality school art programs for children and youth

Both proclamations framed in plaques were presented to Dr. Scott McCartney, Superintendent of the Egg Harbor Township Schools. Dr. McCartney in turn handed them to Mr. Thomas Weber, the Fine and Performing Arts Supervisor, and Ms. Sharon Reustle, Art Teacher at the High School. Also introduced was High School Student Christina Janansky.

Public Hearings

Number	Title
4	An Ordinance to amend the Code of the Township of Egg Harbor, Chapter 94 thereof, entitled Design, Performance and Improvement Standards
Purpose	To amend Sections 94-11, Curbs and Gutters and 94-38, Sidewalks, to require installation or contribute payment in lieu of installation as a condition of the land development approval
Public Comment	Resident Rich Swezeny of Ivins Avenue asked for a clearer understanding of the ordinance, specifically a definition of land development. Administrator Miller responded that the intent of Ordinance 4 was to clean up language and not the original intent of the existing ordinance.
Motion	Motion Carman, second Glassey to close the public hearing
Roll Call Vote	Carman - yes Glassey - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes

Motion	Motion Glassey, second Risley to amend Sections 94-11, Curbs and Gutters and 94-38, Sidewalks, to require installation or contribute payment in lieu of installation as a condition of the land development approval. Committeeman Carman verbalized his objection to the ordinance because he felt that rural areas should be exempt from the requirements. He suggested that the original intent of this Chapter of the Code be reviewed.
Roll Call Vote	Carman - no Glassey - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes

Ordinance Introductions

Number	Title
6	<p>An Ordinance declaring certain currently owned public property to be no longer necessary for public purposes and authorizing and <u>setting private sale</u> of said properties; which offers for said property will be received on Thursday, April 29, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. in the Township of Egg Harbor Municipal Building Courtroom</p> <p><i>Ordinance 6-2010 to be published in <u>The Press</u> on March 3, 2010, for further consideration at a Public Hearing to be held on April 14, 2010</i></p>
Purpose	To authorize private sale of township-owned property no longer necessary for public purposes
Motion	Motion Hodson, second Glassey to introduce Ordinance 6
Roll Call Vote	Carman - yes Glassey - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes
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Purpose	To authorize the sale of township-owned property no longer necessary for public purposes
Motion	Motion Glassey, second Carman to introduce Ordinance 7
Roll Call Vote	Carman - yes Glassey - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes

General Public Discussion

There was no public discussion. Motion Carman, second Hodson to close the General Public Discussion portion of this meeting. All members present voted yes.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Mott had nothing to report.

Resolutions (Consent Calendar)

Resolution 107 was removed from the Consent Calendar and Resolution 117 was explained. Resolution 117 authorized a refund of the non-resident development fee which was suspended for projects which received final approval prior to July 17, 2008, per Sections 37 and 38 of the New Jersey Economic Stimulus Act of 2009.

Number	Title
108	Resolution authorizing cancellation of unused grant balance
109	Resolution authorizing the sale of abandoned and otherwise classified vehicles by auction on March 25, 2010
110	Resolution supporting re-establishment of Waste Flow Control in Atlantic County
111	Resolution authorizing execution of Maintenance Agreement with Link Communications, Ltd (maintenance of DIVR system to be used by the Police Department)
112	Resolution authorizing refund of overpaid ambulance fees (Joanne Kreutzer, ACS Recovery Services)
113	Resolution authorizing refund of overpaid taxes (various)
114	Resolution appointing Tana Meadows, Walter Dorsey, and Daniel Hickson as Ambulance Service Members
115	Resolution authorizing renewal of Dental Benefit Contract with Delta Dental of NJ, Inc.
116	Resolution urging the State Legislature to reform interest arbitration
117	Resolution authorizing refund of COAH Fees in accordance with the New Jersey Economic Stimulus Act of 2009
Motion	To adopt Consent Calendar Resolutions 108 through 117
Roll Call Vote	Carman - yes Glassey - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes

Resolution

107	Resolution awarding bid for municipal-wide revaluation (Vital Communications Inc)
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Motion

Motion Glassey, second Hodson to introduce Resolution 107. Prior to the Roll Call, a discussion was held. Committeeman Risley stated this was a controversial topic. The Township is under a court order to do a revaluation in the Township. It is quite an expensive and bitter pill to swallow. However, we are entering a period for the next couple of years where it is going to be difficult for taxpayers. He is voting in favor because the Township is mandated and because it is important to spread the tax burden around as equitably as possible. Committeeman Carman said he could not bear the thought of any more debt. He voiced that times are bad and the Township is looking at a big tax rate even with concessions the Township’s employees are making. Mayor McCullough spoke about surrounding municipalities who had revaluations when we were at the height of the market. Those municipalities are now having problems. This is the right time for Egg Harbor Township to have a revaluation.

Roll Call Vote

Carman - no Glassey - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes

Resolution

118

Authorizing payment of all bills pursuant to Exhibit A

Motion

Motion Carman, second Hodson to approve Resolution 118 with an added bill in the sum of \$5,575 for Marc Friedman

Roll Call Vote

Carman - yes Glassey - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes

Reports

Township Committee:

Committeeman Risley announced that the 300th Anniversary Committee is working hard and they have a number of programs scheduled through the year. The next event will be held at the Atlantic County Library located in Egg Harbor Township. The event will be held on March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. It will be hosted by Reverend James Peterson and Historian June Sheridan. The topic will be Religion and Churches in Egg Harbor Township. The 300th Anniversary Committee also has a tercentennial treasure hunt scheduled. Information is in The Current. Each month in The Current there is a clue describing a particular place or business. Committeeman Risley encouraged everyone to participate and look for the clues.

Committeeman Carman had nothing to report.

Deputy Mayor Glassey had nothing to report.

Committeeman Hodson thanked our employees and residents for helping us wrestle the deficit in our budget. No one is enjoying the process as it stands today. We are all in this together and we will get ourselves out of this and on the right track. The situation we are in is no different than anyone else. It is everywhere.

Mayor McCullough met with the Governor and key legislators to talk about budget problems and how the state is going to deal with their financial problems. There is no good news. There will be more cuts in municipal aid. Our problem and that of other municipalities is in our revenue stream. We are way off as building permits and ratables drop. We have asked our employees to help us out to help reduce the budget. We are getting good

cooperation and it is a very honorable thing for employees to give up financially to help save the jobs of their co-workers. We do not have firm agreements from our bargaining units, but we do have tentative ones. We are hoping to not lose any employees.

Administrator:

Administrator Miller announced the following:

- **Snow:** In the event that it snows, the Township is asking that no one park in the streets. Plowing slows down and becomes difficult when there are vehicles parked on the streets.
- **300th Anniversary:** Cygnus Creative Arts Centre is hosting an art show for the month of March. The theme will be scenes from Egg Harbor Township and will be displayed in the municipal building.
- **Census:** Everyone will be receiving a questionnaire in the mail. It is a form with 10 questions. He asked that everyone complete the form and return them.

Recognitions

Mayor McCullough recognized the following people in the meeting room: former Committeewoman Dee Landgraf and Chief Tom Nace.

Approvals

Motion Hodson, second Glassey to approve the Egg Harbor Township Closed Session Minutes of February 10, 2010, pursuant to Resolution 83

Roll Call Vote: Carman - abstain Glassey - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes

Motion to approve the Egg Harbor Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2010

Roll Call Vote: Carman - yes Glassey - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes

Adjournment

Motion Hodson, second Glassey to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

All members present voted yes.

James J. McCullough, Mayor

Olga A. Perez, RMC
Deputy Township Clerk

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MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2010