

Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting
Municipal Building, Bargaintown Road
Egg Harbor Township NJ 08234
Wednesday, March 9, 2011 – 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Mayor McCullough called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Perez 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

Old Business

- *Award of refuse truck bids.* Administrator Miller advised that Resolution 136 to award a contract to Gran Turk is on the agenda for approval. This is part of the implementation of the automated collection system. There is a six-month lead time for the vehicles to be delivered.
- *Award of Public Works garage building renovations.* Administrator Miller advised that Resolution 135 to award a contract to J H Williams is on the agenda for approval. Administrator Miller stated that the \$168,000 is from our energy grant received from the stimulus and that \$245,000 will be our own money. The present building is in disrepair and in need of renovations. Committeeman Carman stated he doubted that the solar system would pay for itself. Committeeman Hodson stated that he recommended the solar system especially in light of the energy costs continually rising. Deputy Mayor Risley asked whether the Township knew anything about J H Williams. Administrator Miller responded that their referenced were reviewed by our architect and there is no reason to disqualify or bypass them. Mayor McCullough asked whether this award needed further review and examination and it was decided that Committeeman Carman will continue to do research before awarding the contract.

New Business

- *Capital budget cancellations and transfers.* Administrator Miller advised that there are two resolutions on this evening's agenda for approval. Resolution 132 authorizes cancellation of appropriations for projects already completed. Resolution 130 authorizes re-appropriation of monies remaining for projects completed to projects not completed. The monies will go into capital improvement account so at a future date appropriations may be made on other projects.
- *S-2664/A-3766 "Market Competition and Consumer Choice Act."* Administrator Miller explained how S-2664/A-3766 would alter the regulation of telephone and cable television service in New Jersey and that Resolution 133 is on this evening's agenda stating the Township's opposition.
- *Ordinance revisions – automobile service stations.* Administrator Miller advised that the Planning Board discussed auto service stations and garages which have their bays open all the time. Bridgestone Tire

facility came in with a conceptual plan and was requested to move their doors so they would not be visible on the Black Horse Pike. Those plans were revised and the bay doors have been moved. Administrator Miller asked whether standards for gas facilities should be revised. Committeeman Cafero stated that some adjustments should be made. Deputy Mayor Risley stated that the Township needed time to ponder the possible amendments. Administrator Miller stated that in the short term, we will make amendments regarding bay doors not facing the public.

Other Business (not listed on the Agenda)

- Administrator Miller advised that there is a resolution being added to the agenda to authorize a contract with Dr. Lischin for veterinary services for the March 12, 2011, rabies clinic.
- Administrator Miller advised that the South Jersey Transportation Authority will be coming in this evening to discuss a service connector road into the Atlantic City International Airport from the Atlantic City Expressway and will be requesting a resolution of endorsement from the Township of Egg Harbor.
- Administrator Miller advised that an Ordinance to rescind Ordinance 46 of 2000 is once again being placed on the agenda in order that the Planning Board may meet on March 21 for review and comment prior to final adoption.

Engineer Bob Watkins arrived at this time (5:37 p.m.). The Engineer’s Office has nothing to report this evening.

Mayor McCullough asked that the Engineer’s Office contact a resident (Toni Arabia) in the West Atlantic City area of the Township who has complained about work in that area negatively impacting her home.

Deputy Clerk Perez made the video broadcast/television statement.

Mayor McCullough lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Resolutions (Consent Calendar)

Resolutions 134 and 135 removed from the consent calendar

Number	Title
128	Resolution to amend the temporary budget for the calendar year 2011
129	Resolution providing the emergency temporary budget for the calendar year 2011
130	Resolution re-appropriating funds from one category to another within the same ordinance
131	Resolution transferring monies from one appropriation to another
132	Resolution canceling unexpended capital improvement fund balances
133	Resolution in opposition to S-2664/A-3766 – “Market Competition and Consumer Choice Act”
136	Resolution awarding contract for five 31 cy automated refuse trucks, mounted equipment, refuse containers and various options or approved equal-bid opening (GranTurk Equipment

	Co Inc)
137	Resolution authorizing execution of maintenance agreement with Tans Net Corporation (Cisco Equipment in Police Department)
138	Resolution authorizing execution of maintenance agreement with Radio IP (software license in Police Department)
139	Resolution discharging Schoffer Enterprises, LLC from any obligation under the Indemnification and Save Harmless Agreement and approving assumption of obligations under said agreement by Treetop Management of EHT LLC for Block 1013, Lots 27 and 28
140	Resolution authorizing refund of overpaid ambulance fee (Goldenberg, Mackler, Sayegh, Mintz, Pfeffer, Bonchi & Gill PA)
141	Resolution granting Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company charitable roadway solicitation application (April 16, June 25, and November 19, 2011)
142	Resolution approving appointments/transfers various employees (Timothy Donnelly and Pamela Gonzalez)
143	Resolution appointing Deanna Bardello to Municipal Court
Motion	Motion Carman, second Hodson to approve Consent Calendar Resolutions 128 through 133 and 136 through 143
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes

Number	Resolution
134	Resolution amending Resolution No. 230 of 2010 for architectural services (Olivieri, Shousky and Kiss PA) for Public Works Garage Roof, Electrical and HVAC Architectural services
135	Resolution awarding contract for public works garage – building renovations (J H Williams Enterprises, Inc.)
Motion	No motions – therefore, Resolutions 134 and 135 died for lack of motion

Number	Resolution
146	Resolution awarding professional service contract to Dr. Andrew Lischin for veterinary services
Motion	Motion Risley, second Hodson to adopt Resolution 146
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes

Resolution (Bill List)

Number	Resolution
144	Authorizing payment of all bills pursuant to Exhibit A
Motion	Motion Hodson, second Cafero to adopt Resolution 144
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes

Approvals

Motion Cafero, second Hodson to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Egg Harbor Township Committee meeting of February 23, 2011

Vote: All members presented voted yes.

Motion Hodson, second Cafero to approve the Closed Executive Session Meeting Minutes of the Egg Harbor Township Committee meeting of February 23, 2011 pursuant to Resolution 104 of 2011

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

Motion Cafero, second Hodson to approve the Departmental Reports for the month ending February 2011
Vote: All members presented voted yes.

Motion Risley, second Cafero to approve the payroll for the month ending February 2011 in the sum of \$1,170,935.10.

Vote: All members presented voted yes.

2011 Budget Introduction

Number	Title
126	Resolution providing for either a three-year average for the reserve for uncollected taxes or tax appeal percentage
Motion	Motion Carman, second Hodson to approve Resolution 126
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes
127	Resolution authorizing the introduction of the 2011 municipal budget
Motion	Motion Cafero, second Hodson to approve Resolution 127
Budget Message	Mayor McCullough read his budget message (copy attached and made a part hereof).
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes

Ordinance - Introduction

No.	Title
15	An ordinance to rescind Ordinance 46 of 2000 - Amend the Code of the Twp of Egg Harbor, Chap 94 Thereof Entitled <u>DESIGN & PERFORMANCE STANDARDS</u> , by adding a New Subsection "L" to Section 94-8, Buffers <i>(New version of Ordinance 42-2000)</i> <i>Ordinance 15-2011 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 16, 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>
Purpose	
Motion	Motion Carman, second Hodson
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes

General Public Discussion

- *Jim Jarvis, 6539 Mill Road.* Mr. Jarvis spoke about the solar (ray cells) life expectancy.
- *Mike Fiedor, 7 Shadow Drive.* Mr. Fiedor spoke to the public about a 30-year member of the Scullville Fire Company who has fallen on hard times resulting from medical problems. On March 18 at the Scullville Fire House there will be a benefit (fund-raiser) for Frank Riley. He asked that everyone come out and support this 30-year veteran. The function starts at 7:00 p.m. or make donations to Scullville Fire Company with Frank Riley's name on the memo. Donations may be mailed to 1708 Mays Landing-Somers Point Road, Egg Harbor Township NJ 08234 or anyone may contact Mike directly at 839-9301.
- *Robert Schwartz, 7 Central Avenue.* Mr. Schwartz spoke about the new waste containers and how would they be able to maneuver them and also store them. Mr. Schwartz and his wife are elderly and only have about 2 bags of trash a week. They were concerned about the size of the containers. They were assured by Township Committee that the refuse containers were not cumbersome, they were easy to maneuver and also residents may be able to choose between two sizes of containers.

Motion Carman, second Hodson to close the public portion of the meeting. All members present voted yes.

Presentations

- Mayor McCullough presented James Macpherson with a plaque in recognition of 25 years of valued service and dedication to the Township
- Mayor McCullough presented Albert Maiorano with a plaque in recognition of 25 years of valued service and dedication to the Township

Ordinances – Public Hearings

Number	Title
9	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
Purpose	To authorize the acquisition of Public Works refuse trucks
Public Comment	None
Motion	Motion Cafero, second Hodson
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes
Motion	Motion Carman, second Cafero to adopt Ordinance 9
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Risley - yes McCullough - yes

Reports

Township Committee:

Committeeman Cafero stated the budget is only up about one percent, and health care costs are reasonable. Safe and clean streets are his mission. He stated that our public works and police departments are the best in the tri county area. He indicated he is excited about the automated trash trucks purchase because it brings in innovation and technology. Cafero spoke about difficult and challenging times, but this will not last forever. He said that going forward, as times get better, we have to continue to be frugal and responsible. We can make tough choices during difficult and during good times. On March 10, 2011, the historical society will be meeting at the Zion Church at 7:00 p.m. Cafero recommended everyone get involved.

Committeeman Hodson echoed what Committeeman Cafero said. This Committee tries to do the best they can within the guidelines. If this economy does not turn around, there will be hard cuts to be made. Fuel impacts every one. If anyone in the community has suggestions on how to move forward, feel free to reach out to any member of this Committee.

Deputy Mayor Risley spoke about no one reciting the raising of taxes. We have looked at the budget and changes can still be made. We are about where we are going to be. We have a responsibility to the residents of Egg Harbor Township. We have obligations as a community. We are meeting as best we can.

Administrator:

Administrator Miller had two announcements:

1. This Saturday, March 11, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., there will be a free rabies clinic at the public works facility on Mill Road.
2. MUA bills are due on March 1. The MUA has a new billing process where they send the entire year’s bill out.

Administrator Miller said that since the South Jersey Transportation Authority did not make it to this meeting, they

will be rescheduled for another date and time.

Adjournment

Motion Carman, Second Hodson to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Vote: All members presented voted yes.

James J. McCullough, Mayor



Olga A. Perez, RMC, Deputy Township Clerk

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

2011 BUDGET

The budget this year is in compliance with Governor Christie's mandates on local government spending. He has imposed both a spending CAP and a hard 2% tax levy CAP on our spending in the budget. This year's budget as introduced tonight is \$2.2 million under the state imposed spending CAP and \$24,000 under the 2% tax levy CAP. There are also no layoffs.

This year's budget is \$35,661,697. It is a \$446,357 increase over the final 2010 budget. However, over \$2 million in increases are found in six (6) categories

Cops Hiring Program	\$1,128,350
Pension Costs	\$537,456
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$236,196
U.S. Department of Energy	\$168,500
Social Security	\$81,067
Landfill Costs	\$75,000
	\$2,058,069

State pension costs to the Township are up over a half million dollars or 22% over 2010 costs. The Township and its employees are making their pension payments.

If the pension increase was nominal and we didn't appropriate the full grant then the budget tonight would be less than last years.

I realize with the difficult time that our residents have experienced over the past three years any tax increase is difficult. This year's budget requires a 4.9 cent tax increase do to what is outside the Cap and money that the state withheld from us. Even with the modest increase our local purpose tax rate is still twenty percent (20%) less than the average Atlantic County local property tax rate and is 5 cents less than last year's increase.

The impact on a property owner whose home is assessed at \$100,000 will be a \$49.00 tax increase for the year. This is less than one dollar a week and only 15% of your total tax bill.

These difficult economic times have an impact on revenues which the Township utilizes to keep taxes down. Our investment interest was down \$101,314 from the prior year. We can only anticipate what we collected the prior year. Our court revenue was down \$93,392 from the prior year which can be attributed to having several less police officers working. Last year we were able to utilize an extra \$1.1 million in revenue from property sales. The Township will hold a property sale later this year to generate revenue in next year's budget.

The Township has made hard decisions in 2009 and 2010 to comply with the state mandates on budget expenditures. Many of the decisions made in the past two (2) years have been done with the cooperation of our employees and their unions. The decisions of the past two (2) years are what have permitted us to introduce a budget tonight which is in full compliance with the state law.

In the past two (2) years the Township has reduced its full time staff by thirty-seven (37) positions. This year over sixty percent (60%) of the Township employees have not received a pay increase.

In preparation of this budget, each and every operation of the Township was reviewed in detail to determine where greater efficiencies could be realized in order to save money and control costs.

I can assure our residents that the Township Committee will continue to review the budget over the next month for additional savings for the benefit of all. We will continue to provide the best public service at a reasonable cost.