

Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting  
Municipal Building, Bargaintown Road  
Egg Harbor Township NJ 08234  
Wednesday, March 14, 2012 – 5:00 p.m.

**Minutes**

Mayor McCullough called the meeting to Order at

Deputy Township 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
	Laura Pfrommer	present
	James J. McCullough	present

**Meeting with Township Engineer Mott**

- Street Vacations. Engineer Mott reported on Ordinance 12 scheduled this evening. He indicated that the vacation of these various streets is to facilitate the joining of parcels acquired by the Township.
- Acceptance of Drainage Basins. Engineer Mott advised that the drainage basins at Holden Estates and Hidden Pines are ready to be accepted. The Township has received payment for long-term maintenance for these basins.
- English Mill. Engineer Mott advised that the first phase is ready to close out.
- Engineer Mott advised that on Thursday, he will be meeting with the South Jersey Gas Company regarding the final restoration of West Jersey and Lincoln Avenue.
- Engineer Mott advised that the Township will be accepting bids for the 2011 CDBG project for Farr Avenue next Thursday. The grant is for \$80K and we estimate the work to be \$200K. The Township has money available to award the contract.
- Administrator Miller indicated that the 2012 CDBG application for \$83K was submitted today.

**New Business**

- Chapter 225 Amendments
  - Automotive and retail uses.** Administrator Miller advised that Ordinance 8 scheduled this evening for introduction is to amend Chapter 225 of the Township Code to deal with new types of gas stations, clean up definitions to make them permitted principal uses with minor conditions. The Planning Board is in favor of this Ordinance.
  - Forestry.** Administrator Miller stated that Ordinance 9 scheduled this evening for introduction is to amend Chapter 208 of the Township Code to add a new section concerning forestry in the Pinelands area being governed by the standards and procedures in the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan.
- 2012 Municipal Budget. Administrator Miller advised that the budget is almost ready for introduction. The Township is waiting on a decision by Northfield and possibly Linwood to enter into a shared services agreement with the Township.
- Credit Card Fees. Administrator Miller reported that in previous years, banks were willing to give the

township free credit card service. They are now charging; and as a result, the Township will have to pass those fees on to those who want to use credit cards.

- BAN Sale Report. Administrator Miller reported on the Township’s good fortune. The Township received two bids for the following rates: 1.2442 and 1.4455. We are paying down \$300K of special emergency rollover.

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

- Administrator Miller advised that there are two additional resolutions to be acted upon. They are Resolutions 145 and 146.

**Closed Session**

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

Mayor McCullough reconvened the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Deputy Township Clerk Perez read the Video Broadcast/Television Statement

Mayor McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

**Presentations/Proclamations**

- ☀ Mayor McCullough presented Dena Danz, Clerk in the Police Department with a plaque for being selected as a 2011 Employee of the Year Finalist
- ☀ Mayor McCullough announced that Bryan Scrofani, Laborer in the Department of Public Works was selected as a 2011 Employee of the Year Finalist, but was unable to be present to accept his plaque
- ☀ Mayor McCullough presented Wanda Shafer with a plaque and check in the sum of \$500 for being selected as the 2001 Employee of the Year

**Presentation**

- ☀ Mitchell Sklar, Executive Director of New Jersey Police Chiefs Foundation, presented the Egg Harbor Township Police Department with the prestigious Re-Accreditation Certification from New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police for Township’s New Jersey Law Enforcement

**Ordinances – Public Hearings**

Number	Title
3	An ordinance authorizing the acquisition of property known as Block 3104, Lots 14 and 15 on Fruitwood Avenue, as set forth on the official Tax Map in the Township of Egg Harbor, County of

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Atlantic and State of New Jersey</b> The purpose of this ordinance is to acquire property for the purpose of preserving open space.
<b>Public Comment</b>	None
<b>Motion</b>	Motion Hodson, second Pfrommer to close the public comment portion for Ordinance 3
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	Cafero - yes    Carman - yes    Hodson - yes    Pfrommer - yes    McCullough - yes
<b>Motion</b>	Motion Cafero, second Hodson to adopt Ordinance 3
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	Cafero - yes    Carman - yes    Hodson - yes    Pfrommer - yes    McCullough - yes

**Ordinances – Introduction**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>An ordinance to amend Chapter 225 of the Township Code entitled “Zoning” as it relates to automotive and retail uses</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	The purpose of Ordinance 8 is to amend Chapter 225 to include definitions for Automotive Repair & Service Use, Auto Service Stations, Car Wash, and Mixed Use Retail Sales and Gasoline Filling Stations in addition to various amendments relating thereto <i>Ordinance 8-2012 to be published in <u>The Mainland Journal</u> on March 21, 2012, for further consideration at a Public Hearing to be held on April 11, 2012. 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>
<b>Motion</b>	Motion Carman, second Cafero to introduce Ordinance 8
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	Cafero - yes    Carman - yes    Hodson - yes    Pfrommer - yes    McCullough - yes
<b>9</b>	<b>An ordinance to amend Chapter 208 of the Township Code entitled “Trees”</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	The purpose of Ordinance 9 is to amend Chapter 208 to include a new subsection stating that within the Pinelands Area, the forestry standards and procedures in the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan shall apply. <i>Ordinance 9-2012 to be published in <u>The Mainland Journal</u> on March 21, 2012, for further consideration at a Public Hearing to be held on April 11, 2012. 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>
<b>Motion</b>	Motion Hodson, second Pfrommer to introduce Ordinance 9
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	Cafero - yes    Carman - yes    Hodson - yes    Pfrommer - yes    McCullough - yes
<b>10</b>	<b>An ordinance providing for the acceptance of a corrective deed conveying real property, drainage basin at Hidden Pines subdivision, being Lot 5 in Block 5951 of the Official Tax Map in the Township of Egg Harbor, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	The purpose of Ordinance 10 is to provide for the acceptance of a corrective deed for the drainage basin at Hidden Pines. <i>Ordinance 10-2012 to be published in <u>The Mainland Journal</u> on March 21, 2012, for further consideration at a Public Hearing to be held on April 11, 2012. 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>
<b>Motion</b>	Motion Hodson, second Cafero to introduce Ordinance 10
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	Cafero - yes    Carman - yes    Hodson - yes    Pfrommer - yes    McCullough - yes
<b>11</b>	<b>An ordinance providing for the acceptance of a deed conveying real property, drainage basin at Holden Estates, being Lot 12.09 in Block 1703, of the Official Tax Map in the Township of Egg Harbor, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	The purpose of Ordinance 11 is to provide for the acceptance of the drainage basin at Holden Estates.

	<i>Ordinance 11-2012 to be published in <u>The Mainland Journal</u> on March 21, 2012, for further consideration at a Public Hearing to be held on April 11, 2012. 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>
<b>Motion</b>	Motion Cafero, second Pfrommer to introduce Ordinance 11
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	Cafero - yes      Carman - yes      Hodson - yes      Pfrommer - yes      McCullough - yes
<b>12</b>	<b>An ordinance to vacate a portion of Twelfth Avenue, Unnamed Alley, and Wilson Avenue, as described by metes and bounds and located in the Township of Egg Harbor, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	The purpose of Ordinance 12 is to authorize the vacation of portions of streets, avenues and/or alleys known as Twelfth, Unnamed Alley and Wilson <i>Ordinance 12-2012 to be published in <u>The Mainland Journal</u> on March 21, 2012, for further consideration at a Public Hearing to be held on April 11, 2012. 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>
<b>Motion</b>	Motion Pfrommer, second Hodson to introduce Ordinance 12
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	Cafero - yes      Carman - yes      Hodson - yes      Pfrommer - yes      McCullough - yes

**General Public Discussion**

- Chief Danz appeared before the Township Committee to read his annual budget report into the record. Administrator Miller provided a presentation on dollars spent for the fire companies over the years. Mayor McCullough thanked Chief Danz for his report.
- Gennaro Basso, 5062 Ridge Avenue. Mr. Basso presented the Township Committee with a petition requesting that the Township consider reducing the speed limit on Ridge Avenue from the stop sign on Mill Road and Ridge Avenue to the end of LaCosta Lakes. He indicated that presently the speed limit is 40 mph and would appreciate the limit being reduced to 30 mph. In addition, the residents requested police enforcement of the speed limit. Committeeman Hodson is in support of the petitioners and their request. Engineer Mott will prepare a study.
- Coach Ed Keil and Treasurer John Swentkowski of the Egg Harbor Township Baseball Organization appeared before the Township Committee to get an understanding of where their organization falls. Are they a Township organization or a club? A discussion regarding starting over again vs trying to re-instate their license took place. It was the recommendation of Solicitor Friedman that the organization not try and catch up to previous years in order to get their organization current, but to begin anew. Ed indicated they would take the advice of Mr. Friedman and run as an independent organization.
- Atef Bikhit, 2 Larue Avenue, Egg Harbor Township resident spoke in favor of the Fire Department's budget and stated the Township should give to them all they ask. The Township should support them for the safety of the residents and that of our children.
- Howard Levine, 36 Diamond Drive. Mr. Levine stated the jitneys are still operating at the airport. He asked for a status on the jitney situation. He was advised that when the township knows, they would pass the information along.
- Richard Swezeny, 3071 Ivins Avenue. Mr. Swezeny thanked Engineer Mott for his informative report concerning the English Creek basins and then asked what would occur next. Engineer Mott indicated the state would be addressing the concerns, but no time frame was provided. Mott stated he would follow up again in May to make sure the work is getting done. Mr. Swezeny expressed concern over the fact that the basins are perking at 1 inch per day which would indicate that is well below the guidelines that basins should be draining. Engineer Mott indicated that the basins were designed to be wet basins and that he

would go out after next major rain event and chart it himself. The empirical data may be a lot different. Mr. Swezeny asked whether the Township was maintaining its position regarding the other businesses connected to the drainage basin. Administrator Miller advised that the Township permitted a car dealership to tie into their overflow into drainage basin behind his property. At the time approval was given, the state had ownership. Since that time, they claim they do not own it. No one has been in to test the issue in the last 4-5 years to tie overflow into that so I cannot tell you how we are going to handle it until someone shows up.

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

**Resolutions (Consent Calendar)**

Number	Title
128	Resolution amending the temporary budget for the calendar year 2012
129	Resolution authorizing the regularly scheduled Township Committee Meeting of May 23 <sup>rd</sup> to be changed to May 30 <sup>th</sup>
130	Resolution authorizing the sale of Township property and vehicles that have been deemed surplus or abandoned with Govdeals, Inc.
131	Resolution authorizing the filing of the 2011 Recycling Tonnage Grant
132	Resolution approving participating with the State of New Jersey in a Safe and Secure Communities Program administered by the Division of Criminal Justice, Department of Law and Public Safety
133	Resolution authorizing renewal of prescription benefit program with Benecard Services Inc
134	Resolution authorizing acceptance of contract entered into by Atlantic County Co-op for the purpose of copier paper (WB Mason)
135	Resolution authorizing acceptance of contract entered into by Atlantic County Co-op for the purpose of office supplies (WB Mason and Office Basics)
136	Resolution authorizing acceptance of contract entered into by Atlantic County Co-op for the purchase of custodial supplies (various)
137	Resolution authorizing execution of one-year lease for various tanks with South Jersey Welding for the Department of Public Works
138	Resolution granting Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company Charitable Roadway Solicitation Application
139	Resolution granting Law Enforcement United Charitable Roadway Solicitation Application
140	Resolution amending Resolution 119 of 2012 entitled "Resolution authorizing refund of Curb and Sidewalk Permit 91-2011"
141	Resolution amending Resolution 122 of 2012 entitled "Resolution authorizing refund of overpaid taxes"
142	Resolution authorizing refund of Street Opening Application fee (Application 30-2012) to Jungle Lasers LLC
143	Resolution authorizing refund of overpaid taxes (various)
<b>Motion</b>	Motion Cafero, second Hodson to approve Consent Calendar Resolutions 128 through 143
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	Cafero - yes    Carman - yes    Hodson - yes    Pfrommer - yes    McCullough - yes

**Resolution (Bill List)**

Number	Title
144	Authorizing payment of all bills pursuant to Exhibit A
<b>Motion</b>	Motion Hodson, second Pfrommer to adopt Resolution 144
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	Cafero - yes    Carman - yes    Hodson - yes    Pfrommer - yes    McCullough - yes

**Additional Resolutions**

Number	Title
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145	Resolution authorizing execution of maintenance agreement with Cummins Power Systems Inc for the annual emergency power generator system
146	Resolution appointing Alicia Harte as a part-time employee to serve the Department of Parks and Recreation
<b>Motion</b>	Motion Hodson, second Cafero to adopt Resolutions 145 and 146
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	Cafero - yes    Carman - yes    Hodson - yes    Pfrommer - yes    McCullough - yes

**Reports**

***Township Committee:***

- **Laura Pfrommer.** Thanked the volunteers for their passion.
- **Paul Hodson.** Spoke about the Eagle Scouts and the nice work they do. Recognized Eagle Scout Ryan Keene for the installation of a flagpole with lighting and dedication of American flag and a POW flag on the grounds of the Egg Harbor Township Historical Society.
- **John Carman.** No comments
- **Joe Cafero.** Spoke to the many citizens who come from metropolitan areas and advised them that the volunteers in the Township are volunteers who have fund drives and asked them to donate whenever possible. He also advised that Committeeman Carman and he were charged with the review of the taxi-limousine ordinance and they have a preliminary report and some notes, but are at a very preliminary stage. Moving forward and on a good note, he ended his report by mentioning Sarah Nicole Maguire, a high school senior in Egg Harbor Township who was picked as a future leader of Atlantic County by NBC 40.

***Administrator:***

- Administrator Miller advised that we have a public notice of intent to extend the gabion project in West Atlantic City. The government is pleased with how it turned out and encouraged us to apply for more money. Engineer Mott's office is putting together a preliminary application.

**Approvals**

<b>Motion</b>	Motion Hodson, second Cafero to approve the monthly departmental reports
<b>Vote</b>	All members present voted yes
<b>Motion</b>	Motion Cafero, second Carman to approve the payroll for the month of February 2012 in the sum of \$1,159,963.59.
<b>Vote</b>	All members present voted yes
<b>Motion</b>	Motion Hodson, second Pfrommer to approve the regular minutes of the Egg Harbor Township Committee meeting of February 22, 2012
<b>Vote</b>	All members present voted yes
<b>Motion</b>	To Carman, second Hodson to approve the closed executive session minutes of the Egg Harbor Township Committee meeting of February 22, 2012, pursuant to Resolution 104
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	Cafero - yes    Carman - yes    Hodson - yes    Pfrommer - yes    McCullough - yes

**Adjournment**

Motion Cafero, second Hodson to adjourn the meeting

Vote: All members present voted yes

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James J. McCullough, Mayor

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Olga A. Perez, RMC, Deputy Township Clerk

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*Minutes Approved at Meeting  
of March 28, 2012*

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