

Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting
Municipal Building, Bargaintown Road
Egg Harbor Township NJ 08234
Wednesday, March 28, 2012 – 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Mayor McCullough called the Meeting to Order at 5:03 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

Meeting with Township Engineer Mott

Road Improvement Bid

Engineer Mott announced bids were received last week for the 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project covering improvements to Farr Avenue, North and South Avenues and Foster Avenue.

Engineer Mott recommended award to the apparent low bidder, GWP Enterprises, INC. for \$196,777.18.

Additional funds are anticipated from the Atlantic County Improvement Authority and New Jersey Department of Transportation for improvements to Reega Avenue. Mr. Mott noted Ordinance 13 listed for introduction tonight will reduce the speed limit along Ridge Avenue from Mill Road to the LaCosta subdivision to 35 m.p.h.

Old Business

Marshall Estates Escrow Account

Township Administrator Miller reported Resolution 158 listed on the Consent Calendar, will reallocate funds to pay off lien holders.

New Business

Emergency Receipts Tax

Administrator Miller explained Resolution 157 listed on the Consent Calendar calls for the restoration of energy taxes to municipalities. Mr. Miller said Egg Harbor Township is joining with the League of Municipalities in calling for the immediate restoration of funding diverted from Energy Taxes intended for local use. Our belief is that there needs to be an end to the diversion of municipal resources to cover State spending.

Shares Services Agreements

Administrator Miller said Resolutions 149 and 150 listed on the Consent Calendar authorize agreements with the cities of Northfield and Linwood for shared emergency and non-emergency dispatch services. Mayor McCullough commented this is the initial agreement with the City of Linwood for this type of service which will be a tremendous benefit to its residents.

2012 Budget

Administrator Miller said the 2012 Municipal Budget will be introduced tonight together with a corresponding resolution to reduce the reserve for uncollected taxes.

Other Business (not listed on the Agenda)

Administrator Miller explained Ordinances 15 through 17 listed for introduction authorize the private sale of municipally owned property to The Arc of Atlantic County, Inc. These properties will be used for the construction of affordable housing units.

Township Administrator Miller said there was one additional ordinance for introduction providing for the acceptance of a deed conveying property located on Lakewood Avenue to the Township from Betty Simon, Trustee, LLC. He also advised J & M Land Company requested assignment of existing tax sale certificates totaling approximately \$184,000. Mr. Miller said this transaction would be beneficial to the Township. Township Committee had no objections and will act upon a resolution at the next Township Committee meeting.

Mayor McCullough recommended appointment of Jessica Ramirez as Conflict Public Defender. Township Committee had no objections and will act upon a resolution later this evening.

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

Ordinances – Introduction General Public Discussion

Number	Title
13	An ordinance to amend the Code of the Township of Egg Harbor, Chapter 213 thereof, entitled Vehicles and Traffic
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to establish the speed limit along Ridge Avenue between Mill Road and LaCosta Drive at 35 mph <i>Ordinance 13-2012 to be published in <u>The Mainland Journal</u> on April 4, 2012, for further consideration at a Public Hearing to be held on April 25, 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>
Motion	Motion Hodson, second Cafero to introduce Ordinance 13
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes
14	An ordinance providing for the acceptance of a Deed conveying real property, drainage basin at Ivins Woods, being Lot 14.15 in Block 1703 and Lot 18 in Block 1707, of the Official Tax Map in the Township of Egg Harbor, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey

Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to accept a deed for the drainage basin located at the Ivins Woods subdivision. <i>Ordinance 14-2012 to be published in <u>The Mainland Journal</u> on April 4, 2012, for further consideration at a Public Hearing to be held on April 25, 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>
Motion	Motion Hodson, second Pfrommer to introduce Ordinance 14
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes
15	An ordinance authorizing a private sale of Block 908, Lot 6 for sale to The Arc of Atlantic County, Inc., pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-21
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to sell Township-owned property no longer needed for public purposes to The Arc of Atlantic County Inc for construction of an affordable housing unit <i>Ordinance 15-2012 to be published in <u>The Mainland Journal</u> on April 4, 2012, for further consideration at a Public Hearing to be held on April 25, 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>
Motion	Motion Cafero, second Hodson to introduce Ordinance 15
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes
16	An ordinance authorizing a private sale of Block 1437, Lot 13 for sale to The Arc of Atlantic County, Inc., pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-21.
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to sell Township-owned property no longer needed for public purposes to The Arc of Atlantic County Inc for construction of an affordable housing unit <i>Ordinance 16-2012 to be published in <u>The Mainland Journal</u> on April 4, 2012, for further consideration at a Public Hearing to be held on April 25, 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>
Motion	Motion Cafero, second Pfrommer to introduce Ordinance 16
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes
17	An ordinance authorizing a private sale of Block 1702, Lots 26 & 27 for sale to The Arc of Atlantic County, Inc., pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-21.
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to sell Township-owned property no longer needed for public purposes to The Arc of Atlantic County Inc for construction of an affordable housing unit <i>Ordinance 17-2012 to be published in <u>The Mainland Journal</u> on April 4, 2012, for further consideration at a Public Hearing to be held on April 25, 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>
Motion	Motion Cafero, second Hodson to introduce Ordinance 17
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes
18	An ordinance providing for the acceptance of a deed conveying real property, being Lot 2 in Block 1926 (Lakewood Avenue) of the Official Tax Map in the Township of Egg Harbor, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to accept donation of land from Betty Simon Trustee, LLC <i>Ordinance 18-2012 to be published in <u>The Mainland Journal</u> on April 4, 2012, for further</i>

consideration at a Public Hearing to be held on April 25, 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.

Motion

Motion Carman, second Hodson to introduce Ordinance 18

Roll Call Vote

Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes

Resolutions (Consent Calendar)

Number	Title
148	Resolution providing the temporary budget for the calendar year 2012
149	Resolution authorizing an agreement for shared emergency and non-emergency dispatch services for the municipalities of the City of Northfield and the Township of Egg Harbor
150	Resolution authorizing an agreement for shared emergency and non-emergency dispatch services for the municipalities of the City of Linwood and the Township of Egg Harbor
151	Resolution authorizing execution of lease agreement for the years 2012 and 2013 with the County of Atlantic for use of the Egg Harbor Township Community Center as the Nutrition Site
152	Resolution authorizing execution of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Communication Workers of America (CWA)
153	Resolution authorizing execution of Alliance Agreement between the County of Atlantic and Township of Egg Harbor
154	Resolution approving use of vendors listed on approved State Contract List
155	Resolution authorizing cancellation of unused grant balances
156	Resolution granting Egg Harbor Township Kiwanis Charitable Roadway Solicitation Application
157	Resolution calling for the restoration of energy taxes to municipalities
158	Resolution authorizing the reallocation of funds for Marshall Estates
159	Resolution authorizing refunds from developers escrow accounts (various)
160	Resolution appointing various individuals as part-time employees to serve the Department of Parks and Recreation
161	Resolution appointing Nicholas Romantino and Joel Martin as Ambulance Service Members
162	Resolution awarding contract for 2011 CDBG Project for Farr Avenue, North Avenue, South Avenue and Foster
Motion	Motion Carman, second Cafero to approve Consent Calendar Resolutions 148 through 162
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes

Resolution (Bill List)

Number	Title
163	Authorizing payment of all bills pursuant to Exhibit A
Motion	Motion Cafero, second Hodson to adopt Resolution 163
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes

Resolutions

Number	Title
164	Resolution to award a contract for a Conflict Public Defender to Jessica Ramirez, Esquire
Motion	Motion Cafero, second Carman to adopt Resolution 164
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes
165	Resolution appointing William F. Hegarty to the Veterans Advisory Board
Motion	Motion Hodson, second Carman to adopt Resolution 165
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes

BUDGET INTRODUCTION

Mayor McCullough read the Mayor's Budget Message a copy of which is attached to the minutes.

Resolutions

Number	Title
166	Resolution authorizing the use of the Reduced Reserve for Uncollected Taxes
Motion	Motion Hodson, second Cafero to adopt Resolution 166
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes
167	Resolution to introduce the 2012 Municipal Budget
Motion	Motion Carman, second Hodson to adopt Resolution 167
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes

Closed Session

Number	Title
168	Authorizing the Township Committee to convene into a Closed Executive Session to discuss matters involving litigation; State of New Jersey v. Bruce Gittleman
Motion	Motion Hodson, second Carman to approve Resolution 168
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes

Township Committee reconvened the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Reports

Township Committee:

Committeewoman Pfrommer encouraged residents to view the Egg Harbor Township website which contains a wealth of information on our community. Mrs. Pfrommer noted the annual Easter Egg Hunt and 1st annual craft show events will be held this weekend.

Deputy Mayor Hodson announced the Veterans Advisory Board link contains information for those who wish to participate in the upcoming Memorial Day parade.

Committeeman Carman encouraged the public to support the local volunteer fire departments during their annual fundraising drive.

Committeeman Cafero echoed Committeeman Carman's comments and also said he is very proud of the 2012 budget. Committeeman Cafero said the casino industry is very important to Egg Harbor Township and noted the Governor support of the casino industry.

Ordinances – Public Hearings

Number	Title
4	An ordinance authorizing the acquisition of property known as Block 1923, Lot 1, Jefferson Avenue, as set forth on the Official Tax Map in the Township of Egg Harbor, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to acquire property for the development of affordable housing.
Public Comment	No one came forward
Motion	Motion Hodson, second Cafero to close the public comment portion of Ordinance 4
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes
Motion	Motion Hodson, second Pfrommer to adopt Ordinance 4 Committeeman Carman commented he is generally against this type of ordinance as well as, the following two ordinances for the acquisition of property. However, he believes these particular ordinances are a smart assembly of property as the Township owns surrounding parcels.
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes
5	An ordinance authorizing the acquisition of property known as Block 1932, Lots 4 and 5, Rutter Avenue, as set forth on the Official Tax Map in the Township of Egg Harbor, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to acquire property for the development of affordable housing.
Public Comment	No one came forward
Motion	Motion Cafero, second Hodson to close the public comment portion of Ordinance 5
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes
Motion	Motion Cafero, second Pfrommer to adopt Ordinance 5
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes
6	An ordinance authorizing the acquisition of property known as Block 1932, Lot 7, Johnson Avenue, as set forth on the Official Tax Map in the Township of Egg Harbor, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to acquire property for the development of affordable housing.
Public Comment	No one came forward
Motion	Motion Hodson, second Cafero to close the public comment portion of Ordinance 6
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes
Motion	Motion Pfrommer, second Cafero to adopt Ordinance 6
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes
7	An ordinance fixing the salaries of certain officials and employees (Communications Workers of America Union) of the Township of Egg Harbor for the Year 2012
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to establish the salaries of the CWA union members for the 2012 calendar year.
Public Comment	No one came forward
Motion	Motion Hodson, second Carman to close the public comment portion of Ordinance 7
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes

Motion

Motion Cafero, second Carman to adopt Ordinance 7

Roll Call Vote

Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes

General Public Discussion

Wallace Shields, Former Township Fire Chief and Chief of Scullville Volunteer Fire Company, 129 Jeffers Landing Road said he was appalled by the public comments at the last Township Committee Meeting concerning the municipal budget and wanted to personally apologize.

Motion Cafero, second Hodson to close the public discussion.

Vote: all voted, yes

Mayor McCullough thanked the staff and unions for their sacrifices and hopes all employees will be pleased with the 2012 Municipal Budget which has no tax increase.

Adjournment

Motion Cafero, second Hodson to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Vote: all voted, yes

JAMES J. MC CULLOUGH, MAYOR

EILEEN M. TEDESCO, RMC, TOWNSHIP CLERK

*These minutes were approved at the
May 9, 2012 Township Committee Meeting*