

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

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| <b>Roll Call:</b> | 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**

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| <b>Roll Call:</b> | 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                    | <b>An ordinance to amend the Code of the Township of Egg Harbor, Chapter 213 thereof, entitled Vehicles and Traffic</b>  |
| <b>Purpose</b>        | The purpose of this ordinance is to establish the speed limit along Ridge Avenue between Mill Road and LaCosta Drive at 35 mph<br><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> |
| <b>Motion</b>         | Motion Hodson, second Cafero to introduce Ordinance 13   |
| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes   |

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| 14 | <b>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</b> |
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| <b>Purpose</b>        | The purpose of this ordinance is to accept a deed for the drainage basin located at the Ivins Woods subdivision.<br><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>   |
| <b>Motion</b>         | Motion Hodson, second Pfrommer to introduce Ordinance 14   |
| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes   |
| <b>15</b>             | <b>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</b>  |
| <b>Purpose</b>        | 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<br><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> |
| <b>Motion</b>         | Motion Cafero, second Hodson to introduce Ordinance 15   |
| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes   |
| <b>16</b>             | <b>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.</b>   |
| <b>Purpose</b>        | 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<br><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> |
| <b>Motion</b>         | Motion Cafero, second Pfrommer to introduce Ordinance 16   |
| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes   |
| <b>17</b>             | <b>An ordinance authorizing a private sale of Block 1702, Lots 26 &amp; 27 for sale to The Arc of Atlantic County, Inc., pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-21.</b>   |
| <b>Purpose</b>        | 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<br><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> |
| <b>Motion</b>         | Motion Cafero, second Hodson to introduce Ordinance 17   |
| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes   |
| <b>18</b>             | <b>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</b>  |
| <b>Purpose</b>        | The purpose of this ordinance is to accept donation of land from Betty Simon Trustee, LLC<br><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)**

| <b>Number</b>         | <b>Title</b>  |
|-----------------------|---|
| 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   |
| <b>Motion</b>         | Motion Carman, second Cafero to approve Consent Calendar Resolutions 148 through 162  |
| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes  |

**Resolution (Bill List)**

| <b>Number</b>         | <b>Title</b>   |
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| 163                   | Authorizing payment of all bills pursuant to Exhibit A       |
| <b>Motion</b>         | Motion Cafero, second Hodson to adopt Resolution 163         |
| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | 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 |
| <b>Motion</b>         | Motion Cafero, second Carman to adopt Resolution 164                                      |
| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes                              |
| 165                   | Resolution appointing William F. Hegarty to the Veterans Advisory Board                   |
| <b>Motion</b>         | Motion Hodson, second Carman to adopt Resolution 165                                      |
| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | 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   |
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| 166                   | Resolution authorizing the use of the Reduced Reserve for Uncollected Taxes |
| <b>Motion</b>         | Motion Hodson, second Cafero to adopt Resolution 166                        |
| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes                |
| 167                   | Resolution to introduce the 2012 Municipal Budget                           |
| <b>Motion</b>         | Motion Carman, second Hodson to adopt Resolution 167                        |
| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | 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 |
| <b>Motion</b>         | Motion Hodson, second Carman to approve Resolution 168  |
| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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                     | <b>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</b>   |
| <b>Purpose</b>        | The purpose of this ordinance is to acquire property for the development of affordable housing.  |
| <b>Public Comment</b> | No one came forward  |
| <b>Motion</b>         | Motion Hodson, second Cafero to close the public comment portion of Ordinance 4  |
| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes   |
| <b>Motion</b>         | 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. |
| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes   |
| 5                     | <b>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</b>   |
| <b>Purpose</b>        | The purpose of this ordinance is to acquire property for the development of affordable housing.  |
| <b>Public Comment</b> | No one came forward  |
| <b>Motion</b>         | Motion Cafero, second Hodson to close the public comment portion of Ordinance 5  |
| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes   |
| <b>Motion</b>         | Motion Cafero, second Pfrommer to adopt Ordinance 5  |
| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes   |
| 6                     | <b>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</b>   |
| <b>Purpose</b>        | The purpose of this ordinance is to acquire property for the development of affordable housing.  |
| <b>Public Comment</b> | No one came forward  |
| <b>Motion</b>         | Motion Hodson, second Cafero to close the public comment portion of Ordinance 6  |
| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes   |
| <b>Motion</b>         | Motion Pfrommer, second Cafero to adopt Ordinance 6  |
| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-yes Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes   |
| 7                     | <b>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</b>   |
| <b>Purpose</b>        | The purpose of this ordinance is to establish the salaries of the CWA union members for the 2012 calendar year.  |
| <b>Public Comment</b> | No one came forward  |
| <b>Motion</b>         | Motion Hodson, second Carman to close the public comment portion of Ordinance 7  |
| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | 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

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**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

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JAMES J. MC CULLOUGH, MAYOR

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EILEEN M. TEDESCO, RMC, TOWNSHIP CLERK

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