

Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting
Municipal Building, Bargaintown Road
Egg Harbor Township NJ 08234
Wednesday, September 12, 2012 – 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

The Mayor 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	absent
	Laura Pfrommer	present
	James J. McCullough	present

Mayor McCullough announced Deputy Mayor Hodson is out of state and will not be in attendance. Committeeman Cafero is attending another meeting and will be arriving shortly.

Also in attendance were Township Administrator Miller, Township Solicitor Friedman, Township Engineer Mott and Township Clerk Tedesco.

Meeting with Township Engineer Mott

Township Engineer Mott reported paving began on Broadway this past Monday. Paving on Reega Avenue, Betsy Scull Road and Sonnies Avenue will follow. The drainage system on Reega Avenue will up-dated and various repairs will be made on numerous streets throughout the township.

Old Business

Lot Coverage Ordinance

Township Administrator Miller presented a draft ordinance increasing lot coverage in non-Pinelands zones. The increase will almost double the permitted coverage in residential areas and provide relief to residential areas.

Committeeman Carman noted the current code has created a hardship for residents who reside within the Pinelands area.

An ordinance will be listed for introduction at the September 26, 2012 Township Committee meeting.

New Business

Derecho Emergency

Administrator Miller noted Resolutions 363 and 364 listed on the Consent Calendar both relate to emergency funds as a result of the June 30, 2012 Derecho. Mr. Miller anticipates the Township receiving 75% reimbursement from FEMA. Administrator Miller said storm clean up is complete although, residents are randomly putting materials curbside. Administrator Miller expects residents to continue to place materials curbside for the next two months. Additionally, a contractor has been hired to clear trees in the area of Bayberry Avenue and Leap Street.

Committeeman Cafero arrived at 5:06 p.m.

Ocean Drive Fishing Pier

Administrator Miller said the Cape May Bridge Commission has requested an agreement with Egg Harbor Township for our Police Department to enforce their regulations at the fishing pier between Ocean City and Egg Harbor Township. Mr.

Miller explained the Bridge Commission Police has trouble patrolling this location due to its proximity to their other locations. Township Committee will consider an ordinance amendment to accomplish this request at the next Township Committee meeting.

Purchase of Block 7801, Lot 64

Administrator Miller advised the purpose of Ordinance 44 listed for introduction tonight is to acquire additional open space in the Scullville area. The Township and Atlantic County both currently own land adjacent to this 30 acre parcel which is landlocked.

Following a brief discussion, Administrator Miller will contact the property owner about donating land to the township.

Capital Ordinance Cancellations

Township Administrator Miller stated Resolution 365 is a housekeeping matter following the recent bond sale. He explained there are about \$100,000 in unused funds which can be canceled and re-allocated back to Capital Surplus.

Other Business (not listed on the Agenda)

Administrator Miller said there is an add-on resolution approving the 2012-2013 Mobile Home Park Licenses. Township Committee had no objections and will act on a resolution later tonight.

Closed Session

Number	Title
362	Authorizing the Township Committee to convene into a Closed Executive Session to discuss matters involving litigation; Paff Litigation
Motion	Motion Pfrommer, second Cafero to approve Resolution 362
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-absent Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes

Mayor McCullough reconvened the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

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	absent
	Laura Pfrommer	present
	James J. McCullough	present

Ordinances – Introduction

Number	Title
44	An ordinance authorizing the acquisition of property known as Block 7801, Lot 64, Betsy Scull Road, 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 purpose of preserving open space. <i>Ordinance 44-2012 to be published in <u>The Mainland Journal</u> on September 19, 2012, for further consideration at a Public Hearing to be held on October 10, 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 Pfrommer, second Carman to introduce Ordinance 44
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-absent Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes

Resolutions (Consent Calendar)

Township Administrator explained the purpose of Resolution 368, agreement for Pest Control with Elder Pest Control has been revised from covering wood destroying insects to pest control for municipal building.

Number	Title
363	Resolution authorizing exceeding bid threshold due to an exigency condition
364	Resolution authorizing emergency appropriation for June 30 th Derecho
365	Resolution canceling outstanding balances from Capital and Bond Amounts to Capital Surplus Account
366	Resolution awarding contract for 2012 uniforms rental for Department of Public Works to Aramark
367	Resolution authorizing execution of maintenance agreement on copier located in the finance office for Stewart Business Systems
368	Resolution authorizing execution of agreement for annual pest control service to Elder Pest Control
369	Resolution authorizing acceptance of improvements of T-Mobile – Weinstein Supply
370	Resolution waiving raffle license fee for Scullville Volunteer Fire Company
371	Resolution authorizing cancellation of mortgage lien for Otto Camp
372	Resolution authorizing refund of escrow to Taylor, Wiseman and Taylor
373	Resolution authorizing refund of overpaid taxes (various)
374	Resolution authorizing refunds from developers escrow accounts (various)
Motion	Motion Pfrommer, second Cafero to approve Consent Calendar Resolutions 363 through 374
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-absent Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes

Resolution (Bill List)

Number	Title
375	Authorizing payment of all bills pursuant to Exhibit A
Motion	Motion Cafero, second Pfrommer to adopt Resolution 375
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-absent Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes

Approvals

Motions	
Motion	Motion Cafero, second Pfrommer to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Township Committee meeting of August 22, 2012
Vote	All present voted, yes
Motion	Motion Cafero, second Carman to approve the departmental reports for the month of August 2012
Vote	All present voted, yes
Motion	Motion Cafero, second Pfrommer to approve the payroll for the month of August 2012 in the amount of \$1,745,981.91.
Vote	All present voted, yes

Resolution (Release of Executive Session Minutes)

Number	Title
376	Resolution authorizing the release of executive session minutes
Motion	Motion Cafero, second Carman to adopt Resolution 376
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-absent Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes

Resolution (Supplemental)

Number	Title
377	Resolution approving mobile home park licenses
Motion	Motion Pfrommer, second Carman to adopt Resolution 377
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-absent Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes

Reports

Township Committee:

Committeeman Cafero thanked the Veterans Advisory Board for their efforts in coordinating the recent September 11th Remembrance Ceremony. Committeeman Cafero advised the voting public to refer to their sample ballots for polling site and candidate information. The ballots will be mailed the week prior to the November 6, 2012 General Election.

Committeewoman Pfrommer said this season's last Rhythm in the Park event will be held this weekend and encouraged the public to attend. Mrs. Pfrommer also announced the annual Fall Clean-up event will be held shortly and details can be found on the township website, www.ehtgov.org

Mayor McCullough echoed Committeeman Cafero's comments about the importance of the sample ballot. The Mayor stated the upcoming General Election will be the largest in the townships history and he encouraged voters to become familiar with the numerous positions which are up for election from President of the United States to locally, the Township Committee and School Board members.

Administrator:

Administrator Miller said he attended a state meeting today concerning the Planning Area designation for West Atlantic City. Mr. Miller advised the state approved changing this section of the township from Planning Area 1 to Planning Area 5 which increases lot density significantly.

The Administrator announced the majority of the clean up from the June 30th Derecho event has been accomplished. Any additional materials will need to be cut up as usual and placed at the curbside for pick up according to the regular schedule.

General Public Discussion

Richard Sweezney, Ivins Avneue asked if the issues with the basins associated with the English Creek Shopping Center have been remediated. Township Engineer Mott said his staff has been monitoring these basins and they appear to be functioning properly. Engineer Mott said the next report is due in November.

Motion Cafero, second Pfrommer to close the public discussion. Vote: all present voted, yes

Engineer's Report

Township Engineer Mott reported paving began on Broadway this past Monday. Paving on Reega Avenue, Betsy Scull Road and Sonnies Avenue will follow. The drainage system on Reega Avenue will up-dated. Additionally, various repairs will be made on numerous streets throughout the township.

Mayor McCullough announced WaWa has just received Planning Board approval to construct a new facility on the Black Horse Pike directly across from Chapman Ford. Also, Village Supermarkets is challenging the townships approvals for the Super Walmart project which is holding up the start of this commercial site.

Presentations

Mayor McCullough and Committeewoman Pfrommer presented Certificates of Commendation to team members and coaches of the Egg Harbor Township Tornados 12U All-Star Softball Team for their outstanding championship season (*Elisabeth Alicca, Alyssa George, Ella Glenn, Faith Hegh, Emily MacNeil, Alyssa Martini, Cristine McElhinney, Samantha Rhodes, Rachel Roesch, Tori Szrom, Marissa Varela, Megan Warker, Manager Robin Warker, and Coaches Dough Roesch and Joe Szrom*)

Ordinances – Public Hearings

Number	Title
37	An ordinance to amend Chapter 225 Zoning and create Section 225-49A Affordable Housing Zone AH – RG -4
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to implement a settlement between the Township of Egg Harbor and Planning Board and English Creek Manor; Docket ATL-L-4234-06 PW dated June 1, 2006.
Public Comment	Attorney Plackter thanked the Township Committee for their efforts regarding this ordinance.
Motion	Motion Pfrommer, second Cafero to close the public comment portion of Ordinance 37
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-yes Hodson-absent Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes
Discussion	Administrator Miller announced a minor amendment is necessary to correct the exhibit map to reflect RG-1 and not R-1 as originally stated at introduction.
Motion	Cafero, second Pfrommer to adopt Ordinance 37, as amended to reflect RG-1 on the exhibit map
Discussion	<p><u>Committeeman Carman</u> commended the professionals and Township Committee for this plan which is much improved over the original plan. However, he still feels the requirements will destroy the character of the affected neighborhoods. Mr. Carman said he wished he had the funds to fight the court order which he feels is spot zoning.</p> <p><u>Mayor McCullough</u> said this is an example of the State of New Jersey forcing regulations onto a municipality. The Mayor said the Builders League of South Jersey and the State do not recognize our mobile home parks as low to moderate income housing. Mayor McCullough agreed with Committeeman Carman in that the Township was forced to act on this matter.</p> <p><u>Committeeman Cafero</u> agreed with both Committeeman Carman and Mayor McCullough’s comments.</p> <p><u>Township Solicitor Freidman</u> advised he received a letter today from Attorney Michael Malinsky representing numerous homeowners directly affected by this ordinance. Attorney Malinsky said the homeowners appreciate the work that went into Ordinance 37-2012 and feel it is a better alternative to the original plan.</p> <p><u>Committeewoman Pfrommer</u> said the ordinance requirements will directly affect her neighborhood. And while she feels the requirements are terrible, the current plan is much better than the one submitted 2 years ago. Mrs. Pfrommer said it is important for residents to support politicians who are willing to fight for the people.</p> <p>Mayor McCullough stated this resolution came at a high cost.</p>
Roll Call Vote	Cafero-yes Carman-no Hodson-absent Pfrommer-yes McCullough-yes

Adjournment

Motion Cafero, second Carman to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m.
Vote All present voted, yes

JAMES J. MCCULLOUGH, MAYOR

EILEEN M. TEDESCO, RMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Minutes approved at the Township Committee
Meeting of September 26, 2012.