

Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting
Municipal Building, Bargaintown Road
Egg Harbor Township NJ 08234
Wednesday, December 19, 2012 – 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Deputy Mayor Paul Hodson called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Deputy Township Clerk 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	Absent

New Business

- ~ **Animal Control Contract.** Administrator Miller reported on the Request for Proposals that were posted and Animal Control Services of South Jersey being the only bid. He provided information regarding the fees bid and the services that Animal Control Services of South Jersey has provided to the Township in past years.
- ~ **License Extensions.** Administrator Miller reported on license extensions being requested for the Rotary Towing and Taxicab/Limousines. He advised the Township Committee that the delay for the Rotary Towing licenses was because the Police Department wanted to make some changes to the Code in order to set the licensing for one time a year. The delay in the Taxi/Limo licenses was due to the background checks from the State and the inspections of vehicles.
- ~ **December 19th Tax Sale.** Administrator Miller provided the Township Committee with a brief overview on the tax sale which was held on this day. He indicated that the majority of the properties in tax sale were as a result of nonpayment of sewer bills. Solicitor Friedman told Administrator Miller that there was a property that should not have been part of the sale because they were in Chapter 7. Solicitor Friedman stated he would provide Administrator Miller with the relevant documents.
- ~ **Board Appointments.** Administrator Miller informed the Committee that Board appointments should be set and provided to the Township Clerk by next week in order that the Reorganization Agenda may be finalized.

Other Business (not listed on the Agenda)

- ~ Administrator Miller circulated a proposed resolution for the Township Committee to consider. The resolution is to support Assembly Bill A-2753 requiring direct payment of energy taxes to municipal government. The Committee wholeheartedly supports the resolution and authorizes it to be introduced this evening.
- ~ Administrator Miller informed the Township Committee that Kathryn Miller is requesting an extended military leave through to April 30 and there will be a resolution to grant her that leave on this evening's

agenda.

- ~ Administrator Miller advised the Township Committee that the South Jersey Gas Company is requesting an easement for a piece of property the Township owns. They did a gas connection at the end of Lincoln Avenue and the Black Horse Pike in front of East Bay Crab & Grill. Instead of being in the road, they cut across a small wedge of property we own. They sent a letter for the Township to grant an easement after the project was complete in order that they may cross our property. The Township Committee recommends that the Township grant the property for right of way. An ordinance to incorporate Lot 1 into additional right of way and eliminate the lot will be introduced in 2013.
- ~ Administrator Miller stated he had two additional bills to be added to the bill list this evening (Hess Corp and Solicitor Friedman).

Meeting with Township Engineer Mott

- ~ Engineer Mott reported that all capital projects are getting wrapped up and should be completed before the year ends. There may be drainage issues at Veterans Park. The old tennis court/parking lot was striped today. Reega Avenue is open. The base paving (asphalt) is complete. In a week to ten days the top goes down. That process will begin closer to the end of next week.

Deputy Township Clerk Perez read the Video Broadcast/Television statement.

Deputy Mayor Hodson led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:	Joe Cafero	Present
	John Carman, Jr.	Present
	Paul Hodson	Present
	Laura Pfrommer	Present
	James J. McCullough	Absent

Ordinances – Public Hearings

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>Adoption of Ordinance 44 was tabled until December 19, 2012 following the closing of the public hearing conducted on October 10, 2012.</i>
Public Comment	None
Motion	Motion Carman, second Cafero to close the public comment portion of Ordinance 44
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Pfrommer - yes McCullough - absent
Motion	Motion Carman, second Cafero to adopt Ordinance 44
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Pfrommer - yes McCullough - absent
48	An ordinance to amend the Code of the Township of Egg Harbor, Chapter 165, Section 165-2 thereof entitled “Parks”
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to set the hours for the Egg Harbor Township Nature Preserve to be from sunrise to sunset.

Public Comment	None
Motion	Motion Cafero, second Pfrommer to close the public comment portion of Ordinance 48
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Pfrommer - yes McCullough - absent
Motion	Motion Pfrommer, second Cafero to adopt Ordinance 48
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Pfrommer - yes McCullough - absent

49	An ordinance fixing the salaries of certain officials and employees (Communications Workers of America Union) of the Township of Egg Harbor for the year 2013
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to establish ranges for the CWA employees of the Township for the 2013 calendar year.
Public Comment	None
Motion	Motion Carman, second Pfrommer to close the public comment portion of Ordinance 49
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Pfrommer - yes McCullough - absent
Motion	Motion Pfrommer, second Carman to adopt Ordinance 49
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Pfrommer - yes McCullough - absent

50	An ordinance fixing the salaries of certain officials and employees (Policemen's Benevolent Association) of the Township of Egg Harbor for the year 2013
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to establish ranges for the PBA employees of the Township for the 2013 calendar year.
Public Comment	None
Motion	Motion Pfrommer, second Cafero to close the public comment portion of Ordinance 50
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Pfrommer - yes McCullough - absent
Motion	Motion Pfrommer, second Carman to adopt Ordinance 50
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Pfrommer - yes McCullough - absent

51	An ordinance fixing the salaries of certain officials and employees of the Township of Egg Harbor for the year 2013
Purpose	The purpose of this ordinance is to establish ranges for the non contractual employees of the Township for the 2013 calendar year.
Public Comment	None
Motion	Motion Cafero, second Pfrommer to close the public comment portion of Ordinance 51
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Pfrommer - yes McCullough - absent
Motion	Motion Pfrommer, second Cafero to adopt Ordinance 51
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Pfrommer - yes McCullough - absent

52	An ordinance providing for the acceptance of a deed conveying real property, being lots 21 and 22 in block 1013 (Bergen 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 a donation of land on Bergen Avenue.
Public Comment	None
Motion	Motion Cafero, second Pfrommer to close the public comment portion of Ordinance 52
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Pfrommer - yes McCullough - absent
Motion	Motion Cafero, second Carman to adopt Ordinance 52
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Pfrommer - yes McCullough - absent

General Public Discussion

~ **Bill Danz, Fire Chief** informed the Committee and residents that the Fire Department is unfortunately

beginning to experience the time lapse problems of Hurricane Sandy. Unfortunately, there were areas of the Township that had to be entered in order to get people out of harms way and now it is beginning to take its task on the fire department. The Scullville Fire Company suffered water damage in the fire house and equipment in their building. Chief Danz indicated that some damages will be taken care of through insurance and FEMA, but his concern is that in the future, there will be expenses and asked that when the budget is being considered that the Fire Department be taken into consideration.

- ~ **Administrator Miller** asked Mr. Danz if file claims were submitted to the Township Clerk's Office to which Mr. Danz replied in the affirmative.
- ~ **Virginia McMahon** (209 West Plaza Place, West Atlantic City). Ms. McMahon thanked Wally Bakely and the Fire Department for their assistance during Hurricane Sandy. Ms. McMahon was inquiring about FEMA requesting the township's endorsement in order for homeowners to obtain grant funds in order to raise their homes. Administrator Miller advised Ms. McMahon that the Construction Official has a form letter that gets executed. The letter gets sent to FEMA to get qualified for the grant.
- ~ **Michael Bertino** (211 West Plaza Place). Mr. Bertino expressed his disappointment with the township moving forward with the Gabion and the sand dunes. The sand doesn't work. He indicated there needs to be an organized approach to the mitigation.
- ~ **Administrator Miller** stated that the township will not move forward with the Gabions without additional dialogue.
- ~ **Paul Rosenberg** (300 Hidden Oak Road, Egg Harbor Township). Mr. Rosenberg advised that the clock is ticking and the deadline is the end of the year.
- ~ **Richard Black** (1112 Bay Drive, West Atlantic City). Mr. Black reiterated his statement that when the bulkhead was originally requested, only one person turned the Township down. Since then, Randall's Seafood (approximately 30 yards away) received a bulkhead. Mr. Black asked how much money the Township received which would be applied toward West Atlantic City.
- ~ **Administrator Miller** responded that the only funds received were for cleanup and cannot be applied toward mitigation. The Township has money to rebuild the dune.
- ~ **Russ Paterson** (204 East Plaza Place, West Atlantic City). Ms. Paterson provided the township a small biography on herself. She spoke mostly about the West Atlantic City Motels and that this would be the township's time to do something about getting rid of them.
- ~ **Shirley Ludecke** (208 Palermo Avenue). Ms. Ludecke stated that when this storm came, the residents had no protection. She said that since the stones and sand was put in place, it has been washing out. She wanted to know whether the township was going to address the issue and whether the township would be protecting them in the future after their homes are fixed.
- ~ **Deputy Mayor Hodson** stated that the entire West Atlantic City area would need to be addressed.
- ~ **Anna Marie Corsale** (101 Genoa Avenue). Ms. Corsale wanted to make the Township aware that she lives

on the corner of Genoa Avenue and incurred flooding damages from the Milan Avenue ditch in Pleasantville.

- ~ **Deputy Mayor Paul Hodson** requested that Peter call FEMA tomorrow and see if they would shop up to have a meeting; and proceed with scheduling the meeting.
- ~ **Michael Bertino** (211 West Plaza Place). Mr. Bertino asked that the meeting be for the purpose of West Atlantic City and how or what will the township do to seek the necessary funds to protect its West Atlantic City residents.
- ~ **Committeeman Joe Cafero** admitted that there is a lot going on.
- ~ **Administrator Peter Miller** spoke about FEMA and how they work to correct damages. Then there is a long-term solution and hazard mitigation grant monies are applied for.
- ~ **Michael Bertino** (211 West Plaza Place). Mr. Bertino asked that the township not proceed with designing the gabion. He asked that discussions be entertained with the appropriate people. There are better solutions. He stated that the township should reapply so that there is no more waste of government money. He asked that the township stop and take some time to look at a real comprehensive plan.

Motion Cafero, second Pfrommer to close the public discussion portion of the meeting.

Vote: All members present voted yes.

Resolutions (Consent Calendar)

Number	Title
463	Resolution transferring monies from one appropriation to another
464	Resolution authorizing cancellation of unused grant balances
465	Resolution authorizing refund of overpaid taxes, numerous property owners
466	Resolution authorizing refunds from developers escrow accounts (various)
467	Resolution authorizing refund of Street Opening Permit No. 119 of 2012 for 10 Sagemore Court, D R Hauck Hauling and Landscaping
468	Resolution authorizing acceptance of improvements of Atlantic City Jitney Association, Block 903, Lot 13
469	Resolution authorizing acceptance of improvements of Firestone/Bridgestone Center, Block 1508, Lots 33.01 and 33.02
470	Resolution authorizing the sale of Township property and vehicles that have been deemed surplus or abandoned with Govdeals, Inc.
471	Resolution authorizing execution of one-year support/maintenance agreement with FHI for VMWare
472	Resolution authorizing execution of one-year maintenance agreement with ITS Mailing Systems Inc. for IJ70B Mail Machine
473	Resolution authorizing execution of one-year maintenance agreement with AFA Protective Systems, Inc. for monitoring of fire alarm at Community Center
474	Resolution awarding contract to Animal Control of South Jersey for Animal Control Services, January 1, 2013 thru December 31, 2014
475	Resolution to extend Taxicab and Limousine Licenses through to February 28, 2013
476	Resolution to extend all Rotary Towing contract licenses through to February 28, 2013

477	Resolution scheduling the 2013 Reorganization Meeting
478	Resolution approving salary increases
480	Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 452 of 2012 entitled "Resolution granting paid military leave to John Beattes"
481	Resolution granting paid military leave to Melvin Laramore
Motion	Motion Carman, second Pfrommer to approve Consent Calendar Resolutions 463 through 478 and 480 through 481
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Pfrommer - yes McCullough - absent

Resolution

Number	Title
479	Resolution authorizing execution of employment agreement with Police Chief (Morris) and Captains (Davis, Druding and Ruef)
Motion	Motion Cafero, second Pfrommer to adopt Resolution 479
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Pfrommer - yes McCullough - absent

Resolution (Bill List)

Number	Title
482	Authorizing payment of all bills pursuant to Exhibit A with the addition of two additional bills (Hess in the sum of \$28,774.92 and Friedman in the sum of \$6,775.00)
Motion	Motion Cafero, second Pfrommer to adopt Resolution 482
Roll Call Vote	Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Pfrommer - yes McCullough - absent

Reports

Township Committee:

Cafero	Committeeman Cafero spoke about the holiday season coming up and asked that everyone visit our website and check out the recycling over the next couple of weeks in addition to scheduled trash pick. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and happy, safe, and Blessed New Year.
Carman	Committeeman Carman wished everyone a happy, safe and prosperous new year.
Pfrommer	Committeewoman advised all residents affected by Hurricane Sandy that there is a deadline to get claims in. Administrator Miller advised the website is www.fema.org and residents can follow along or can go on the township's webpage.
Hodson	Deputy Mayor Hodson expressed his thanks to the township fire departments. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Administrator:

Miller	Administrator Miller advised that for solid waste collection, there will be no pickup on Monday and Tuesday. Collection will be on Wednesday and all future dates will be the next day through Saturday.
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Approvals

Motion	Motion Pfrommer, second Cafero to approve the Minutes of the Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting of November 28, 2012
Vote	All members present voted yes.

Motion	Motion Cafero, second Carman to approve the Minutes of the Egg Harbor Township Committee Closed Executive Session of November 28, 2012, pursuant to Resolution 438
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Roll Call Vote | Cafero - yes Carman - yes Hodson - yes Pfrommer - yes McCullough - absent

Motion | Motion Cafero, second Pfrommer to approve the departmental reports for the month of November 2012

Vote | All members present voted yes.

Motion | Motion Cafero, second Pfrommer to approve the payroll for the month of November 2012 in the amount of \$1,176,445.21.

Vote | All members present voted yes.

Adjournment

Motion Cafero, second Carman to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Vote: All members present voted yes.

Paul Hodson, Deputy Mayor

Olga A. Perez, RMC, Deputy Township Clerk

*These minutes approved
January 9, 2012*
