

Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting  
Municipal Building, Bargaintown Road  
Egg Harbor Township NJ 08234  
Wednesday, September 14, 2011 – 5:00 p.m.

**Minutes**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Deputy Township Clerk Perez read the opening statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act

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

**Closed Session**

Number	Title
350	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 Hodson, second Cafero to convene into closed executive session
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	Cafero - yes    Carman - yes    Hodson - yes    Risley - yes    McCullough - yes

**Meeting with Egg Harbor Township Board of Education (5:30 pm)**

The School Board Secretary Kathy Bechtel read the opening statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, performed a roll call and announced that there was a quorum. Discussions between the Township Committee and the School Board Members were entertained regarding the \$400K the Township committed to the Schools for improvements to the fields and also ways to share services. Administrator Miller provided some examples of shared services such as line striping, appointments of professionals, road improvements, maintenance of fields and truck washing facilities. It was decided that there should be more than one meeting a year between the two boards. Deputy Mayor Risley asked about emails to school staff from the county Democratic Party. Superintendent McCarthy responded that it was looked into and the school has a policy regarding political campaigning. The school has not been able to identify the source of the campaigning. Deputy Mayor Risley advised that a message should go out advising that it is inappropriate. The School Board portion of the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

The Video Broadcast/Television Statement was made by Deputy Township Clerk Perez at 6:02 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor McCullough

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Joe Cafero	present
	John Carman, Jr.	present
	Paul Hodson	present

John Risley	present
James J. McCullough	present

### Presentations

Mayor McCullough presented Sergeant Chambers with a glass eagle in recognition of his years of service to the Township.

### Meeting with Township Engineer Mott

- **Delilah Oaks Pump Stations and West Jersey Avenue Pump Stations.** Engineer Mott advised that the Township has three stormwater stations, two (2) in Delilah Oaks and one (1) at West Avenue that are in need of repair. Hurricane Irene came through and we experienced a significant amount of flooding. Between Public Works Director Simerson and Administrator Miller, they have asked for a cost estimate which will come in just short of \$400K. Mayor McCullough stated that the Township has had a serious problem in this area for some time and that the repair work has to be done. Administrator Miller advised that we have \$80K in a 2005 bond ordinance that was set aside for a skate board park that can be transferred at our next meeting and we can then authorize Engineer Mott to do the design work.

### New Business

- **Public Works Vehicle Bids.** Administrator Miller advised that there are two vehicles which he is recommending for award. Resolutions 354 and 355 are on the agenda this evening to approve award of contracts.
- **Rent Review Board Chairmanship.** Administrator Miller stated that the Chairman of the Rent Review Board moved out of town and resigned his position with the Board. There is a meeting in October and in the absence of the Chairman, the senior person would sit in. At the same time, there are three (3) vacancies. This Board requires a minimum of four (4) for a quorum. Administrator Miller also stated that there is a member on the Board who has not renewed his mercantile license and owes the Township significant fees and taxes. Administrator Miller stated that it is the Township's intent to cite the Board Member on Thursday, September 15 for operating without a license.
- **Property Maintenance Lien Authorization.** Administrator Miller advised that there is a Resolution on this evening's agenda authorizing the cutting of grass and cleaning up of properties at the Township's expense. Thereafter, liens will be placed on the properties until the cost to clean the properties is repaid.

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

- **Supplemental Agenda.** Administrator Miller advised that there is a supplemental agenda for tonight with additional resolutions authorizing the sale of Township property and vehicles and Bond Anticipate Note.

### General Public Discussion

- **Fire Chief Bill Danz.** Chief Danz talked about the real need for the work to be completed at West Avenue and Delilah Oaks. Chief Danz said the capital budget was approved in June. He has submitted budget prices for fire department vehicles. The fire department needs to move forward. Administrator Miller advised that there is a need for a meeting to come up with alternatives in order to do better with the pricing.

- Chief Danz advised that members of the Fire Department had the opportunity to visit New York City to pick up a piece of steel from the World Trade Center. It was a very moving experience. Chief Danz asked if the Township would be interested in doing a memorial at Veterans Memorial Park if another piece of steel could be obtained. The Township Committee agreed that they would be interested.
- **James Kutch, 330 Discovery Lane.** Mr. Kutch spoke about the explosion of signs around the Township and would like to see the Township's laws enforced to have the signs removed.
- **Albert Fry, 22 Vella La Vella Lane.** Mr. Fry spoke about the two vehicles the Township is getting ready to purchase pursuant to Resolutions 354 and 355 and asked about the use of natural gas for use for those vehicles. He indicated that he was hoping that the subject of the use of natural gas would have come up during the meeting with the School Board. Gas conversion is a big thing and would represent a large savings. Jitney Station and MUA sell natural gas. Administrator Miller stated that natural gas-equipped vehicles are substantially more expensive. Right now the issue is a green issue rather than economic. Mr. Fry asked whether once pumping of water from developments and ends up at PAL Basins begins, will that be eliminated when pumping stations are increased. Engineer Mott stated that it would certainly be decreased. During peak storms, the pump station at Tremont Avenue or Fernwood Avenue does pump to the PAL pit. Mr. Fry indicated that PAL is in the process of getting a liner for one of the lakes (the main lake) to keep water in to make one of the lakes a permanent lake. There are two other basins there to catch the overflow. Committeeman Carman advised that Hector should come and talk with Township Committee before getting started. These basins are part of our overflow system and have been for over 40 years. A question came up regarding Bevis Mill and when the work would commence at that site.

Mayor McCullough asked about North Mt. Airy drainage. There is a dip in the road and it always floods. Administrator Miller advised that there are seepage pits that have to be cleaned out.

- **Richard Swezeny, 3071 Ivins Avenue.** Mr. Swezeny asked about the overflow and asked for a clarification regarding basins for auto dealerships.

Engineer Mott responded that when site plans are approved, design calculations have it so that less water comes off the site after the development than predevelopment. There is no approval needed. They do not review drainage plans even on their state highway. Mr. Swezeny stated that the State indicated that no one can put water in the ditch without express written condition.

Mr. Swezeny was advised that the basins at English Creek are privately owned and that the Township does not maintain or inspect them. The Township gets involved only in the case of failure of the basin.

Mr. Swezeny stated that predevelopment he never experienced flooding and post development he has.

Mr. Swezeny talked about a lawsuit which mentions that the Township should inspect and clean.

Administrator Miller advised that the Township was not a party to the suit; and therefore, did not ever get a copy. Mr. Swezeny will be providing the Township with a copy of the order.

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

**Resolutions (Consent Calendar)**

Administrator Miller informed the Township Committee Members that Resolution 357 was revised to change the amount of the contract to \$500.

Deputy Mayor Risley asked Administrator Miller to expand on Resolution 360 so the public would be informed. Administrator Miller spoke about the objective of Resolution 360 which authorized the Township to maintain two properties in the Township and then place a lien on the properties until the Township is made whole for the expenses incurred.

Number	Title
351	Resolution authorizing emergency appropriation for COAH legal fees
352	Resolution authorizing cancellation of unused grant balances
353	Resolution authorizing renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Plenary Retail Consumption License for July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 where special ruling has been obtained (Henricat LLC)
354	Resolution awarding contract for 2012 Ford F-450 platform dump truck or approved equal (Holman Ford)
355	Resolution awarding contract for two (2) 2011 or newer Ford F-150 super cab 8' pickups or approval equal (Winner Ford)
356	Resolution authorizing execution of maintenance agreement with Stewart Business Systems for copier located in the Finance Office
357	Resolution authorizing execution of maintenance agreement with Ricoh Americas Corporation c/o Keystone Digital Imaging for Savin copier located in the Finance Office
358	Resolution waiving raffle license fee for Scullville Volunteer Fire Company
359	Resolution approving use of vendors listed on approved state contract list
360	Resolution authorizing the cutting of grass and cleaning up the properties located at 15 Otter Lane and 63 Marshall Drive and authorizing a lien on the properties
361	Resolution authorizing refund of overpaid taxes (various)
362	Resolution authorizing refund of marriage ceremony fee to Sergio A Ruiz-Gomez
363	Resolution authorizing Pat Naticchione to serve as Acting Zoning Officer (9/22-10/3/2011)
364	Resolution appointing Keith Webb to serve the Department of Police as a part-time Communications Officer
365	Resolution appointing various individuals as part-time employees to serve the Department of Parks and Recreation (Berko, Frank, Doughty)
<b>Motion</b>	Motion Hodson, second Carman to approve Consent Calendar Resolutions 351 through and including 365
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	Cafero - yes    Carman - yes    Hodson - yes    Risley - yes    McCullough - yes

**Resolution (Bill List)**

Number	Title
366	Authorizing payment of all bills pursuant to Exhibit A
<b>Motion</b>	Motion Cafero, second Hodson to adopt Resolution 366

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	Cafero - yes	Carman - yes	Hodson - yes	Risley - yes	McCullough - yes
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**Resolutions (Supplemental)**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>
367	Resolution authorizing the sale of Township property and vehicles that have been deemed surplus or abandoned with Govdeals, Inc.
368	Resolution determining certain details of sale of \$5,430,000 aggregate principal amount of bond anticipation notes of the Township of Egg Harbor in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey
369	Resolution appointing Attorney Daniels to represent Planning Board
<b>Motion</b>	Motion Risley, second Cafero to approve Supplemental Resolutions 367 through and including 369
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	Cafero - yes    Carman - yes    Hodson - yes    Risley - yes    McCullough - yes

**Reports**

***Township Committee:***

- **Committeeman Hodson.** Committeeman Hodson reminded everyone that public school is in session. He asked that all be cautious in their driving around school buses and to think safety first. He also reminded everyone that on the public streets that permit parking on both sides makes it difficult for school buses to travel. He also thanked all those who participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9-1-1 festivities. Committeeman Hodson also announced that if anyone in the public has an interest in serving as a poll worker on Election Day, the County is accepting applications. Poll Workers make \$200 per day.
- **Deputy Mayor Risley.** Mr. Risley stated that he was happy to see a resolution on the agenda regarding the maintenance and clean up of property in need of maintenance. It is important to protect the property value of other people in the Township.

Mr. Risley announced that September 24, 2011, is National Museum Day and encouraged the residents to visit our museum on that day between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Mr. Risley also stated that anyone interested in tweeting, can twitter the Egg Harbor Township Historical Society.

- **Committeeman Carman.** Mr. Carman had nothing to report.
- **Committeeman Cafero.** Mr. Cafero thanked the Veterans Advisory Board and Paul Hodson for putting on the event to celebrate the 911 tenth anniversary. Mr. Cafero said that it has been about a year now that he has been on Township Committee and realizes how hard municipalities work and how they do the best they can with what they have. The State of New Jersey is in sorry need. We need to see some real reforms.

***Administrator:***

- **2002 Bond.** Administrator Miller informed the Committee and the public that in the beginning part of the summer, Township Committee authorized the refinancing of our 2002 bond. It was originally a \$14M note with a \$4.7M balance. When started, the Township projected a \$153K savings. The Township actually took bids a couple of days after Labor Day and savings came in at \$210,000 which is a \$56K gain. That gain can be used for debt reduction. It is a real tangible savings to the residents. The Township will be closing on that note on September 15, 2011.

- **2009, 2010 and 2011 Bond Anticipation Notes.** In June the Township did a short term renewal of the notes so that all of them would be done in September. The renewal positions the Township to permanently finance next year all notes at the same time.
- **Egg Harbor Township \$5.4M Bond Anticipation Note.** The Township will be accepting bids on September 21. The Township is optimistic that they will get a rate in the low 2s which is obviously good for the taxpayers. The goal is whatever we authorize in debt, this time next year we can permanently finance that.
- **Automated Trash Collection System.** As of today the vendor has guaranteed us the best he can that next week they will be delivering trash containers to everyone so the following week they can begin using the containers. Regulations for the containers are located on the Township's website [www.ehtgov.org](http://www.ehtgov.org). Basically you place the container in the same place as you have always been doing and the Township will collect your garbage and return the can to the same place.
- **Old Trash Containers.** A couple of questions have come up as to how to dispose of the containers and our suggestion is that you either use it for recycling purposes or pending a suggestion from the Atlantic County Utilities Authority, recommend you place your old can in the new can and the Township will dispose of it.

#### Approvals

<b>Motion</b>	Motion Carman, second Hodson to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Egg Harbor Township Committee meeting of August 24, 2011
<b>Vote</b>	All members presented voted yes
<b>Motion</b>	Motion Cafero, second Hodson to approve the Closed Executive Session Meeting Minutes of the Egg Harbor Township Committee meeting of August 24, 2011, pursuant to Resolution 303-2011
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	Cafero - yes    Carman - yes    Hodson - yes    Risley - yes    McCullough - yes
<b>Motion</b>	Motion Cafero, second Hodson to approve the August 2011 Departmental Reports
<b>Vote</b>	All members presented voted yes
<b>Motion</b>	Motion Cafero, second Hodson to approve the payroll for the month ending August 2011 in the sum of \$1,144,005.66.
<b>Vote</b>	All members presented voted yes

#### Adjournment

Motion Cafero, second Hodson to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

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

Minutes approved at meeting of September 28, 2011