

Egg Harbor Township Committee Executive Closed Session

Egg Harbor Township Municipal Building
H. Robert Switzer Court Room

Meeting of March 2, 2022
Pursuant to Resolution No. 166-2022

MINUTES

Mayor Hodson called the closed session to order at 7:06 p.m. Present were Committee Members Cafero, Ellis, O'Donoghue, Deputy Mayor Pfrommer, Mayor Hodson, Township Administrator Markulic, Township Solicitor Friedman, and Township Clerk Tedesco.

The governing body recessed, reconvening at 7:16 p.m.

PERSONNEL

CFO Candidate Search

Administrator Markulic advised that Sharon Riley was appointed as temporary Chief Financial Officer effective March 7, 2022 pursuant to Resolution No. 168. Administrator Markulic reported that she interviewed applicants for this position and advised that the individual serving as the Chief Financial Officer for Pleasantville is interested. Township Committee authorized Administrator Markulic to offer a salary of \$110,000 for this position.

Police Hiring Status

Administrator Markulic advised that Police Officer Ramirez got injured while testing for a position with the State Police. Consequently, he will not be eligible to move forward with that endeavor and will remain with the Egg Harbor Township Police Department. Township Committee then authorized the hiring of two (2) additional officers.

LITIGATION

St. James – Egg Harbor River Resort Campground Litigation

Solicitor Friedman reported that there is a buyer who is in a position to move forward with purchasing the campground. He advised that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection violations have been resolved. However, the campground has approval for sixty-two (62) park model units and currently there are sixty-four units, two (2) of which are disconnected. He explained that the potential buyer intends on improving the sewer system in order to expand the number of allowable units. It was Solicitor Friedman's recommendation that the Township Committee permit the additional two (2) disconnected units to remain on the property in order to expedite the sale of the property. Township Committee had no objection to this recommendation.

McCormick Litigation

Solicitor Friedman explained this litigation pertains to the Township's Property Registration Program which was recommended by the Atlantic County Improvement Authority to several local municipalities. Currently, the township is in litigation. The Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (ACMJIF) attorney is recommending that Egg Harbor Township, Galloway Township, Hamilton Township and Atlantic County each offer \$15,000 in order for the matter to resolve through the Appellate Division. Solicitor Friedman agreed with the ACMJIF's recommendation, but cautioned that does not prevent another individual or entity from filing a similar suit. Solicitor Friedman further advised that the law regarding this legislation changed in

January and that the Township's ordinance will need to be amended in order to come into conformance with the current standards. Township Committee had no objections to these recommendations and approved an offer of \$15,000 as suggested by the ACMJIF and Solicitor Friedman.

John Doe v. Boy Scouts and EHT

REDACTED – Not Released - Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231

Dagit Lawsuit

Solicitor Friedman reported that he has reviewed the settlement terms with the interested parties and they are in agreement to purchase the lagoon. Solicitor Friedman recommended that the purchase of the lagoon also include the bulkhead. Township Committee agreed with Solicitor Friedman's recommendation.

There being no further business, motion Cafero second O'Donoghue, the meeting was reconvened to the public session at 7:51 p.m. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Eileen M. Tedesco, RMC
Township Clerk

These minutes approved at the March 16, 2022 Township Committee meeting.
