

Egg Harbor Township Committee Executive Closed Session
Egg Harbor Township Municipal Building
H. Robert Switzer Room

Meeting of September 21, 2022
Pursuant to Resolution No. 448 of 2022
MINUTES

Mayor Hodson called the closed session portion of the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. Present were Committee Members Cafero, Ellis, O'Donoghue, Deputy Mayor Pfrommer, Mayor Hodson, Deputy Township Administrator Mayfield and Township Clerk Tedesco.

The governing body recessed, reconvening at 6:33 p.m. to the closed session.

LITIGATION

COAH Litigation

Solicitor Friedman explained that in order to meet COAH compliance, Jeffrey Surenian has been trying to get Governor Murphy to appoint members to the COAH Commission. However, the governor has refused to act. Attorney Surenian has filed a lawsuit seeking Declaratory Judgement to compel the governor to fulfill his responsibility to fill these appointments and the township is one of several municipalities included in this lawsuit. Solicitor Friedman said that the legal fees for this lawsuit should only have a minimal effect on the township financially.

Bayport Litigation

Solicitor Friedman advised that he is concluding the settlement agreement with Bayport which will require the township to make a lump sum payment of approximately \$14,000. This payment will cover services from 2008 through 2023. In early 2024 a new formula will be in effect and the township's annual payment of approximately \$1,000 will cover reimbursement for snow plow services and lighting reimbursement. Solicitor Friedman said that he anticipates presenting the draft agreement to Township Committee for consideration at the meeting.

Potential Litigation – Block 6101, Lot 8

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

Purchase of Township Property – Block 4301, Lot 17

Administrator Markulic explained that the Atlantic Shores Wind Turbine project requires running underground transmission lines down Route 40 to the Cardiff Station. They have requested to purchase Block 4301, Lot 17 which is the property in West Atlantic City that the township acquired through a Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA) grant. Administrator Markulic said that the property is not deed restricted, however the terms the township would be required to reimburse CRDA for the value of the property. Ms. Markulic advised that she has spoken with CRDA representatives and will be meeting with them to discuss the possibility of relieving the township of any financial responsibility.

PERSONNEL

Salary Increase for Emergency Medical Technician Supervisors

Township Administrator Markulic advised that Director of Ambulance Services Higbee inquired about salary increases for the four (4) Emergency Medical Technician Supervisors that were appointed in November 2021. Administrator Markulic recommended a two (2) percent raise for these individuals upon their one (1) year anniversary and that the remaining eight (8) supervisors also receive the same raise on their anniversary in January. Township Committee did not have any objections to this recommendation. Township Committee also discussed providing a salary increase for the Director of Ambulance Services in 2023.

Deputy Administrator Position

Township Administrator Markulic advised Deputy Administrator Mayfield would be leaving his position December 31, 2021. Ms. Markulic said that she has not posted for this position, but that there is an individual who has experience in Human Resources for Long Beach Township that she believes is a potential candidate. Committeeman Cafero suggested that the position be posted in order to attract a pool of candidates. The consensus of the Township Committee was to first interview this individual at their next meeting.

There being no further business, motion Ellis, second Cafero, the meeting was reconvened to the public session at 7:32 p.m. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Eileen M. Tedesco, RMC
Township Clerk

These minutes approved at the October 5, 2022 Township Committee meeting.
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