



Evesham Township

Council Matters

March-June 2016

Ordinances & Resolutions

2016 Municipal Budget (Ordinance No. 13-6-2016 and Resolution No. 156-2016): Township Council adopted the 2016 Municipal Budget at the meeting of June 21, 2016 by a vote of 5-0. The 2016 budget was adopted at \$35,673,897 with a slight reduction in tax rate from .415 to .414, which reduces property taxes on average by \$6.00. In terms of debt position, Evesham's debt as a percentage of equalized valuation falls at 0.88%, while the maximum debt allowed by state law is 3.50%. This leaves Evesham with an unused debt capacity of \$134,169,990. Out of the surrounding townships, Evesham has the lowest per capita municipal budget. Additionally, out of the ten largest towns in Burlington County, Evesham also has the lowest per capita budget, the second to lowest per capita tax levy, and the lowest tax increase on the average assessed home between 2008 and 2015. Copies of the budget have been made available for public inspection in the Township Clerk's Office. The budget presentation can be found on the township's website at www.evesham-nj.org.

Ordinance 9-5-2016 - An Ordinance of the Township of Evesham, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Adopting Redevelopment Plan for Certain Properties Known as Block 22.02, Lots 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39: This ordinance was adopted May 3, 2016 by a vote of 5-0. It's purpose is to adopt the redevelopment plan for the former Olga's vicinity. The redevelopment plan will assist the township in ensuring that the Olga's site is built in accordance with the Township Master Plan.

Road Projects

Completed Road Improvements:

Cropwell Road (Marlton Pike to the Cherry Hill Border) and Greentree Road (Lincoln Drive to Cherry Hill Border): These projects included asphalt re-paving and the replacement of concrete curbs, sidewalks, and aprons as needed. Tree removals also took place in areas necessary to eliminate trip hazards.

Palmetto Avenue: This area was milled, paved, and an ADA ramp replacement was installed.

Dutch Road: This area was repaved.

Council Spotlight



In this issue, we feature Councilman Bob DiEnna. Throughout his tenure on Township Council, Mr. DiEnna has been committed to assisting our local veterans. Mr. DiEnna was a driving force for the township program that assists both partially and fully disabled veteran's through reducing their property tax burden. On March 22nd, Council passed resolution 99-2016, and on April 12th passed Resolution 115-2016 as part of this program. Both resolutions refunded taxes for disabled veterans.

Mr. DiEnna was also instrumental in bringing the 9-11 Memorial to the Main Street Fire House. The memorial is meant to provide residents and visitors a place to contemplate the high cost of liberty and the sacrifices required to preserve America's freedom. To donate to the 9-11 Memorial, you can contact Monica Vandenberg at 856-985-9792. Councilman DiEnna is active in the Veteran community. In April, he attended the annual Veterans Golf Clinic held at the Indian Springs driving range. The clinic works with many disabled veterans and assists to improve their quality of life. Above, Mr. DiEnna is pictured with some veterans from the Golf Clinic event.

Grant Applications

The township applies for numerous grants throughout the year. The following grants have been awarded and are currently being utilized for various projects and improvements to enhance the community.

Police Body Cameras: The State of New Jersey has awarded approximately \$11,000 to the Police Department to assist with the acquisition of police body cameras. The funding will be utilized once the 2016 budget is adopted.

DOT Highway Safety Fund Grant: The ETPD has been awarded a grant, which has been earmarked for the purchase of a patrol vehicle that will be used in the designated Safe Corridor on State Highway 73.

Municipal Aid Funding, State Grant: The \$196,000 grant from the State went to the repaving of Greentree Road, which has since been completed.

Boards and Commissions

Updates/News from the Township's Boards and Commissions:

Environmental Commission: The Commission started the application process of bronze recertification with the Sustainable Jersey program, which included updates to the township's Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI). Additionally, the Commission hosted various programs such as distributing tree seedlings to residents, planted a Wildflower Meadow at Evesboro Downs Park, and worked with the Black Run Preserve to bring passive recreation activities to the community.

MUA: Tom Czerniecki was appointed to the MUA Board as regular member

Zoning Board: Al Leutner was appointed to Alternate #3 on the Zoning Board.

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Upcoming Road Improvements:

Additional roads that have been approved for the 2016 Road Program include Willow Bend (phase II), Longhurst Road, and Parliament Road. These roads are currently in the engineering phase. No construction schedule has been determined as of yet.

Upcoming Meetings

July 19, 2016 at 6:30p.m.

August 16, 2016 at 6:30p.m.

September 13, 2016 at 6:30p.m.

September 27, 2016 at 4:00p.m.

October 18, 2016 at 6:30p.m.

October 25, 2016 at 4:00p.m.

All meetings are held in the Courtroom in the Municipal Building, located at 984 Tuckerton Road.

About

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide periodic information regarding the Township Council and its activities and to bring forth various laws that might be of interest to Evesham residents. This page is created by Evesham Township Staff and is not politically affiliated. The newsletter will be published every other month to the Township Website and Social Media accounts.

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Did You Know?

Chapter 104 - Noise: The purpose of this chapter is to prohibit loud, unnecessary, or unusual noise that disturbs the peace and comfort of residents and to ensure overall public health and prosperity. The chapter discusses specific regulations pertaining to thirteen different topics, covering various issues such as animals, vehicles, radios, construction activities, and shouting. However, there are specific exceptions to this chapter, including lawn mowing, snow removal with a power blower, the sounds of minor repairs necessary for home maintenance, sirens of emergency vehicles, and events approved by Township Council. Violation of the noise ordinance may result in fines for the person found responsible. Penalties for any violation of this chapter are set forth in 1-15 of the Township Code.

Chapter 52- Boats, Trailers, and Recreational Vehicles: This chapter states that no recreational vehicles (camper, trailer, or boat) shall be parked on any road, street, highway, or public right-of-way within the township. However, temporary and emergency parking of these vehicles is permitted on any street or highway for not longer than 72 hours. Vehicles should be stored in a driveway or side/rear yards only. All recreational vehicles shall be located and stored in a safe, orderly manner, and any protective tarps or covers shall be securely fastened. No recreational vehicle, while stored or parked shall be occupied or used for living, sleeping, or housekeeping purposes. Any recreational vehicle left parked or stored on private premises without being used or moved within one year shall be subject to penalty.

Main Street Redevelopment

The Old Bank Building located on Cooper Avenue and Main Street has begun its redevelopment in early June.

The site will transform the old building into 24 apartments and 4,000 sq. ft. of retail space. The developer, the Meyer Organization, expects the site to be fully completed by July 2017. This project is part of the Township's Master Plan to transform Main Street into a downtown destination.

