

September 18, 2012
Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Evesham Township Council was called to order by Mayor Brown at 6:30p.m. The meeting was held in the Meeting Room of the Evesham Township Municipal Complex at 984 Tuckerton Road, Marlton, NJ 08053.

Mayor Brown announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was sent to the The Central Record and The Burlington County Times, posted on the Bulletin Board and sent to those who requested notification.

ROLL CALL: Present: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli,
Mayor Brown
Also Present: Interim Township Manager Cromie,
Township Solicitor Gillespie, Deputy
Manager/Finance Director Shanahan,
Township Engineer Staszewski, Township
Clerk Bonfrisco, Deputy Township Clerk
Friddell, Recording Secretary Schmitt

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting - July 25, 2012
Executive Session - July 25, 2012
Regular Meeting - August 21, 2012
Special Meeting - August 28, 2012

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Zeuli, it was moved to approve the above listed minutes.

Aye: D'Andrea, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown
Nay: XXX
Abstain: DiEnna

Motion Carried 4-0-1.

PRELIMINARY PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mayor Brown called for a consensus of Council to move the Preliminary Public Comment on Agenda Items Only to after the Work Session.

Council Consensus: All Ayes

PRESENTATION

Dr. Kris Singh of Holtec International presented a \$30,000 check to Mayor Brown for digital speed limit signs, to benefit the safety of Evesham Township's school children. Mayor Brown accepted the donation from Dr. Singh on behalf of Evesham Township and thanked Dr. Singh for his generous donation.

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PROCLAMATION

Sidney Ornstein - Kohl's Cares Scholarship Award

Mayor Brown presented Sidney Ornstein, the recipient of a \$10,000 Kohl's Care Scholarship, with a Proclamation for her charity work. Mayor Brown read the Proclamation into the record and honored Sidney for her dedication and thoughtfulness of others. Mayor Brown and Council all made donations to Sidney's charity.

Marlton Recreation Council - Marlton Reds 8U Baseball Team

2012 Cal Ripkin Southern New Jersey State Championship

Mayor Brown read a Proclamation into the record, honoring the Marlton Reds 8U Baseball Team as champions of the 2012 Cal Ripkin Southern New Jersey State Championship. Mayor Brown introduced the players and coaches and congratulated them on their achievement.

Mayor Brown called recess at 7:10p.m. Council reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

WORK SESSION

Review of Golf Course Bids

Mayor Brown informed those in attendance that what is to follow is a fact based presentation on the debt structure of Indian Spring County Club. Deputy Township Manager/Finance Director Shanahan continued with a slide presentation outlining the gross debt of the golf course. At the conclusion of the slide presentation Mayor Brown stated that Council must find the right way to manage the golf course debt by increasing revenues.

Mayor Brown addressed Interim Township Manager Cromie about the possibility of returning the management of the golf course to an in-house operation. Interim Township Manager Cromie stated that by bringing the golf operations in-house, the Township could lower expenses by eliminating the management fee. Interim Township Manager Cromie stated the Township would hire knowledgeable golf professionals. Moving the golf operations in-house would give the Township more control of the golf course and the facility.

The work session continued with a discussion of the Indian Spring Country Club catering facility. Mayor Brown addressed Township Solicitor Gillespie as to the law governing the bidding process when no responses have been received on two attempts to bid. Township Solicitor Gillespie stated that in this

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situation, the Township is now permitted to negotiate with potential establishments for leasing options.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Hackman inquired if the Township would keep some of the current golf course employees. Township Solicitor Gillespie indicated that the Township needs to decide which positions are needed and whether the current employees are potential candidates for these positions.

Councilman D'Andrea stated that revenues from the golf course are needed to fill the holes in the Township budget. The Mayor may be right to look at a new plan.

Councilman DiEnna asked if the Township would be locked into this new plan and if there would be flexibility in exploring other options, if the new plan did not prove profitable.

Mayor Brown stated that the Township would not be locked into this plan and if this plan does not prove profitable, the Township still has the option to go out to bid at a later date. Mayor Brown said the Township is not permitted to sell the Indian Spring property because it was purchased with Green Acres money.

Councilman Zeuli asked Interim Township Manager Cromie what the time frame is for Township to take action on this plan. Interim Township Manager Cromie responded that the Township plans to take action immediately.

Mayor Brown stated that by the October 2, 2012 meeting, the Township must make a decision as to the management of the golf course and the catering facility. Interviews for the catering facility should be scheduled for this coming Friday. This new plan must be what is best for the taxpayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ray West of 912 Cropwell Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey addressed Council and stated that in order for the ISGC to prosper, it must employ people who know the golf course business. In addition, more money must be spent on publicity.

Ted Erbanki of 2407 Craig Drive, Hainesport, New Jersey stated that he has been a member of the golf course for sixteen years and Billy Casper has done a great job making the ISGC competitive with private golf clubs. Marco's has also taken

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over the helm as caterer and has gained an excellent reputation for its fine food and service.

Fred DeAntonis of 15 Crane Drive, Marlton, New Jersey is skeptical that the Township can run the operations of ISGC. He doesn't see how revenues can be increased without increasing membership or greens fees.

Mike Shannon of 929 Kings Croft, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, the former owner of Shannon's on the Green, where Dean Marco was his executive chef, stated that the food and beverage section of ISCC is in a class by itself. He hopes the Township will give Marco's Catering another opportunity.

Bernie Epworth of 12 Geranium Drive, Marlton, New Jersey stated that a venture like this is very complicated. The Township needs a business and marketing plan to succeed.

Jenifer Jones of 115 Briar Court, Marlton, New Jersey stated that Marco's is an exceptional caterer and she hasn't been to any other country club that has the same high standard as Marco's.

Scott Tyson of 306 Elm Terrace, Marlton, New Jersey stated that during the execution of this new plan the Township should not jeopardize the loyalty of current members. People will go elsewhere if the rates are raised too high.

Matt Thistlewood of 301B Mulberry Cove, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey questioned revenues if Billy Casper Golf and Marco's Catering contracts were extended.

Dean Marco of 530 Price Avenue, Glendora, New Jersey and Cynthia Lowden of 8624 Dixon Avenue, Pennsauken, New Jersey approached Council requesting an extension on their current catering contract. They informed Council that Marco's has become a place to create memories and they have received numerous supportive letters and e-mails from patrons expressing their gratitude. They feel that together with their employees, Marco's has done a tremendous job and deserves to remain as the caterer.

Jacqueline Dirubbo of 16 Thomas Eakins Way, Marlton, New Jersey addressed Council stating that people are adverse to change. She commented that the current instability with the catering contract has created a loss in revenue. She also urged Council to keep Marco's and Billy Casper Golf and find a way to work together.

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Sue Schooly of 215 Chestnut Avenue, Marlton, New Jersey heads the ladies golf night at ISGC which currently has 268 members. She stated that the Billy Casper Golf staff are professionals and the current employees deserve to stay.

Doug Huntsinger of 151 Ebbetts Drive, Atco, New Jersey is an employee of Taylormade Golf. He told Council that it is important to maintain the loyalty of the current patrons. He stated that the golf course is staffed by qualified people who deserve to maintain their positions. In addition, Marco's Catering is an excellent establishment.

Public Comment closed at 9:00p.m.

ORDINANCES

SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 23-9-2012 - An Ordinance Amending the Land Use Code of the Township of Evesham, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, More Particularly Chapter 161, Affordable Housing, So As to Add New Article 6 Entitled "Down Payment Assistance Program"

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing.

There being no comments, Mayor Brown requested a motion to close the Public Hearing.

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Zeuli it was moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 23-9-2012.

Recorded Vote: All Ayes

Motion Carried 5-0.

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Zeuli, it was moved to adopt Ordinance No. 23-9-2012.

Recorded Vote: Aye: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 309-2012 - Award of Contract for the Purchase of Two (2) 2013 or Current Model Year New and Unused 4x4 Super Duty Pick Up Trucks with Plow - Department of Public Works

Resolution No. 310-2012 - Award of Contract - Repaving of Evergreen Lane and Pickwick Drive - Department of Public Works

Resolution No. 311- 2012 - Rejection of Bids - 2013 Ford Interceptor Sport Utility Vehicles or Equivalent - Evesham Township Police Department

Resolution No. 312-2012 - Resolution for Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement for the Kettle Run Road Improvement Project (Tomlinson Mill Road to Sycamore Avenue)

Resolution No. 313-2012 - Adopting Flexible Spending Plan - (American Fidelity Assurance Company)

Resolution No. 314-2012 - Authorizing the Acceptance of Gifts - Safety Signs

Resolution No. 315-2012 - Authorizing Sale of Surplus Property - Alfred's Auctions

Resolution No. 316-2012 - Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation and Refund of Property Taxes - Block 52.18, Lot 31 - Totally and Permanently Disabled Veteran

Resolution No. 317-2012 - Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation and Refund of Property Taxes - Block 52.09, Lot 4 - Totally and Permanently Disabled Veteran

Resolution No. 318-2012 - Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation and Refund of Property Taxes - Block 11.04, Lot 99 - Totally and Permanently Disabled Veteran

Resolution No. 319-2012 - Refund of Overpayment of Taxes - Various Blocks and Lots (County Board of Taxation Judgments)

Resolution No. 320-2012 - Rejection of Request for Release of Performance Guarantee - Lake Center Executive Park Helistop - Block 5, Lot 2.01 - On-Site Improvements

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Resolution No. 321-2012 - Rejection of Request for Release of Performance Guarantee - Lake Center Executive Park Helistop - Block 5, Lot 2.01 - Landscaping Improvements

Resolution No. 322-2012 - Release of Performance Guarantee - Evesboro Associates - Parking Lot Expansion - (Greentree Road) - Block 8.10, Lot 1 - Landscaping Improvements

Resolution No. 323-2012 - Release of Maintenance Guarantee - Evesboro Associates - Block 8.10, Lot 1 - (225 Greentree Road) - Landscaping Improvements

Resolution No. 324-2012 - Resolution for Approval of a Road Paving Agreement with South Jersey Gas Company for Improvements to Elmgate Road

On motion by Deputy Mayor Zeuli, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to adopt Consent Agenda Resolutions No. 309-2012 through 324-2012.

Mayor Brown called for any separations.

There being no separations, Mayor Brown called for a vote on the Consent Agenda.

Recorded Vote on Resolutions No. 309-2012 through 324-2012.

AYE: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown

NAYE: XXX

ABSTAIN: XXX

Motion Carried: 5-0.

STAFF COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Zeuli stated that he is categorically against government running a business; however, the Evesham Township Taxpayers have been dealt a bad hand and Council pledges to do the best they can for the town.

Councilman D'Andrea stated he tried to express his views on the potential financial problems of the ISCC when he sat on Council previously; however, back then he felt like the lone wolf.

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Councilman DiEnna thanked everyone who took the time to attend the Council meeting and extended his gratitude to those who shared their comments.

Mayor Brown expressed to all the golf course members, that if they come up with any ideas on how to improve the golf course, they should approach Council. The more money the golf course generates, the closer the Township will come to paying off the debt.

On motion by Councilman D'Andrea, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to adjourn the meeting.

Recorded Vote: AYE: All Ayes.
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10p.m.

Lori A. Liddell, Deputy for
Carmela Bonfrisco, Township Clerk

Mayor Randy Brown
Randy Brown Mayor

Maggie Schmitt
Maggie Schmitt, Recording Secretary

Submitted: October 23, 2012

Approved: 11/20/12