

October 2, 2012  
Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Evesham Township Council was called to order by Mayor Brown at 6:10p.m. The meeting was held in the Meeting Room of the Evesham Township Municipal Complex at 984 Tuckerton Road, Marlton, NJ 08053.

Flag Salute.

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  
Absent: XXX  
Also Present: Interim Township Manager Cromie, Township  
Solicitor Gillespie, Deputy  
Manager/Finance Director Shanahan,  
Community Development Director Jamanow,  
Township Clerk Bonfrisco, Recording  
Secretary Schmitt

Resolution No. 332-2012 - Resolution Authorizing the Mayor, Township Council and Support Staff to Meet in Private Session and Authorizing the Exclusion of the Public from that Portion of the Meeting Dealing with Specific Issues Requiring Non-Public Discussion - Topics: Personnel; Pending Litigation

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Zeuli, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 332-2012.

Recorded Vote: AYE: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown  
NAYE: XXX  
ABSTAIN: XXX

Motion Carried: 5-0.

Council convened in Executive Session at 6:12p.m.

On motion by Councilman D'Andrea, seconded by Deputy Mayor Zeuli it was moved to come out of Executive Session.

Recorded Vote: AYE: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown  
NAYE: XXX  
ABSTAIN: XXX

Motion Carried: 5-0.

Council continued in open session at 6:52p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting - May 8, 2012**

**Regular Meeting - September 4, 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 asked for a Motion to move the Preliminary Public Comment on the Agenda Items Only to after the Proclamations.

On motion by Deputy Mayor Zeuli, seconded by Councilwoman Hackman, it was moved to move Preliminary Public Comment to after the Proclamations.

Recorded Vote: All Ayes

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Kevin Rodgers - Marlton Recreation Council Past President

Mayor Browns read a Proclamation into the record, honoring Kevin Rodgers for his years of dedication and service as President of the Marlton Recreation Council. Mayor Brown thanked Kevin Rodgers for devoting many hours of volunteer work to Evesham Township.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Sergeant Erin Gorman

Mayor Brown issued the Oath of Office to Sergeant Erin Gorman. Mayor Brown informed those in attendance that Sergeant Gorman has been with the Evesham Township Police Department for seven years and is the first female sergeant in the history of the department.

Mayor Brown called recess at 7:10p.m. Council reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

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**WORK SESSION**

**1. Proposed Ordinance - Abandoned Properties**

Mayor Brown opened the work session by stating that it has come to his attention that like other towns in the surrounding area, Evesham Township is also experiencing problems with abandoned properties. Mayor Brown stated that he has consulted with Township Solicitor Gillespie and Community Development Director Jamanow to formulate a plan to handle this issue. Mayor Brown stated that the lender should be held responsible for the plight of these abandoned properties.

Township Solicitor Gillespie advised that a way to address this problem would be to establish a maintenance code that would provide the ability to secure or demolish targeted properties. Solicitor Gillespie said the Township could establish rigid standards that would eliminate the potential dangers and health problems resulting from abandoned properties.

**Council Comments**

Councilman D'Andrea agreed that it is a good move to address the current problem.

Councilman DiEnna expressed the same sentiment.

Councilwoman Hackman was in agreement that something needs to be done.

Deputy Mayor Zeuli inquired how this Ordinance compares to the Township's current property maintenance codes.

Solicitor Gillespie stated that there would be multiple attempts to contact the lender or property owner before instituting the final demolition stage. The Township is required to exercise due process.

**Public Comment**

Susan Zucconi of 94 Kent Avenue, Marlton, New Jersey informed Council that the property beside her home, at 92 Kent Avenue, has been abandoned for more than a year and a half. She said the house is falling apart, the grass at times is up to her knees, and she has tried to contact the bank repeatedly, to no avail.

Director of Community Development Jamanow stated that there are approximately six township properties that she is aware of, in this condition. Community Development is currently in contact with the bank who owns the property next to Ms. Zucconi and a

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work order has been issued to address the safety and health conditions related to this property.

Mayor Brown thanked Ms. Zucconi for bringing this property to the Township's attention. He also stated that the Township needs to send a message to all Third Party Lenders regarding their responsibilities to maintain these abandoned properties.

## 2. Golf Course Operations and Catering

Township Solicitor Gillespie informed Council that the negotiations related to the catering of Indian Spring County Club are still on-going. He would like to suggest that Council make a motion to give authorization to Interim Township Manager Cromie, Deputy Manager/Finance Director Shanahan and himself to formulate a Resolution and Contract for Marco's Catering to be acted upon at the next Council Meeting.

One motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman D'Andrea it was moved, to give authorization to Solicitor Gillespie and other Township personnel the ability to express Council's intentions to prepare a lease with Marco's Catering.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

### **Public Comment**

Tom St. John of 12 Clancy Court, Marlton, New Jersey approached Council to address the current golf operations at ISGC. Mr. St. John stated that vast improvements have been made to the golf course since its inception and in order to maintain continued success, it is important to hire golf pros.

Mayor Brown responded that Interim Manager Cromie would advertise for these positions and the Township values the golf course and all its employees.

Warren McClain of 93 Kent Avenue, Marlton, New Jersey approached Council to acknowledge the efforts of Sue and Joe Zucconi with regard to the abandoned property at 92 Kent Avenue. He said the entire neighborhood is upset over the condition of this property and he appreciates the effort the Township is making to address this problem.

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### 3. Board and Committee Vacancies

Township Clerk Bonfrisco brought to Council's attention that appointments to the Planning Board and Library Committee can wait until reorganization if that is Council's preference. These positions could be advertised with the other Board and Committee positions. There was Council consensus to proceed in this fashion.

### ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

Ordinance No. 24-10-2012 - An Ordinance of the Township of Evesham Directing the Establishment and Maintenance of an Abandoned Property List Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 55:19-78 et seq., and Establishing Procedures for Addressing Abandoned Properties within the Township of Evesham.

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Zeuli, it was moved to introduce Ordinance No. 24-10-2012, with public hearing and adoption date to be held on October 16, 2012.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 325-2012 - Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Medford Lakes for Municipal Court Services

Resolution No. 326-2012 - Ratification of Award of Contract - Emergency Replacement of Sod at Indian Spring Golf Course

Resolution No. 327-2012 - Award of Contract - Computer Software Upgrade Package for Department of Community Development

Resolution No. 328-2012 - Resolution Rejecting Bids for Lease of Indian Spring Golf Course

Resolution No. 329-2012 - Release of Performance Guarantee - Lake Center Executive Park - Helistop - Block 5, Lot 2.01 - On-Site Improvements

Resolution No. 330-2012- Release of Cash Performance Guarantee - Sharp Run Seniors - Block 15, Lot 7 - Traffic Signal at Intersection of Sharp Road with Evesboro-Medford Road and Church

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Road with Preakness Drive (To Fund Construction if Required by Burlington County)

Resolution 331-2012 - Release of Performance Guarantee - Lake Center Executive Park - Helistop - Block 5, Lot 2.01 - Landscaping Improvements

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman D'Andrea it was moved to adopt Consent Agenda Resolutions No. 325-2012 through 331-2012.

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. 325-2012 through 331-2012.

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

NAYE: XXX

ABSTAIN: XXX

Motion Carried: 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Township Engineer Staszewski informed Council that road construction is ongoing.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Brown stated he received an email from Mr. Fleischman of Everington Road, inquiring if there would be any change to the leaf pickup schedule during road construction. Interim Township Manager Cromie stated that Public Works will make sure the street is clean prior to paving.

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

Recorded Vote: AYE: All Ayes.

NAY: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:02p.m.

Lois A. Tridell, Deputy for  
Carmela Bonfrisco, Township Clerk

Meyer R. Brown  
Randy Brown, Mayor

Maggie Schmitt  
Maggie Schmitt, Recording Secretary

Submitted: October 24, 2012

Approved: 11/20/12

