

**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN**

**NOVEMBER 3, 2009**

**OAKHURST, NEW JERSEY**

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The Workshop Meeting was held in the Council Conference Room, Town Hall, 399 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst, NJ 07755 beginning at 4:30 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Larkin  
Deputy Mayor Hiers, Councilmember(s) Garofalo, Schepiga  
**Absent:** Councilmember Siciliano  
**Others:** Martin Arbus, Esq., Township Attorney  
Andrew Brannen, Township Manager  
Vincent Buttiglieri, Township Clerk

Mayor Larkin announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for this meeting have been satisfied; a copy of the Annual Notice was sent to the Asbury Park Press and The Coaster, posted in Town Hall and filed in the Office of the Township Clerk on October 29, 2009.

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**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**Subject:** Greenway at Ocean Proposal

Andrew Brannen, Township Manager, introduced Al Kerecman to discuss his proposal called the Greenway at Ocean, which will increase the ability for residents to walk and/or bike safely throughout the Township. Mr. Kerecman utilized a powerpoint presentation to address the following:

- Funding for the bussing of children to the schools in Ocean Township is \$4.5 million. If the Township proceeds with the implementation of the Greenway at Ocean project, that amount allocated for bussing could be reduced by approximately 80%.
- The foundation for this project is to achieve a grid of interconnectivity, which would:
  - Impact how and by what means people interconnect their daily activities
  - Address health, greening, economics, taxes (reduction) and gridlock
  - Funding can come from the Federal Government, with matching funds from both the State and County
  - Establish an alternative to highways, streets and roadways where pedestrians and bicycles are not safe.
- There are three (3) phases:
  - Northern East/West segments with crossovers to the Central segment
  - Central East/West segments with crossovers to the Southern segment
  - Southern East/West segments

At this time, Mr. Kerecman stated that he would be utilizing a presentation developed by Professor John Pucher, Rutgers University, Blaustein School, to demonstrate the various ways to interconnect the Township.

Mr. Kerecman explained that this program is designed to improve the public health of its citizenry. He showed a number of slides depicting the statistics for obesity and its correlation to activity to display how deficient the United States is in the area of activity.

Mr. Kerecman showed, and explained, the various types of designs that could be utilized in the interconnectivity of the Township roadways. He proceeded to explain that he realizes that this is a long term project but feels it is imperative that the Township move forward with the implementation of this project.

After the presentation, Mr. Kerecman solicited input from the Township Officials as to how they would like to proceed. He also explained that he felt it important to involve as much of the citizenry as possible, including getting the Board of Education on board with this project as it is going to save significant tax dollars out of their budget. Mr. Kerecman also stated that he also believes it is very important to solicit, and receive, cooperation from the surrounding communities.

It was decided that Mr. Kerecman should reach out to the Ocean Township Board of Education and get them to endorse this project and then all the appropriate parties can come up with a plan on how to proceed.

Mayor Larkin thanked Mr. Kerecman for his presentation and all the hard work he has put in to the research of this very interesting proposal.

After a short recess, the Council moved into Closed Session following the Mayor reading the following:

**RESOLUTION**  
**DECLARING CLOSED SESSION**

Councilmember Schepiga offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Councilmember Siciliano

**WHEREAS**, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Ocean, County of Monmouth as follows:

1. The Public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
  1. Litigation – COAH
3. It is anticipated at this time that the Municipal Clerk shall on a six (6) month basis, review the minutes of closed sessions of the Township of Ocean and make a recommendation to the Governing Body which minutes should be considered for public record. The minutes which are made public shall not thereafter be treated as confidential, but may be seen and copied by any person(s) in the same manner as any meeting minutes of the Township of Ocean.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**ROLL CALL:**

YES: Garofalo, Hiers, Schepiga, Larkin

ABSENT: Siciliano

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At 5:50 p.m., the Council entered into Closed Session. At 7:10 p.m. the Council returned to the open session.

Mayor announced that Item # D2 is being carried to the next workshop meeting.

On a motion by Councilmember Hiers and seconded by Councilmember Garofalo, it was moved to adjourn the meeting.

YES: Garofalo, Hiers, Schepiga, Larkin

ABSENT: Siciliano

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC/CMC  
Township Clerk