

LEH Passes Shared Services Resolutions

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LITTLE EGG HARBOR -- The Township Committee passed two resolutions April 23, agreeing to joint feasibility studies of shared services with neighboring Tuckerton Borough for the police and the municipal court.

The resolutions also authorized submission of separate grant applications to the state Department of Community Affairs for a Sharing Available Resources Efficiently, or SHARE, grant.

Tuckerton will take the lead in pursuing the grants that will fund the two studies because it was the Borough Council's idea to study potential cost savings.

The Tuckerton council voted unanimously March 16 to proceed with seeking two separate grant applications through the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to study shared services for its police and courts.

However, it needed the corresponding resolutions from Little Egg Harbor's governing body, agreeing to the study.

The shared services grant applications will cost the Tuckerton \$100 per application, which will be prepared by Jersey Professional Management of Cranford. Tuckerton Councilwoman Liz Moritz, who had introduced the idea of pursuing studies of shared services, had said March 16 that the company has a 97 percent success rate in getting grants.

Because the borough of Tuckerton has a population less than 10,000 people, Tuckerton will not have to pay any match of funds to utilize the grant, she said.

She had also said that commissioning a study does not mean that a decision has been made. She noted that the Jersey Professional Management had performed a feasibility study about combining Beach Haven and Long Beach Township police departments and found evidence that the idea would not work because there were different needs for policing in the two jurisdictions.

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