

Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting

MAY 9, 2024

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Blaise Scibetta called the Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Time: 7:00 p.m.

3. INVOCATION

Reverend Bill Ashley from Southern Ocean Congregational Church.

4. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Township Clerk Kelly Lettera read the Open Public Meeting Statement:

"This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law. Notice of this meeting of May 9, 2024 was duly advertised, posted in the Municipal Complex, and has remained posted as required under the aforesaid statute. I am directed to include a record of this statement in the minutes of the meeting."

5. ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Gormley; Mr. Kehm; Mr. Laney; Mr. Maxwell; Mayor Scibetta

6. PRESENTATIONS:

- Apraxia Awareness Day (May 14, 2024)

Mayor Scibetta read the Apraxia Awareness Day proclamation.

- National Safe Boating Week (May 18-24, 2024)

Deputy Mayor Maxwell read the National Safe Boating Week proclamation.

- National EMS Week (May 19-25, 2024)

Committeeman Kehm read the National EMS Week proclamation and the Mayor and Committee presented the proclamation to Great Bay EMS.

- Older Americans' Month

Deputy Mayor Maxwell read the Older Americans' Month proclamation.

- Mental Health Awareness Month

Committeeman Laney read the Mental Health Awareness Month and the Mayor and Committee presented the proclamation to Meghan Gregory of Bright Harbor Healthcare.

- Memorial Day Prayer for Peace

Committeeman Gormley read the Memorial Day Prayer for Peace proclamation and the Mayor and Committee presented the proclamation to the VFW and American Legion.

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7. 2023 Police Recognitions by Chief James Hawkins

Chief James Hawkins provided the following awards for 2023 to the following police officers:

Academic Achievement Award

Ptl. Matthew Hamilton

Academy Graduation Distinction (high firearms)

Ptl. Matthew Hamilton

Military Service Award

Ptl. Michael DiFrancia

Good Conduct Award

Ptl. Robert Peschko - 5 years; Det. Joseph Falkiewicz - 15 years; Lt. Thomas Thornton - 25 years

Unit Citation Award

Sgt. Joel Mahr; Sgt. Daniel Graczyk; Cpl. Michael Pritsch; Ptl. Steven Mancine; Sgt. Joshua Peterson; Ptl. Brett Behrens; Ptl. Luke Wiatrowski

Letter of Commendations for Tuckerton Officers

Sgt. Ryan Cahill; Ptl. Steven Adams

CPR Lifesaving Award

Ptl. Jason Way; Det. Timothy Hoolahan; Ptl. Luke Wiatrowski; Ptl. Vincent Grosso; Ptl. Steven Mancine

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 11, 2024
- April 11, 2024 Executive Session
- April 26, 2024 Special Meeting
- April 26, 2024 Executive Session

Motion to Approve: Gormley

Second: Kehm

Roll Call: All Yes: Mr. Gormley; Mr. Kehm; Mr. Laney; Mr. Maxwell; Mayor Scibetta
Abstain: Mr. Laney abstained from the April 26, 2024 Special Meeting and Executive Session and yes to the balance.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A Consent Agenda includes items of business which are not controversial and do not require individual discussion. The Consent Agenda is moved, seconded, and voted upon as one item by the Governing Body.

Mayor Scibetta read by title all the Resolutions on the consent agenda.

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RESOLUTIONS

- 2024-120 Opposing Additional Gasoline Tax Increase *[A resolution opposing another increase to gasoline tax and urging the State to explore other options of funding for the Transportation Trust Fund without placing additional burdens on the taxpayers of LEHT]*
- 2024-121 Supporting 9th District Legislators Efforts to Ensure Proper State School Aid to Little Egg Harbor School District and Pinelands Regional School District under S-3075/A-4166 *[A resolution strongly supporting the efforts of the 9th District Legislators to pass S-3075/A-4166 to ensure the State school aid disbursed will not be reduced by more than one percent of the prior year's amount]*
- 2024-122 Supporting District Legislators Efforts for the Modernization of the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) and the Swift Passage of S-2930/A-4045 *[A resolution strongly supporting the efforts of District Legislators to pass S-2930/A-4045 for OPRA reform]*
- 2024-123 Ratifying the Terms of a Memorandum of Agreement and Authorizing the Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the PBA Local 295 *[Ratifying the MOA and Authorizing the Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between LEHT and PBA 295 for a five year term beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028]*
- 2024-124 Authorizing the Promotion of Kim Conley to the Position of Clerk 2 *[An appointment promoting existing employee Kim Conley from a Clerk 1 to Clerk 2 position]*
- 2024-125 Authorizing the Appointment of Brianna Mesinger as a Per Diem Telecommunicator for the Little Egg Harbor Township Police Department *[The appointment of Brianna Mesinger as per diem telecommunicator for the LEHT PD, effective immediately, at a rate of \$22/hr]*
- 2024-126 Authorizing the Appointment of Wayne Walker, Jr. as Laborer 1, Clean Communities (Seasonal) for the Department of Public Works *[The appointment of Wayne Walker, Jr. as DPW Laborer 1 (Clean Communities-Seasonal), effective May 1, 2024 at a rate of \$15.13/hr]*
- 2024-127 Authorizing the Appointment of Aaron Ritchie as Laborer 1, Clean Communities (Seasonal) for the Department of Public Works *[The appointment of Aaron Ritchie as DPW Laborer 1 (Clean Communities-Seasonal), effective May 15, 2024 at a rate of \$15.13/hr]*
- 2024-128 Authorizing a Township-wide Garage Sale for the Weekend of July 20-21, 2024 *[Any resident who desires to participate in the Township-wide garage sale on July 20 & 21, 2024, between the hours of 9:00am and 6:00pm, will be exempt from the regulations and permit fees as designated in Chapter 191 of the Township Code.]*
- 2024-129 Authorizing the Purchase of Trash Cans and Components with Cascade Engineering Under National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement With Sourcewell Contract 041521-CEI *[Authorizing the purchase of trash cans and components with cascade engineering through a national cooperative contract with a term through April 11, 2025]*

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- 2024-130 Authorizing the Receipt of Bids for the Purchase and Installation of One (1) Chiller Unit Located at the Little Egg Harbor Municipal Building and Authorizing the Township Qualified Purchasing Agent to Prepare Plans and Specifications for Said Project *[Authorizing the Twp. Qualified Purchasing Agent to prepare plans and specs and the twp. receive the bids for the purchase and installation of one chiller unit for the twp. municipal building]*
- 2024-131 Authorizing the Receipt of Bids for Renovation and Improvements to the Township of Little Egg Harbor Municipal Building and Authorizing the Township Engineer to Prepare Plans and Specifications for Said Project *[Authorizing the Twp. Engineer to prepare plans and specs and the twp. receive the bids for renovations and improvements for the twp. municipal building]*
- 2024-132 Authorizing the Execution of the Contracts for Sale of Real Estate for Block 86, Lot 82; Block 86, Lot 84; Block 86, Lot 98; Block 91, Lot 30 and Block 91, Lot 40 to Ziman Trucking, LLC *[Authorizing the execution of five contracts of sale by public auction between LEHT and Ziman Trucking for a total amount of \$71,600.00]*
- 2024-133 Awarding a Contract for 2023 Road Improvement Project to Arawak Paving Co., Inc. *[Awarding a contract to Arawak Paving Co., Inc. for 2023 Road Improvement Project for Cranbury Lake Drive, Lake Singleton Court, East Thames Road, West Thames Road, Lake Huron Drive, Lake St. Clair Drive, Oak Lane, Daddy Tucker Drive, Flax Isle Drive, Flax Court, and Darryl Drive, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,776,000.00]*
- 2024-134 Awarding a Contract for Demolition of Structure Located at 110 National Union Boulevard (Block 325.26, Lot 30) *[Awarding a contract to Mathis Construction for the demolition of the structure located at 110 National Union Blvd, for a total amount not to exceed \$21,523.00]*
- 2024-135 Approving Charges Associated with the Demolition of 110 National Union Blvd, Pursuant to Chapter 148 and Authorizing Said Charge to Become a Lien and to be Added to and Become a Part of the Taxes to be Assessed and Levied on Said Property *[A resolution approving the township to place liens against the property, in the amount of \$15,977.74, for cost associated with the demolition of 110 National Union Blvd]*
- 2024-136 Approving Charges Associated with the Demolition of 360 Route 9 South, Pursuant to Chapter 148 and Authorizing Said Charge to Become a Lien and to be Added to and Become a Part of the Taxes to be Assessed and Levied on Said Property *[A resolution approving the township to place liens against the property, in the amount of \$12,362.93, for cost associated with the demolition of 360 Route 9 South]*
- 2024-137 Rejecting All Bids Received For Demolition of the Structure Located at 360 Route 9 South (Block 291, Lot 8) and Authorizing the Re-Advertisement and Receipt of Bids *[A resolution rejecting the bids due to a late addendum outside of the statutory limit and authorizing the re-advertisement and receipt of new bids]*
- 2024-138 Modifying Resolution 2024-103 as to the Release of a Performance Bond Posted for Winding Run Estates by Kara, Phase I at Block 282, Lot 1.04 *[A Resolution to amend*

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Resolution 2024-103 removing Account 88616 and authorizing the remainder of resolution to be in full effect]

10. CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to Open to Public: Kehm Second: Gormley All in Favor

No public comment.

Motion to Close to Public: Kehm Second: Maxwell All in Favor

Motion to Approve: Maxwell Second: Gormley

Roll Call: All Yes: Mr. Gormley; Mr. Kehm; Mr. Laney; Mr. Maxwell; Mayor Scibetta

11. BILL RESOLUTION 2024-139

A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$6,918,800.05

Motion to Approve: Gormley Second: Kehm

Roll Call: All Yes: Mr. Gormley; Mr. Kehm; Mr. Laney; Mr. Maxwell; Mayor Scibetta
Mr. Laney abstained from 24-00332, 24-00376 and 24D-05016 and yes to the balance.

12. MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

- Bingo Application No. 2024-004 for West Tuckerton Fire Co., Designer Bag Bingo at 505 Route 9 South on October 5, 2024
- Raffle Application No. 2024-021 for Manchester Township Baseball Little League; On-Premise Gift Auction at 261 Country Club Blvd on June 6, 2024
- Raffle Application No. 2024-022 for Manchester Township Baseball Little League; On-Premise 50/50 Raffle at 261 Country Club Blvd on June 6, 2024
- Raffle Application No. 2024-023 for St. Theresa's Church; Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle at 450 Radio Road on various dates from August 6, 2024 through July 1, 2025
- Raffle Application No. 2024-024 for NJ Amusement Association; On-Premise 50/50 Raffle at LBI National Golf and Resort on May 13, 2024
- Raffle Application No. 2024-025 for West Tuckerton Fire Co.; On-Premise Lottery Raffle at 505 Route 9 South on October 5, 2024
- Raffle Application No. 2024-026 for West Tuckerton Fire Co.; On-Premise Gift Auction at 505 Route 9 South on October 5, 2024
- Raffle Application No. 2024-027 for West Tuckerton Fire Co.; On-Premise 50/50 Raffle at 505 Route 9 South on October 5, 2024

Motion to Approve: Laney

Second: Gormley

All in Favor

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13. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS

Township Engineer, Jason Worth, reported the work at the Recreation Complex is wrapping up and the contractors have completed the pickle ball and basketball courts, pavilions and the batting cages. He stated they are in the process of completing the punch list to finalize everything to close out the project. He stated the drainage project is being completed by Mathis Construction and all the drainage work has been completed and the final restoration and paving is currently being done to finalize the project. He further reported the design plans are being wrapped up for storm drainage and roadway improvements on East and West Potomac, East and West Susquehanna, East and West Raritan and East and West Shrewsbury and they will be submitted to the NJDEP for approval by May 24, 2024. He stated the MUA had their bid opening on those streets and they should be awarding them soon. He stated once the MUA has completed their project, the Township can go out to bid to do theirs. He reported that the NJDOT announced the opening of their FY2025 grant programs and the application needs to be in by July 1, 2024 with the hopes of a resolution on for the June meeting.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT - Any Topic

No public comment.

Motion to Close Public Comment: Gormley

Second: Laney

All in Favor

15. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Committeeman Gormley wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day. He stated with Memorial Day around the corner the traffic will pick up, so please be safe and slow down on the roads.

Committeeman Laney congratulated the police officers and thanked them for all the hard work they do for the township. He reported the 2nd Annual Community Center Day is on May 18 from 11am to 2pm at the Community Center. He wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

Committeeman Kehm congratulated and thanked all the police officers that received awards. He stated the officers are the first responders on a scene even before the EMS and they have a lot of weight on their shoulders and really do a great job. He finishing by wishing everyone a Happy Mother's Day and Memorial Day.

Deputy Mayor Maxwell congratulated the police officers for their achievements tonight. He stated the Senior Expo is on May 1, 2024 at the Community Center. He thanked Kathy Tucker and Katie Baker for all their hard work in that process. He also reminded the residents of the Memorial Day Parade on May 27 at St. Theresa's Church and ending at Veterans Park where a ceremony will be held. He stated the next Senior Advisory Board meeting is on May 20, 2024 at the Sunrise Bay Clubhouse. He wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day and Memorial Day.

Mayor Scibetta thanked Chief Hawkins for coming and providing the awards to the officers. He reported he and Deputy Mayor had a meeting with the County regarding meals on wheels program and how to incorporate other organizations to get more hot food to residents. He stated a lot of many good things

