

## Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting

July 11, 2024

7:30 P.M.

Mayor Blaise Scibetta called the Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Time: 7:30 p.m.

### **3. 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 July 11, 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."*

### **4. ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: Mr. Gormley; Mr. Kehm

### **5. PRESENTATIONS:**

➤ National Night Out (August 6, 2024) by Chief Hawkins  
*Chief Hawkins provided the Committee and the residents with information for the National Night Out event that is being held on August 6, 2024 from 6pm to 9pm at the sports complex.*

➤ Purple Heart Recognition Day (August 7, 2024)  
*Deputy Mayor Maxwell read the Purple Heart Recognition Day proclamation and the Mayor and Committee Members presented the proclamation to Randall (Randy) Jordan.*

➤ 2024 Mayors Essay Contest, Frog Pond Elementary School Winners  
*Margaret Parrott and Travis Neff, winners of the 2024 Mayors Essay Contest, read their essays to the audience, received plaques from the Committee and they sat at the dais with the Committee Members for the entire meeting.*

*\*\*The presentation for the 2024 Mayors Essay Contest was done after Resolution 2024-165.\*\**

### **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- June 13, 2024
- June 13, 2024 Executive Session

Motion to Approve: Maxwell

Second: Laney

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

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*Chief James Hawkins provided a promotional introduction and recommendation for Lieutenant Jeffery Martin to Captain, Sergeant Joel Mahr to Lieutenant and Officer Steve Mancine as Sergeant to Little Egg Harbor Police Department.*

**7. RESOLUTION 2024-160**

Appointing Lieutenant Jeffery Martin as Captain of the Little Egg Harbor Township Police Department

Motion to Approve: Laney

Second: Maxwell

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

*Township Attorney, Melanie Appleby, administered the oath of office to Captain Jeffery Martin.*

**8. RESOLUTION 2024-161**

Appointing Sergeant Joel Mahr as Lieutenant of the Little Egg Harbor Township Police Department

Motion to Approve: Laney

Second: Maxwell

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

*Township Attorney, Melanie Appleby, administered the oath of office to Lieutenant Joel Mahr.*

**9. RESOLUTION 2024-162**

Appointing Officer Steve Mancine as Sergeant of the Little Egg Harbor Township Police Department

Motion to Approve: Maxwell

Second: Laney

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

*Township Attorney, Melanie Appleby, administered the oath of office to Sergeant Steve Mancine.*

*Chief James Hawkins provided a professional background and recommendation to the Mayor and Committee to hire David Moffler, Jr., Tyler Shearer and Wayne Whitmann, Jr. as Police Officers for Little Egg Harbor Police Department.*

**10. RESOLUTION 2024-163**

Appointing David Moffler, Jr. as Police Officer for the Township of Little Egg Harbor Police Department

**11. RESOLUTION 2024-164**

Appointing Tyler Shearer as Police Officer for the Township of Little Egg Harbor Police Department

**12. RESOLUTION 2024-165**

Appointing Wayne Whitmann, Jr. as Police Officer for the Township of Little Egg Harbor Police Department

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Motion to Approve Resolution 2024-163, Resolution 2024-164 and Resolution 2024-165: Laney  
Second: Maxwell

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

*Township Attorney, Melanie Appleby, administered the oath of office to officer Tyler Shearer.*

*\*\*The presentation for the 2024 Mayors Essay Contest was done at this point of the meeting then a short intermission occurred to allow police officers and essay winners to exit the meeting.\*\**

**13. ORDINANCE** **[SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]**

Ordinance 2024-02 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Acquisition of a Permanent Easement on a Portion of Block 290, Lot 1, 13 Oak Lane, From Kevin J. Schubiger and Connie Schubiger, in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1)

Motion to Open to Public: Laney Second: Maxwell All in Favor

*No public comment.*

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

Motion to Adopt: Laney Second: Maxwell

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

Ordinance 2024-03 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Acquisition of a Permanent Easement on a Portion of Block 291.07, Lot 18, 16 Oak Lane, From Joshua T. Huff, in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1)

Motion to Open to Public: Laney Second: Maxwell All in Favor

*No public comment.*

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

Motion to Adopt: Laney Second: Maxwell

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

Ordinance 2024-04 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Acquisition of a Permanent Easement on a Portion

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of Block 290, Lot 29, 17 Oak Lane, From John M. Davoren, in Accordance with  
N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1)

Motion to Open to Public: Laney                      Second: Maxwell                      All in Favor

*No public comment.*

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

Motion to Adopt: Laney                      Second: Maxwell

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

Ordinance 2024-05      An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Acquisition of a Permanent Easement on a Portion of Block 291.07, Lot 17, 20 Oak Lane, From Robert M. McCormack, Jr. and Lynsey McCormack, in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1)

Motion to Open to Public: Laney                      Second: Maxwell                      All in Favor

*No public comment.*

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

Motion to Adopt: Laney                      Second: Maxwell

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

Ordinance 2024-06      An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Acquisition of a Permanent Easement on a Portion of Block 290, Lot 28, 21 Oak Lane, From Hannah Bird, in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1)

Motion to Open to Public: Laney                      Second: Maxwell                      All in Favor

*No public comment.*

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

Motion to Adopt: Laney                      Second: Maxwell

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

Ordinance 2024-07      An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Acquisition of a Permanent Easement on a Portion

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of Block 291.07, Lot 16, 24 Oak Lane, From Richard Sharkey, in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1)

Motion to Open to Public: Laney                      Second: Maxwell                      All in Favor

*No public comment.*

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

Motion to Adopt: Laney                                      Second: Maxwell

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

Ordinance 2024-08      An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Acquisition of a Permanent Easement on a Portion of Block 290, Lot 27, 25 Oak Lane, From Robert Piekart and Amanda Shinn, in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1)

Motion to Open to Public: Laney                      Second: Maxwell                      All in Favor

*No public comment.*

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

Motion to Adopt: Laney                                      Second: Maxwell

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

Ordinance 2024-09      An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Acquisition of a Permanent Easement on a Portion of Block 291.07, Lot 15, 28 Oak Lane, From Anthony Vinciquarra and Lisa Jane Vinciquarra, in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1)

Motion to Open to Public: Laney                      Second: Maxwell                      All in Favor

*No public comment.*

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

Motion to Adopt: Laney                                      Second: Maxwell

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

Ordinance 2024-10      An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Acquisition of a Permanent Easement on a Portion

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of Block 290, Lot 26, 29 Oak Lane, From Woodrow Allen, Bonnie Allen and Patricia Angelus, in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1)

Motion to Open to Public: Laney                      Second: Maxwell                      All in Favor

*No public comment.*

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

Motion to Adopt: Laney                      Second: Maxwell

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

Ordinance 2024-11      An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey. Authorizing the Acquisition of a Permanent Easement on a Portion of Block 290, Lot 25, 33 Oak Lane, From Joseph Catalioto and Sharon Catalioto, in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1)

Motion to Open to Public: Laney                      Second: Maxwell                      All in Favor

*No public comment.*

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

Motion to Adopt: Laney                      Second: Maxwell

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

Ordinance 2024-12      An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Acquisition of a Permanent Easement on a Portion of Block 291.07, Lot 14.01, 36 Oak Lane, From Andrade Margarito and Elena Margarito, in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1)

Motion to Open to Public: Laney                      Second: Maxwell                      All in Favor

*No public comment.*

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

Motion to Adopt: Laney                      Second: Maxwell

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

Ordinance 2024-13      An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey. Authorizing the Acquisition of a Permanent Easement on a Portion

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of Block 290, Lot 24, 37 Oak Lane, From Matthew W. Rickards and Sharon M. Rickards, in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1)

Motion to Open to Public: Laney                      Second: Maxwell                      All in Favor

*No public comment.*

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

Motion to Adopt: Laney                      Second: Maxwell

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

Ordinance 2024-14      An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Acquisition of a Permanent Easement on a Portion of Block 291.07, Lot 14.02, 40 Oak Lane, From FS Properties 152 LLC, in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1)

Motion to Open to Public: Laney                      Second: Maxwell                      All in Favor

*No public comment.*

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

Motion to Adopt: Laney                      Second: Maxwell

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

Ordinance 2024-15      An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Acquisition of a Permanent Easement on a Portion of Block 285.11, Lot 3, 145 Oak Lane, From Kathryn M. Brady and Peggy M. Charlton, in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1)

Motion to Open to Public: Laney                      Second: Maxwell                      All in Favor

*No public comment.*

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

Motion to Adopt: Laney                      Second: Maxwell

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

Ordinance 2024-17      An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Acquisition of a Permanent Easement on a Portion



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of Block 285.11, Lot 6.02, 195 Oak Lane, From Habitat For Humanity of SOC Inc., in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1)

Motion to Open to Public: Laney                      Second: Maxwell                      All in Favor

*No public comment.*

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

Motion to Adopt: Laney                      Second: Maxwell

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

Ordinance 2024-18      An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey, Amending Chapter 215, "Land Use and Development," Article XII, "Improvement Standards," §215-12.7 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, Entitled "Trees"

Motion to Open to Public: Laney                      Second: Maxwell                      All in Favor

*No public comment.*

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

Motion to Adopt: Laney                      Second: Maxwell

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

Ordinance 2024-19      An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey, Amending §215-12.11 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, Entitled "Stormwater Control Ordinance For Areas That Are Not Within The Pinelands Area"

Motion to Open to Public: Laney                      Second: Maxwell                      All in Favor

*No public comment.*

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

Motion to Adopt: Laney                      Second: Maxwell

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

Ordinance 2024-20      An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey, Amending §215-13.5 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg



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Harbor, Entitled "Stormwater Control Ordinance for Areas Within The Pinelands Area"

Motion to Open to Public: Laney                      Second: Maxwell                      All in Favor

*No public comment.*

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

Motion to Adopt: Laney                      Second: Maxwell

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

Ordinance 2024-21      An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey, Creating a New Chapter 238 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor Entitled "Memorial Bench Dedication Program"

Motion to Open to Public: Laney                      Second: Maxwell                      All in Favor

*Joe & Pat Brown of N. Burgee Drive spoke regarding the ordinance and requested to change the name of the memorial bench program to "The Mikey Brown Memorial Bench Program".*

*Township Attorney, Melanie Appleby, stated the Township is in litigation with the Brown's and she recommended and advised, as the Township Attorney, to name the program the Memorial Bench program, due to ongoing litigation that is currently taking place. She stated the program is an extension of the Veteran Park Memorial Bench program that is already in the township. She further stated if the Browns are looking to rename the program, they can request it as part of a settlement or as part of court proceedings through their attorney due to current litigation.*

*Ms. Armstrong of East Navasink asked if the Attorney is advising the Committee to not discuss the bench program due to litigation even though the bench program has nothing to do with the litigation.*

*Township Attorney, Melanie Appleby, stated anything that could be connected to the litigation, like a dedication program, settlement or a remedy, she advised them not to discuss until the litigation has concluded.*

*Joe Brown of N. Burgee Drive requested that the Committee table or turn down the Ordinance.*

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

Motion to Table Ordinance 2024-21 till the August 8, 2024 Committee Meeting: Laney  
Second: Maxwell

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

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Ordinance 2024-22 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the increase of final appropriations to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits for CY 2024 and to establish a cap bank pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14

Motion to Open to Public: Laney Second: Maxwell All in Favor

*No public comment.*

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

Motion to Adopt: Laney Second: Maxwell

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

**14. RESOLUTION 2024-166**

Authorizing the 2024 Municipal Budget be Read by Title Only [*This resolution is to save time prior to opening of the public hearing by permitting the budget be read by title as opposed to reading every line item.*]

Motion to Approve: Laney Second: Maxwell

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

**15. PUBLIC HEARING 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Motion to Open to Public: Laney Second: Maxwell All in Favor

*No public comment.*

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

*CFO Rodney Haines explained the budget introduced at the last meeting has an increase of 2.5% of which the majority of that increase is to cover insurance costs. He further stated he is still waiting on state approval and adoption of the budget has to wait until the next meeting.*

**Resolution 2024-167** Resolution Adopting the 2024 Municipal Budget [*The budget has total general appropriations of \$28,673,917.94. The amount to be raised by taxation to support the budget will be \$21,462,280.05*]

Motion to Carry Resolution 2024-167 to the August 8, 2024 meeting awaiting state approval of budget introduction: Laney Second: Maxwell

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

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### **16. 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.*

### **RESOLUTIONS**

- 2024-168      Requesting Construction of a Traffic Control Signal at Country Club Boulevard and Radio Road *[A resolution requesting that Ocean County construct a traffic control signal at the intersection of Radio Road and Country Club Blvd for the safety and best interest of the residents of LEHT]*
- 2024-169      Opposing Construction of Offshore Wind Farms *[LEHT in conjunction with OC Board of Commissioners, Congressman Smith and Van Drew opposing the construction of wind turbines off the coast of Ocean County until all economic and environmental concerns are addressed]*
- 2024-170      Appointing John Cooley as the Director of the Department of Community Development and Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with USWU Local 255 *[Authorizing the execution of a MOU with USWU Local 255 for the appointment of John Cooley as the Director of the Department of Community Development]*
- 2024-171      Appointing Jeremy Price as a Member and Joan Richardson as an Alternate Member of the Township Planning Board
- 2024-172      Accepting the Retirement of and Authorizing the Compensation of Accumulated Time to Michael Hart *[Captain Michael Hart will be retired as of July 1, 2024 with a total payout of \$64,228.92 for unused time]*
- 2024-173      Accepting the Retirement of and Authorizing the Compensation of Accumulated Time to Vincent Gallo *[Vincent Gallo will be retired as of July 1, 2024 with a total payout of \$6,384.95 for unused time]*
- 2024-174      Accepting the Resignation of and Authorizing the Compensation of Accumulated Time to Kasey Kirschenbaum *[Kasey Kirschenbaum resigned as of June 22, 2024 with a total payout of \$983.08 for unused time]*
- 2024-175      Authorizing the Promotion of Jennifer Millar to the Position of Clerk 2 *[An appointment promoting existing employee Jennifer Millar from a Clerk 1 to Clerk 2 position]*
- 2024-176      Authorizing the Promotion of Betty Ann Resch to the Position of Clerk 3 *[An appointment promoting existing employee Betty Ann Resch from a Clerk 2 to Clerk 3 position]*
- 2024-177      Authorizing the Promotion of Monica Johnson to the Position of Clerk 4 *[An appointment promoting existing employee Monica Johnson from a Clerk 3 to Clerk 4 position]*

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- 2024-178 Authorizing the Promotion of Kathryn Weitz to the Position of Records Support Tech 2  
*[An appointment promoting existing employee Kathryn Weitz from a Clerk 1 to Records Support Tech 2 position]*
- 2024-179 Authorizing the Promotion of Bret Jillson to the Position of Heavy Truck Driver *[An appointment promoting existing employee Bret Jillson from Laborer 1 to Heavy Truck Driver position]*
- 2024-180 Authorizing the Promotion of Dana Cannon to the Position of Assistant Violations Clerk  
*[An appointment promoting existing employee Dana Cannon from a Clerk 1 to Assistant Violations Clerk position]*
- 2024-181 Authorizing the Transfer of Barbara Jeffery from the Township Tax Collector's Office to the Administration/Finance Office
- 2024-182 Authorizing the Township Administrator to Advertise and Hire an Account Clerk/Cashier for the Tax Collectors Office
- 2024-183 Authorizing the Township Administrator to Advertise and Hire a Laborer I Employee for the Department of Public Works
- 2024-184 Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with Kasey Kirschenbaum as Part-time Qualified Purchasing Agent
- 2024-185 Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Bass River for Construction Official and Subcode Official Services
- 2024-186 Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean for Use of the Ocean County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Training Facility for Firearms Training and Qualifications by Police Department Employees of the Township of Little Egg Harbor
- 2024-187 Authorizing the Submission of an Application for the 2024 Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey Fitness Campaign Grant
- 2024-188 Approving Charges Associated with the Demolition of 108 East Navasink Drive, Pursuant to Chapter 148 and Authorizing said Charges to Become a Part of the Taxes to be Assessed and Levied on Said Property
- 2024-189 Authorizing the Cancellation of Outstanding Checks
- 2024-190 Certifying Tax Liens for Costs Incurred in Accordance with the Property Maintenance Code

## **17. CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

Motion to Open to Public: Laney

Second: Maxwell

All in Favor

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*No public comment.*

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

Motion to Approve: Laney                      Second: Laney

Roll Call:      All Yes: Mr. Laney; Mr. Maxwell; Mayor Scibetta  
Mr. Laney abstained from Resolution 2024-170, Resolution 2024-175, Resolution 2024-176,  
Resolution 2024-177 and Resolution 2024-185 and yes to the balance.

### **18. BILL RESOLUTION 2024-191**

A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$4,786,469.89

Motion to Approve: Laney                      Second: Maxwell

Roll Call:      All Yes: Mr. Laney; Mr. Maxwell; Mayor Scibetta  
Mr. Laney Abstained from bill 24-00598 and yes to the balance.

### **19. MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS**

- Raffle Application No. 2024-031 for OES #54 Tuckerton; On-Premise 50/50 Raffle at West Tuckerton Fire Company on September 21, 2024
- Raffle Application No. 2024-032 for OES #54 Tuckerton; On-Premise Gift Auction at West Tuckerton Fire Company on September 21, 2024
- Raffle Application No. 2024-033 for Great Bay Regional Volunteer EMS Inc.; On-Premise 50/50 Raffle at Parkertown Fire Company on October 12, 2024
- Raffle Application No. 2024-034 for Great Bay Regional Volunteer EMS Inc.; On-Premise Gift Auction at Parkertown Fire Company on October 12, 2024
- Raffle Application No. 2024-035 for Ocean County Foundation for Vocational and technical Education; On-Premise 50/50 Raffle at 261 Country Club Blvd on October 10, 2024
- Raffle Application No. 2024-036 for American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island; Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle at 420 Radio Road on October 13, 2024
- Raffle Application No. 2024-037 for American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island; Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle at 420 Radio Road on October 14, 2024

Motion to Approve: Laney                      Second: Maxwell                      All in Favor

### **20. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS**

*Township Engineer, Charlie Cunliffe, reported the MUA has begun replacing the aging water and sewer mains which should take 5-6 months to complete then the Township can begin their work on the infrastructure and paving. He thanked the residents for their patience for a temporary inconvenience for the permanent improvement. He also reported the County has gone out to bid the repaving work of Radio Road from Mathistown to Great Bay Blvd and the County Commissioners will be awarding at*



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*their next meeting. Once that occurs the township will be able to provide more details and an update on the time frame and schedule of the project. Finally, he spoke on the township's 2023 road improvement project stating work will begin next week and final paving will commence hopefully in the Fall season. He stated notices will go out to the homewoners.*

## **21. PUBLIC COMMENT - Any Topic**

Motion to Open to Public: Laney

Second: Maxwell

All in Favor

*Ms. Cabanas of Tiller Court asked what is the process of abandoned houses. She stated there is an abandoned house at the corner of Ship and Playhouse and the house needs to be torn down.*

*Mayor Scibetta stated the abandoned houses are a pet peave of his and the Committee and the township has been working hard to get the houses cleaned up. He further stated it is a lengthy process that the town has to go through in order to clean up these abandoned properties. He requested that Ms. Cabanas provide the Administrator with her address and he will look into the property to see were the town is in the process and provide her with a call back.*

*Joe & Pat Brown of N. Burgee Drive provided the Committee with information regarding a tragic incident that occurred on May 31, 2023 while his grandson was riding his dirtbike. He thanked the officers and first responders that were involved that tried saving him. Mr. Brown requested for an ordinance to be passed regarding additional means of obstructing an area instead of a heavy metal chain.*

*Ms. Purks of S. Forecastle Drive stated she would like to provide information an abandoned house on 117 S. Forecastle Drive. She stated the grass is about four feet high. She also stated her father came last month regarding the potholes on S. Forecastle Drive and was looking for an update on hen they will be filled.*

*Township Administrator Rodney Haines stated he will reach out to Code Enforcement tomorrow regarding 117 S. Forecastle and he will reach out to public works regarding the potholes.*

*Ms. Reyes of West Anchor Drive requested clarification regarding the new noise ordinance and she has an ongoing issue with the Italian American Club that is effecting her quality of life even prior to the 10pm curfew.*

*Township Attorney, Melanie Appleby, explained "Chapter 242, Noise, of the Township Code, there are provisions as to certain noises which could be violative under Section 242-3. The ordinance language does not create a "strict liability" or absolute as to any complaint. If you believe that the noise you hear is a violation of Chapter 242, you may contact the police to make a complaint, and the responding officer is subject to discretion under Court Rules and police regulations as to whether to issue a violation. If you choose, you may make a citizen complaint. That citizen complaint is subject to the review of the municipal court administrator or municipal court judge to determine if there is probable cause to proceed. R. 7:2-2(a)(1). If probable cause is found, then the matter would proceed to summons and municipal court for adjudication".*

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*Chief Hawkins stated he spoke with the club and advised them to stop the music by 10pm. If it is affecting the quality of life a complaint can be reported with the police department and filed with the court.*

*Ms. Clark of Lake Superior Drive asked if there is a decibel level that can be considered a nuisance.*

*Township Attorney, Melanie Appleby, stated there is no threshold for decibel levels and the noise requirements that were in the prior ordinance required state regulations that the township could not uphold during weekend or after hours. She stated the new ordinance can enforce noise complaints and the old ordinance was not enforceable.*

*Ms. Lobron of East Shrewsbury Drive belongs to the private social club being discussed and she stated the 700 – 900 members also pay into and have rights and enjoy the entertainment provided by the club.*

*Joe Brown of N. Burgee Drive stated he is the president of the club and he stated there are outside concerts during the summer months and the music stops abruptly at 10pm as per the ordinance. He stated he assumes the majority of the calls regarding the noise comes from disgruntled ex-members of the club. He further stated as per the clubs Attorney, if Ms. Reyes wants to keep filing complaints the club can also file one for harassment.*

*Mayor Scibetta stated maybe do the encore at 9:45pm to make everyone happy.*

*Ms. Devenuta of 29 Lake Singleton Court stated her house could be demolished and will probably be on the next agenda, but she is trying to fix it up. She requested an extension of time and stated she has done a lot of work but needs more time to complete what needs to be done.*

*Township Attorney, Melanie Appleby, stated she will look into it and speak to the attorney handling the property.*

*Mr. Conrad of Lake Michigan Drive, Vice President of the club discussed and stated he is there every weekend and the band stops prior to 10pm always. He stated the outside tiki bar closes at 9:30pm and everyone outside goes in prior to 10pm. He stated the club has expanded the back yard, moved the band to face opposite direction, put up fencing to diminish sound and are looking into installing plants and shrubs to try and accommodate those who do call regarding the loud music.*

*Ms. Jeffery of Harbortown Blvd provided the public with information regarding the Mayor's Wellness Campaign and invited residents to sign up after the meeting. She stated a sign-up sheet will be outside the doors for all of those who are interested in volunteering.*

*Mr. Dugan of West Anchor stated the music coming from the club is not loud and he apologized for the township having to deal with the nonsense.*

*Mr. Tomasiak of S. Baltimore Drive requested information regarding the township wide yard sale.*

*Municipal Clerk, Kelly Lettera, stated the map and list will be on the township website and facebook page the Friday morning prior.*



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Motion to Close Public Comment: Laney

Second: Maxwell

All in Favor

## **22. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

*Committeeman Laney congratulated the officers and employees who were promoted and the new hires at tonight's meeting. He reported the Senior Lunch Social will be every Tuesday starting September 10 from 11am to 2pm at the senior center. He stated residents must register in advance and only 30 diners will be permitted each week. He stated a 6 week Diabetes Self Management Program will begin every Wednesday, July 17 through August 21, from 1pm to 3pm at the Senior Center. He also requested any residents that have old or used board games they are looking to get rid of, please contact Kathy Tucker. Committeeman Laney also reported that the "badges and bagels" event will be held at cat run at Pinelands Regional High School on August 25, 2024. He stated "coffee with a cop" is Sunday, August 11, 2024 after 9:30am mass at St. Theresa's Church. He also noted volunteers are always needed for the township events and anyone interested in event volunteering, reach out to Kathy Tucker. He wished everyone a great rest of the summer.*

*Deputy Mayor Maxwell congratulated the officers who were promoted and hired tonight. He also congratulated the essay contest winners that attended. He stated the Board of Health and Mayors Wellness Campaign are joining together to have a mental health and outreach event on Thursday, September 26 from 2-7pm at the community center. He reported the Board of Health is also holding their free rabies vaccination clinic on November 16, 9-11:30am at the senior center. He also reminded residents to sign-up for the township wide yard sale July 20-21. He reported the next Senior Advisory Board meeting will be Monday, July 29 at 10am at Harbor Bay. He also reported the new township website went live today and he thanked the employees for all the hard work that went into updating it. He thanked everyone for attending and wished them a great summer.*

*Mayor Scibetta reported Deputy Mayor and himself met with Great Bay EMS today and they are looking for volunteers. He stated training will be included and it is a wonderful way to volunteer 6 hours a week in the town. He stated coming this fall will be a "Walk with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor" event at the recreation complex. The date has not been determined yet but details will be posted soon. He reported a 5k called a "Community that Cares" which will be held at the high school to benefit the school athletic program and local people in need. He expressed the need for the resolution for the light installation for Country Club and Radio Road and hopefully the County will move forward with the plan. He also touched on the resolution for the BCBS Fitness Campaign grant and what a great addition that would be for the township if funding is received. He wished everyone a great rest of the summer.*

## **23. EXECUTIVE SESSION 2024-XXX**

A Resolution Authorizing the Convening of an Executive Session in Accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act

*Township Attorney Melanie Appleby stated no executive session is needed tonight.*

**24. Motion to Adjourn:** Laney

Second: Maxwell

All in Favor

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I hereby certify the foregoing Minutes were formally approved by the Little Egg Harbor Township Committee.



Kelly Lettera, CMC, RMC  
Township Clerk

*\*"Any invocation that may be offered before the official start of the Committee meeting is offered by a person who is expressing private thoughts as governed by his or her own conscience, to and for the benefit of the Committee. The views or beliefs expressed by the invocation speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by the Committee and do not necessarily represent the religious beliefs or views of the Committee in part or as a whole. No member of the community is required to attend or participate in the invocation and such decision will have no impact on their right to participate actively in the business of the Committee."*