

**Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting
Agenda**

AUGUST 8, 2024

7:30 P.M.

- 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT
- 4. ROLL CALL _____ Mr. Gormley _____ Mr. Kehm _____ Mr. Laney
 _____ Mr. Maxwell _____ Mr. Scibetta

- 5. PRESENTATIONS
 - PYJSBA "Pineland Panthers" Girls 12U Travel Softball Team
 - Patriot Day, National Day of Service and Remembrance

- 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - July 11, 2024

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

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"

8. ORDINANCE **[FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION]**

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Ordinance 2024-24 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey, Authorizing the Conveyance of Certain Township Properties to Ziman Trucking, LLC After Public Auction Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a)

Ordinance 2024-25 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey, Authorizing the Sale of 7 Gifford Road, Block 276.01, Lots 15-17 on the Tax Map of the Township of Little Egg Harbor to Family Promise of Southern Ocean County Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-21

9. PUBLIC HEARING 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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]*

Resolution 2024-192 Authorizing the Township to Participate in the Self Examination of the Budget

10. 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.

RESOLUTIONS

- 2024-193 Authorizing the Appointment of Vito Scardigno as a Per Diem Telecommunicator for the Little Egg Harbor Township Police Department *[The appointment of Vito Scardigno as per diem telecommunicator for the LEHT PD, effective immediately, at a rate of \$22/hr]*
- 2024-194 Authorizing the Execution of Change Order No. 1 (Final) for 2023 Drainage Improvement Project to Mathis Construction Co., Inc. *[Change Order 1(Final) decreases the original contract amount from \$401,272.95 to \$391,300.51 for the 2023 Drainage Improvement Project with Mathis Construction Co. Inc.]*
- 2024-195 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property by Open Public Auction in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.8 *[Authorizing the sale of surplus personal property through Sourcewell National Cooperative, GovDeals, Inc, public auction]*
- 2024-196 Authorizing a Tax Refund
- 2024-197 Authorizing the Submission of a Loan Application with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank for Mystic Island Drainage Improvements Phase 3, NJIB Loan No. S340579-06
- 2024-198 Authorizing a Corrective Action Plan *[Office of State Comptroller requires submission of a corrective action plan for the 2022 Audit]*
- 2024-199 Awarding a Contract for Municipal Building Interior Improvements to Santorini Construction Inc. *[Awarding a contract to Santorini Construction Inc. for the Municipal Building Interior Improvements, for a total amount not to exceed \$567,000.00]*
- 2024-200 Committing to Protect Adoption and Confirming Intent to Provide Matching Funding for the 2024 Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey Fitness Campaign Grant *[LEHT is receiving \$50,000 in grant funding for the 2024 HBCBS of NJ Fitness Campaign]*

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2024-201 Accepting the Retirement of and Authorizing the Compensation of Accumulated Time to Eric Nelson [*Eric Nelson will be retired as of August 1, 2024 with a total payout of \$438.32 for unused time*]

2024-202 Certifying Tax Liens for Costs Incurred in Accordance with the Property Maintenance Code

2024-203 Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Tax Anticipation Notes

11. PUBLIC COMMENT - Consent Agenda Only

12. BILL RESOLUTION

2024-204 A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$976,962.67

13. MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

- Raffle Application No. 2024-038 for Women's Club Mirage; On-Premise 50/50 Raffle at LBI National on September 9, 2024
- Raffle Application No. 2024-039 for Women's Club Mirage; On-Premise Gift Raffle at LBI National on September 9, 2024
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14. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS

15. PUBLIC COMMENT – Any Topic

16. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

2024-205 A Resolution Authorizing the Convening of an Executive Session in Accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act

18. ADJOURN

**"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."*

Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting

August 8, 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 August 8, 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. Gormley; Mr. Laney; Mr. Maxwell; Mayor Scibetta

Absent: Mr. Kehm

5. PRESENTATIONS:

- PYJSBA "Pineland Panthers" Girls 12U Travel Softball Team

Deputy Mayor Maxwell read the PYJSBA "Pineland Panthers" Girls 12U Travel Softball Team proclamation and the Mayor and Committee Members presented the proclamation to the "Pineland Panthers" Girls 12U Travel Softball Team.

- Patriot Day, National Day of Service and Remembrance

Mayor Scibetta read the Patriot Day, National Day of Service and Remembrance proclamation and the Mayor and Committee Members presented the proclamation to the VFW.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- July 11, 2024

Motion to Approve: Laney

Second: Maxwell

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

Abstain: Mr. Gormley

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Motion to Table Ordinance 2024-21 till the December 12, 2024 Committee Meeting: Laney

Second: Gormley

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

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Motion to Introduce: Maxwell Second: Gormley

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

9. PUBLIC HEARING 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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 and contractual increases. The total appropriated for the budget is \$28,673,917.94 with \$21,462,280.05 would be raised from taxation.

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

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

No public comment.

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

Motion to Approve: Maxwell Second: Laney

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

12. BILL RESOLUTION 2024-204

A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$976,962.67

Motion to Approve: Maxwell Second: Gormley

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

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Motion to Approve: Laney

Second: Maxwell

All in Favor

14. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS

Township Engineer Jason Worth, reported the 2023 road improvement program is underway and the contractor is currently working on concrete improvements on Oak Lane and drainage crews wrapped up the drainage on Cranbury Lake Drive and will be continuing on additional roads next week. He stated they are paving a portion of Oak Lane the last week of August prior to school starting back. He stated paving will also be done on Daryl Drive and East Thames Road and the remainder of the roads will be done once the drainage and concrete is complete. He stated that the township submitted an application for the Safe Routes to School grant last fall including curb, sidewalk, handicap ramp, stripping and signage along Frog Pond Road, a portion of Parkertown Drive and Railroad Avenue and the state issued a \$800,000 grant for the project. He also reported the township submitted a grant this past spring to NJDOT Local Transportation Project Fund for sidewalks, curbing, handicap ramps, stripping, crosswalks, bike lanes and signage on Radio Road from Oak Lane to Country Club Blvd, which the township was awarded \$950,000 in grant funding.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT - Any Topic

Motion to Open to Public: Maxwell

Second: Gormley

All in Favor

Mr. Brown of N. Burgee Drive thanked the Committee for tabling the bench program. He questioned how an ordinance gets put on the agenda, then specifically spoke about putting a chain ordinance in place.

Township Attorney, Melanie Appleby, stated in this form of government an ordinance is developed by the governing body and the professionals. She stated bringing it to the governing body and professional's attention then allows the attorney to look into the issue to determine what can/cannot be done, the pitfalls and what has been done in other jurisdictions in order to draft something for the Committee to review and discuss internally.

Mr. Curtin of Mayflower Drive asked about the Safe Routes to School project schedules. He also requested that the four to five properties on Oak Lane going into Tuckerton get added into a project for sidewalks. He stated this would connect the Little Egg and Tuckerton sidewalks.

Township Administrator, Rodney Haines, stated currently the SRTS project is in the design stage with an engineer who was selected and paid for by the state for the project. He stated the last he spoke with the state they told him the design stage would be atleast a year.

Township Engineer, Jason Worth, stated he will certainly look into the sidewalks for the four to five homes on Oak Lane to see if they can be added into a local project.

Motion to Close Public Comment: Gormley

Second: Laney

All in Favor

16. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Committeeman Gormley wished everyone a great rest of the summer.

Committeeman Laney reported the senior lunch social will be every Tuesday starting September 10 from 11:30 – 2:00pm at the senior center and seniors need to register in advance. He stated the 6 week diabetes self-management workshop will be every Wednesday starting July 17th until August 21st from 1-3pm. He hoped everyone had a great summer and wished all the kids going back to school a great year.

Deputy Mayor Maxwell reported the Board of Health is holding a mental health event Thursday, September 26 from 2-5pm at the Community Center. He also reported the BOH free rabies clinic will be held on Saturday, November 16 at the senior center. He stated the "Walk with the Mayor" event will be on Saturday, September 14 from 10am-12pm at the recreation complex. Lastly, he reported the next senior advisory board meeting will be at Sea Oaks on September 30th at 10am.

Mayor Scibetta reported on behalf of Committeeman Kehm that volunteers are needed for EMS services. Mayor Scibetta stated the National Night Out event was fantastic and everyone had a great time. He stated the community wide yard sale was a great success with close to 200 participants throughout town. He read an obituary on a family member lost during 9/11 and reiterated to all in attendance to never forget what happened that day. He also wished everyone a great rest of the summer and best of luck in the upcoming school year.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION 2024-205

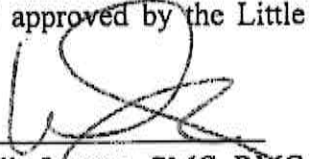
A Resolution Authorizing the Convening of an Executive Session in Accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act

18. Motion to Adjourn: Laney

Second: Gormley

All in Favor

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



Kelly Lettera, CMC, RMC
Township Clerk

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