

## Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting

September 12, 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.

*Pastor Michael Dellaperute of Calvary Baptist Church said an opening Invocation.*

### **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 September 12, 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. Kehm; Mr. Laney; Mr. Maxwell; Mayor Scibetta

### **5. PRESENTATIONS:**

➤ Constitution Week (September 17-23)

*Deputy Mayor Maxwell read the Constitution Week proclamation and the Mayor and Committee Members presented the proclamation to Rose Trafton, Vice Regent of Captain Joshua Huddy's Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution.*

➤ National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

*Mayor Scibetta read the National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month proclamation and the Mayor and Committee Members presented the proclamation to David of David's Dream & Believe Cancer Foundation.*

➤ National Preparedness Month

*Committeeman Laney read the National Preparedness Month proclamation. The Clerk will send a copy of the proclamation to Ocean County.*

➤ VFW 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Deputy Mayor Maxwell read the VFW 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary proclamation and the Mayor and Committee Members presented the proclamation to Adrian Romero of NJ Veterans of Foreign Wars State Headquarters.*

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

- August 8, 2024
- August 8, 2024 Executive Session

Motion to Approve: Maxwell

Second: Laney

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

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

Ordinance 2024-23 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter 323 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" so As to Amend Section 323-40 Entitled "Schedule VIII: Speed Limits"

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

*No public comment.*

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

Motion to Adopt: Kehm Second: Maxwell

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

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)

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

*No public comment.*

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

Motion to Adopt: Kehm Second: Laney

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

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 the Jersey Shore Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-21

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

*Elizabeth Golla, Director of Family Promise of South Jersey, addressed the public and provided the township with information regarding their organization and the purpose of the building they are looking to utilize. She stated the organization has been in Little Egg since 2009 serving residents. She stated*

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*Family Promise is for local families with children that temporarily need a place to stay, food, clothing, etc in order for them to get on their feet.*

*Ms. Skelly of Wisteria Lane stated her home is 900 feet from the purposed building. She stated she has quite a bit of interest and questions regarding the organization and what is being purposed such as: Has the township done an impact study on how the area will be negatively impacted by the shelter? Has a study been done on the impact of drug use for a shelter such as this 2 miles from a high school? How often are the people that are housed in this shelter drug screened? How long do these individuals stay in the program? What guarantee does the Township have that Family Promise will not change their policy once the sale is approved? What contract is in place for this facility to only contain local residents?*

*Township Attorney, Melanie Appleby stated the Ordinance is just for the authorization of sale of the building. The contract is still in negotiation, they will be putting a clause in the contract that states if something were to change the Township will have first rights to buy the building back at fair market value.*

*Ms. Skelly of Wisteria Lane then questioned if there is a clause in the contract that Family Promise is not allowed to sell to another organization.*

*Ms. Appleby reiterated that the contract is still in negotiation but the township has the first right to purchase back the building.*

*Ms. Skelly of Wisteria Lane asked if there would be a timeframe for the Township to step in if the building is being misrepresented.*

*The Township Attorney stated there will be a riveter in the deed that carry's with the land. She stated those are all options and issues on the table and concerns have been expressed and will be discussed with the contract.*

*Ms. Skelly of Wisteria Lane questioned how it will effect Fire and EMS services? Has there been a study done on additional police force? What is the capacity of the building? How many families and individuals are they looking to hold?*

*Mayor Scibetta stated all your questions are fair and in regards to the building everything will have to be up to code.*

*Ms. Skelly of Wisteria Lane asked what is stopping Family Promise from expanding to other properties in the future?*

*Ms. Appleby stated the contract has not been finalized and will address the issues that are being brought to the forefront. She then stated that Family Promise has to go through various processes before they can do anythingsuch as the planning board to make sure it is a permitted use etc. She stated as far as them expanding, if they wanted to add on or buy additional property in town there are steps, protections, and ordinances involved.*

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*Ms. Skelly of Wisteria Lane asked if Family Promise will be applying for a tax relief or adjustment.*

*Township Administrator/CFO, Rodney Haines stated it depends on if they are a non-profit organization just like a church etc. who also may not be paying taxes.*

*Ms. Golla answered the following questions from the above questions:*

*Families are drug tested before entering the program and are routinely monitored to make sure the building is secure as possible. She stated at all times there will be a minimum of two members of staff located on the premises as well as security in and around the building. Ms. Golla stated there have been no security issues in the 15 years they have been in Little Egg Harbor Township, nor has anyone in their program failed the drug testing/alcohol screening. She reiterated that the people that are in their program know the contract they are agreeing to and signing. She stated they also screen the teenagers as well. Ms. Golla stated Case Management staff are all trained clinicians to make the determination if someone is under the influence. She then stated if they do not pass the screening and meet the criteria of the program then they provide them with other options. She stated the Family Promise program is for only 3 months and they have to be out within those 90 days. Ms. Golla stated have been serving this community for 15 years and are currently in the building next door, Saint Theresa's, Great Bay Gospel; and for the past 15 years they have not needed additional police or fire. Family Promise abides by all the codes to make sure none are being violated and safety is their #1 priority. She expressed she wants to fulfill Family Promise's mission of helping families in the community. She stated she understands the concerns but Family Promise has been around since 1985 and their program has not changed since then. Family Promise provides a safe and secure place for families. She then reiterated it is a 90 day program and occasionally they can extend for extension of services but only for a 30 day limit. She also stated they have various landlord relationships in town and also in other towns to help the families find a place as soon as possible. The goal is to provide the families with the resources they need on a temporary basis and they must abide by all the rules of the program or they will be kicked out of the program.*

*Mr. Scibetta stated you have been in Little Egg Harbor for 15 years and how long have you been next door?*

*Ms. Golla stated they started in their current Little Egg facility after COVID.*

*Mr. Scibetta asked how many Little Egg Harbor families utilized the program in 2023?*

*Ms. Golla stated in 2023 they helped approximately 800 families and 40% of that number was Little Egg Harbor residents.*

*Mr. Scibetta asked If someone comes into this facility for help; one is from Little Egg Harbor, one is from Manahawkin, and one from outside the area, will the Little Egg Harbor resident have priority over the other families?*

*Ms. Golla stated yes because they are looking for the best fit for the family and they would not want them to move outside where they currently live and the children go to school. She stated there are multiple facilities so if a family comes from an area outside Little Egg then another facility might fit them best.*

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*She stated no families from out of state or the country are accepted in the program. She stated there are other programs out there that would be more specific to those needs.*

*Mr. Scibetta asked if Little Egg Harbor families have first priority?*

*Ms. Appleby stated the Planning Board could address that.*

*Committeeman Laney asked how many families the facility will hold at one time.*

*Ms. Golla stated that is based off the Planning Board and how many families can fit within the square footage. She claimed they still had a lot of work but believes 6 families on the first floor, and a few smaller families on the bottom floor. They want to make sure they are abiding by the Planning and Zoning Boards. She stated that it will be dormitory style with each family having their own room and bathroom. She stated they never want to overload the space.*

*Committeeman Gormley stated a lot needs to be in the contract and asked "aren't we putting the cart before the horse" in agreeing to a contract of sale before we see what is in the contract.*

*Ms. Appleby stated the ordinance gives the township the authority to move forward with a contract although there are several other steps that need to take place prior to Family Promise moving in. She stated this is not a done deal but a commitment to enter into a contract so that the township can negotiate and Family Promise can do what they need to secure funding.*

*Mr. Gormley asked if the Committee will have the opportunity to review and approve the contract.*

*Ms. Appleby stated that the contract will come before the Committee where you will need to have another resolution to authorize execution.*

*Mr. Blacie of Leitz Blvd stated he lived down the block from the proposed "thing" and he does not want it to happen due to his property value. He stated he has lived here for 15 years and has never had to call the police until this past year when they put two Section 8 homes close to his house. He stated he has now had to call the police atleast 20 times. He claims if you are limiting this to Little Egg Harbor community it will have an impact on the schools as well as his taxes. He stated it will have stress on the community, the Police force, and the teachers. He stated he wants a public vote in November, and claimed no one knew about the meeting but he only knew because he got a piece of paper in his mailbox. He asked if we were a sanctuary city. He stated if more of the public knew there would be a larger crowd.*

*Ms. Francis of Jared Lane stated she had concerns on the economic strain on local resources. She stated a couple families in a church is different than ten families in a facility. She claimed there would be a need for increased Law Enforcement, EMS, and Healthcare. She stated that a small town like LEHT with a low budget will struggle to meet the demands, will have to allocate more money to welfare programs, job placement, and emergency healthcare. She claimed homeless individuals have a higher chronic illness rate, mental health issues, and addiction issues. She asked what specific measures are being taken to ensure that local public sectors such as Law Enforcement and Healthcare are not overwhelmed by the increased demand from Family Promise. She asked what strategies are in place for the potential increase in crime and safety issues as a result of the shelters presence? She asked what the max capacity*

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*is and how many people could be in the building. She also asked what happens after the three months, do they just walk out the door or put into other housing? She asked how many times are the residents being drug tested in their 90 day stay and is there any regulation in regards to it? She asked what is the check-in time, where they go during the day, what happens if a clinician sees that a family member under the influence, what is the process, what kind of emergency services have to be called and does the town have them available?*

*Ms. Golla stated yes homeless individuals are more likely to have chronic illness. She stated the families they are serving go to work and school during the day and their program has a very high success rate 96% received housing after the 90 days. She claimed if Family Promise can not help them, they will help them find the services that best fit their needs. She said that Department of Child Protective Services is always called and they work hand and hand with the families to ensure the safety of all children. She said they also work with 211, board of social services, and the county to provide proper placement for the families. She stated the people graduating from their program pay market rate rent and no one is getting a hand out because that is not what their program is about. She then stated they are not a regular shelter, they are a family program providing skills to increase the income for working families and the ability to afford expenses.*

*Mr. Scibetta requested Ms. Golla touch on the check-in and check-out procedures.*

*Ms. Golla stated curfew is 9pm, but if they work past 9pm they need to get it approved by the supervisor. She stated at no time are children allowed to be left alone and they have to be enrolled in a daycare or aftercare program if parents work past school hours. She stated no families are allowed to be outside after 9pm, the doors are locked with no entering or exiting.*

*Mr. Scibetta asked if that time frame could be added into the agreement.*

*Ms. Appleby stated the Land Use Board would have to enforce that just like they do with local businesses.*

*Ms. Golla stated these are families with young children who need to go to bed at a reasonable time and the facility is only to house them and provide them with a safe place. She again reiterated, the capacity will be based off the professionals after the building is vetted and redesigned.*

*Ms. Skelly asked how many families is Family Promise currently housing on a nightly basis.*

*Ms. Golla stated she would have to look at her statistics but believes three small families. She stated their goal is to keep families in their homes and out of homelessness so, some people would just be coming to fill out paperwork with no necessary stay. She stated Family Promise still needs to be seen before the Planning and Zoning board to ensure it is compatible and what that capacity can be.*

*Ms. Skelly asked what if someone shows up drunk or high after admission and drug/alcohol screening.*

*Ms. Golla stated the trained case management staff would not allow the individual to stay in the building because it is a safety issue and they would be transported to other services to be detoxed and immediately discharged from the program.*

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*Mr. Gormley stated he had questions and concerns. He said he was a big component on taking care of our own, he asked if there was some way Family Promise could make a commitment that would only contain Little Egg Harbor residents. He said many people we know need a helping hand but he would feel more comfortable if it was just Little Egg Harbor residents.*

*Ms. Golla stated the issue with that is funding strings will not allow them to only provide their services to one town. She said they cannot discriminate.*

*Mr. Gormley stated that he did not want to put Ms. Golla in the "hot seat" but he believed these questions need to be asked. What would you do if you were at max capacity and a Little Egg Harbor family comes in?*

*Ms. Golla stated they would move a family that is not a Little Egg resident to another location that best fits their needs.*

*Ms. Golla stated to keep in mind that just because they have a 90 day stay does not mean they are staying the full 90 days. She stated previously someone in the program was out in two weeks.*

*Ms. Broderick stated she lives in the area and she works for Family Promise doing prevention and agrees to taking care of our own. She stated sometimes the minute a family is late on rent they are being evicted. She asked why is there a concern about bringing homelessness to the area after fourteen years of Family Promise being in the area already. She stated she wants to help and protect this town too. She stated Family Promise is a non-profit organization and every penny goes back into it. She then stated that a lot of people are misinformed on what Family Promise is. She stated she not only works at Family Promise but also graduated from the program. She said the pupose is to give back to the community, help someone that fell on hard times and just needs to catch their breath.*

*Pastor Dellaperute of Calvary Baptist Church stated he understands the concerns and if this was moving into his neighborhood he would as well. Although, he stated his church host's families of Family Promise and has worked closely with Ms. Golla. He said everything she stated regarding the standards is the way they held it. He stated he volunteered to stay overnight, and these are not criminals or drug addicts; they are families, parents and children. He stated for the years Family Promise has used their facility they have never had anything stolen or an incident. He stated most of the families are so grateful just to have a place to sleep. He stated he does not know if this alleviates fears but based on his experience with Family Promise everything he saw was good and if it was not good he would speak up and say otherwise.*

*Pastor Hartman of Lighthouse Alliance Church stated he started the church sector 25 years ago and the church would be neighbors with Family Promise. He stated he can concur with everything Pastor Dellaperute stated in regards to the partnership with Family Promise. He stated they have been with them since 2009, and housing them above the church for the last couple years. He stated they are involved in many ministries including children so they are very careful on who is in the building. He stated they do an amazing job with vetting and that was one of his biggest concerns. He stated when you think of a homeless person you think of an addict or mental illness. He said what they have experienced is being like you and me and fell on hard times, often single mothers with children, just getting an opportunity to get back on their feet. He stated Family Promise has a unique set of standards and in the 15 years he has worked with them he has never had an issue. He said he would not put his name and the*

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*churches reputation on the line if he were not sure of them. He stated this will be a big asset to the community. He stated he understands Councilman Gormley's concerns but it seems like Southern Ocean County gets nothing and for an organization of this caliber, well-funded and well run, is an asset. He then stated he would ask the Committee to be in favor of pursuing this as a possibility in the community.*

*Mr. Tomasiak of South Baltimore Drive asked about pets and where they go. He also asked where the funding is coming from.*

*Ms. Golla stated they do not want to see someone surrender their pet. She said statistically most families do surrender their pets in a shelter situation or sleep in their cars because they do not want to give up their pet. She stated Family Promise has a pet program, pets do not stay at the facility due to allergies and other issues; the pet program allows families to not surrender their pets but to utilize the foster system. She stated once the family is out of the program, they are then reunited with their pet. Ms. Golla stated the funding is coming from the County and they are extremely supportive of Family Promise. She emphasized Family Promise was awarded the grant for their mission and their mission only.*

*Mr. Skelly on Wisteria Lane stated he agreed with Councilmen Gormley regarding putting the cart before the horse. He stated he did not want them to move forward with the sale and would prefer more insight before moving forward.*

Motion to Close: Laney

Second: Maxwell

All in favor

*Mr. Kehm stated he believes the public should be notified of an additional public hearing prior to adopting the ordinance. He stated it gives the community transparency in regards to what the Family Promise mission is. He then stated the Committee has heard from people in the audience that they got a letter in the mail, people hearing things out on the street, some may be bad some may be good. He stated he believes there maybe more people that are concerned that were not able to attend tonight. He stated the public hearing will provide those that were unaware to come and learn about the great organization that Family Promise is and ask questions.*

*Mr. Scibetta asked if this gets approved tonight could we have a hearing to discuss the terms.*

*Ms. Appleby stated she provided options previously, although the Committee could approve the ordinance tonight or table and hold a special meeting.*

*Mr. Gormley asked if they do a public hearing how will it be advertised for the public.*

*Ms. Appleby stated if you were going to do something similar to dredging and would like the whole community to be there, then you would have to do a public notice.*

*Mr. Gormley stated he believed with the capacity the special meeting should be at the community center.*

*Mr. Haines stated the Township would advertise on the township website and on Facebook and people would be able to share the info of when the meeting will be.*

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*Mr. Laney stated he thought it was a good idea to listen to the concerns from the public. He stated he thinks it would be best to hear how the rest of the town feels as well.*

*Mr. Maxwell stated the reason he made the motion was because in his mind if they need to iron things out more, they could show the public where they landed with the contract. He stated he had no problem moving it to the next meeting and coming up with a secondary plan. He stated he is always about transparency and public input.*

*Mr. Maxwell asked if there was a time restriction on the funding for Family Promise that they have to be concerned with.*

*Ms. Golla stated that there is a time limit and if it continues to be tabled they will lose their funding. She said the project would then go null and void. She stated that what she heard from the attorney present is, if the vote were to go through it does not mean they are closing and writing a check today. She stated if this was approved, they could start having conversation so the questions asked can be addressed. She stated they cannot answer some questions because they do not have access to the building. She stated if it is voted upon they still have to negotiate a contract.*

*Mr. Kehm stated he agreed with Ms. Golla but a lot of questions were Planning and Zoning Board questions. He stated he believes they should have had a process where people get told what Family Promise is and then do the Ordinance.*

*Mr. Gormley stated that maybe they could do something to help them get access into the building. He then asked Mr. Haines if there was any reason we could not give her access to the building to get thoughts and ideas.*

*Ms. Golla stated that she would need professionals to come in and get assessments.*

*Mr. Gormley stated he understood that but atleast to get thoughts together, Ms. Golla could take a walk through the building.*

*Mr. Haines stated he did not see giving them access to the building an issue. He stated the County is using the American Rescue Funds for the project then they would need obligation before December 31<sup>st</sup>. He stated if they did not have some agreement in place by then then the money is not obligated.*

*Mr. Scibetta asked if they could do a resolution for the letter of intent.*

*Ms. Appleby stated she believed she had the authority to do that.*

*Mr. Scibetta stated at public comment if the Committee says they cannot come to terms it is null and void so why would we not do a resolution for a letter of intent.*

Motion to Close to Public: Laney

Second: Maxwell

All in Favor

Motion to Table to the October Committee Meeting: Laney

Second: Kehm

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

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

Ordinance 2024-26 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter 215 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, Entitled "Zoning" so as to Amend Section 215-4.2 Entitled "Zoning Map"

Motion to Introduce: Laney Second: Kehm

Mr. Gormley left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Yes: Mr. Kehm; Mr. Laney; Mr. Maxwell; Mayor Scibetta  
Not Present: Mr. Gormley

Ordinance 2024-27 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter 215, "Land Use and Redevelopment", and Chapter 290, "Soil Removal, Excavation and Mining", of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor

Motion to Introduce: Kehm Second: Laney

Roll Call: Yes: Mr. Kehm; Mr. Laney; Mr. Maxwell; Mayor Scibetta  
Not Present: Mr. Gormley

Mr. Gormley returned to the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

**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.*

**RESOLUTIONS**

2024-206 In the Matter of New Jersey's Fourth Solicitation for Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (OREC's) *[A resolution strongly urging the BPU to only entertain bids by Atlantic Shores that REDUCE the approved pricing and reject any bids seeking to increase the prices to protect the state and ratepayers against economic harm]*

2024-207 Opposing Any Federal Budget Cuts Which Would Detrimentially Affect Meals on Wheels *[A resolution strongly opposing any federal budget cuts that would impact the Meals on Wheels of Ocean County program]*

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- 2024-208      Opposing P.L. 2024, c.19 and the Repeal of the State Sales Tax Holiday *[A resolution opposing the repeal of the Sales Tax Holiday and strongly urging to reinstate the Sales Tax Holiday in future budgets]*
- 2024-209      Supporting Senate Bill S-3482 and Assembly Bill A-4622 to Raise Asset Limits for Medicaid Programs *[A resolution supporting S-3482/A-4622, which would raise the asset limits for individuals aged 65 or older or are disabled to \$40,000 for a single person household and \$60,000 for a two person household]*
- 2024-210      Adopting a New Official Form for Open Public Records Requests in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(f) *[Effective September 3, 2024, P.L. 2024, c. 16 (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5 (f)) requires all agencies subject to OPRA to adopt the form established by the GRC]*
- 2024-211      Accepting the Resignation of and Authorizing the Compensation of Accumulated Time to Lesley Kirchgessner *[Lesley Kirchgessner resigned as of September 6, 2024 with a total payout of \$2,103.47 for unused time]*
- 2024-212      Authorizing the Appointment of Jeanne Karwinski as Account Clerk/Cashier for the Tax Collector's Office *[The appointment of Jeanne Karwinski as Account Clerk/Cashier for the Tax Collector's Office, effective August 26, 2024 at a rate of \$15.13/hr]*
- 2024-213      Authorizing the Appointment of Wayne Walker, Jr. as Laborer 1 for the Department of Public Works *[The appointment of Wayne Walker, Jr. as Laborer 1 for the Department of Public Works, effective immediately at a rate of \$19.35/hr]*
- 2024-214      Authorizing the Re-Appointment of Chief of Police James Hawkins as Emergency Management Coordinator *[The re-appointment of Chief Hawkins as Emergency Management Coordinator for a three year term commencing October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027]*
- 2024-215      Authorizing the Promotion of Dawn Uhl to the Position of Assistant Tax Assessor *[An appointment promoting existing employee Dawn Uhl from a Clerk 2 to an Assistant Tax Assessor position]*
- 2024-216      Authorizing the Transfer of Maria Hanna From Clerk 2 to Clerk 2 Bilingual Spanish/English in the Township Municipal Court *[A resolution authorizing a lateral transfer of Maria Hanna from a Clerk 2 to Clerk 2 Bilingual Spanish/English]*
- 2024-217      Authorizing the Township Administrator to Advertise and Hire a Deputy Court Administrator for the Little Egg Harbor Township Municipal Court
- 2024-218      Authorizing the Township Administrator to Advertise and Hire a Clerk 1 for the Little Egg Harbor Township Municipal Court
- 2024-219      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]*



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

Township Administrator, Rodney Haines, read twelve resolutions with names and block and lots into the record "Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes and Provide a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 on Property Qualifying for Veterans Property Tax Exemptions". Mr. Haines stated the County approved the tax rate today and they would like them added into the record and the agenda for recording and vote.

**Resolutions**

- 2024-231 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes and Provide a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 on Property Tax Exemption (Richard R. Fulham, Block 326.08, Lot 17)
- 2024-232 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes and Provide a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 on Property Tax Exemption (Chester Makowski, Block 282, Lot 6.205)
- 2024-233 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes and Provide a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 on Property Tax Exemption (Giovanni Irizarry, Block 325.61, Lot 20)
- 2024-234 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes and Provide a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 on Property Tax Exemption (Robert N. Knierim, Block 326.26, Lot 8)
- 2024-235 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes and Provide a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 on Property Tax Exemption (Derek Clayton, Block 282.02, Lot 2)
- 2024-236 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes and Provide a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 on Property Tax Exemption (Andrew S. Brys, Block 294.02, Lot 1.07 C0107)
- 2024-237 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 on Property Tax Exemption (Daniel J. Doelger, Block 124, Lot 9.03)
- 2024-238 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes and Provide a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 on Property Tax Exemption (Joseph M. Carone, Block 326.03, Lot 23)
- 2024-239 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes and Provide a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 on Property Tax Exemption (Julian McMillon, Block 325.19, Lot 9)
- 2024-240 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 on Property Tax Exemption (Michael Tanis, Block 270, Lot 12.12)
- 2024-241 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 on Property Tax Exemption (Vaughn K. Ross, Block 325.403, Lot 48)
- 2024-242 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 on Property Tax Exemption (William G. Baumann, Block 124.01, Lot 22)



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*stated he is aware of the organization and the kind work that they do. He stated he believes as Americans we are challenged to care for our neighbors and those in need. He stated the fact that the ordinance was introduced and then up for adoption tonight and the ordinance was tabled is disappointing and weak leadership. He continued by saying the resident votes on the Committee to make the best decisions for the community.*

*Mr. Ranson of Stagecoach Drive stated based on his experience, Island Automotive and the continued presence of the dumpster and environmental issues in the right of way is problematic for municipality due to the existing conditions.*

*Mr. Haines stated numerous violations have been issued to the property owner. He was under the assumption it was in court a few weeks back although he was not sure of the outcome or if there was any kind of delay. He stated everything will be addressed when it goes to court.*

Motion to Close Public Comment: Maxwell

Second: Gormley

All in Favor

### **15. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

*Committeeman Gormley had nothing to report.*

*Committeeman Laney wished everyone a great rest of the summer and safe wishes to a great school year.*

*Committeeman Kehm had nothing to report.*

*Deputy Mayor Maxwell reported the Mental Health Resource event sponsored by the LEHT Board of Health and the Mayors Wellness campaign will be on Thursday, September 26 at the Community Center from 2-7pm with a focus on mental health. He stated the next Senior Advisory Board meeting will be on Monday, September 30 at 10am at Sea Oaks. He reported the rabies clinic will be on November 16 at the Senior Center from 9am to 12pm. He thanked everyone for coming out tonight and sharing their concerns.*

*Mayor Scibetta reported the "Walk with the Mayor" event will be this Saturday from 10am to 12pm at the Sports Complex for a healthier lifestyle. He stated he was invited by the School District to speak with students regarding the importance of voting. He stated he and Deputy Mayor Maxwell was fortunate to attend the September 11 event at the American Legion and they provided the Mayor with a flag to hang behind him in remembrance of the tragic event. He ended with telling residents to not always believe what you hear and the letters that were in the residents mailboxes, were not accurate and was done in a calculated and manipulative way. He stated he looks forward to the informational session for Family Promise to raise awareness to the residents on what Family Promise of Jersey Shore does for the community. He asked Mr. Worth about the fill kill feedback from NJDEP.*

*Mr. Worth stated he has not heard anything more from NJDEP.*

### **16. EXECUTIVE SESSION 2024-229**

