

**LEHT MUNICIPAL BUILDING
12:00 NOON**

**REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 1, 2025**

Minutes

Township Clerk Kelly Lettera welcomed all in attendance for the Little Egg Harbor Township 2025 Reorganization Meeting and wished everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

2. 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 January 1, 2025 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 this meeting.”

Township Clerk Kelly Lettera welcomed Assemblyman Brian E. Rumpf to administer the oath of office for Blaise Scibetta and Daniel Maxwell as Township Committeemen of Little Egg Harbor Township.

3. OATH OF OFFICE

Assemblyman Brian E. Rumpf administered the Oath of Office to Committeeman Blaise Scibetta

Assemblyman Brian E. Rumpf administered the Oath of Office via telephone to Committeeman Daniel Maxwell

4. ROLL CALL

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

5. NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR FOR 2025

Township Clerk Kelly Lettera asked for Nominations for Mayor for the year 2025

Motion was made by Committeeman Scibetta to nominate Daniel Maxwell as Mayor for 2025

Seconded by Committeeman Kehm

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Gormley; Mr. Kehm; Mr. Laney; Mr. Maxwell; Mr. Scibetta

6. OATH OF OFFICE

Assemblyman Brian E. Rumpf administered the Oath of Office via telephone to Mayor Daniel Maxwell.

Township Clerk Kelly Lettera turned the meeting over to Mayor Daniel Maxwell to preside over the meeting.

7. INVOCATION

Mayor Maxwell welcomed the American Legion for the invocation.

8. FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Maxwell requested that the Veterans of Foreign Wars lead the Flag Salute.

9. NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2025

Motion was made by Committeeman Gormley to nominate Kenneth Laney as Deputy Mayor for 2025

Seconded by Committeeman Kehm

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Gormley; Mr. Kehm; Mr. Laney; Mr. Scibetta; Mayor Maxwell

10. OATH OF OFFICE

Assemblyman Brian E. Rumpf administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Mayor Kenneth Laney.

11. 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.

Municipal Clerk, Kelly Lettera, read by title the resolutions on the consent agenda.

- 2025-001 Appointing Melanie Appleby, Esquire of Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani as Township Attorney
- 2025-002 Appointing Christopher Dasti, Esquire of Dasti & Staiger as Conflict Township Attorney
- 2025-003 Appointing Jason Worth of T&M Associates as Township Engineer
- 2025-004 Appointing James Oris of Remington & Vernick Engineers as Township Planner
- 2025-005 Appointing T&M Associates, Remington & Vernick Engineers, Morgan Engineering, LLC/Morgan Municipal Services, LLC, Colliers Engineering & Design and Van Cleef Engineering Associates LLC as Special Project Engineers
- 2025-006 Appointing T&M Associates and BRS, Inc. as Township Grant Writers
- 2025-007 Appointing Holman Frenia Allison, PC as Township Auditor
- 2025-008 Appointing the Law Firm of Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani as Labor Counsel
- 2025-009 Appointing the Law Firm of Dilworth Paxson LLP as Municipal Bond Counsel

- 2025-010 Appointing Henry J. Mancini & Associates, Inc. for Real Estate Appraisal Services
- 2025-011 Appointing Bonnie R. Peterson, Esquire as Chief Municipal Prosecutor for the Township of Little Egg Harbor and the Township of Eagleswood
- 2025-012 Appointing David M. Casadonte, Esquire as Alternate Municipal Prosecutor
- 2025-013 Appointing Debra Rumpf of Rumpf Law as Chief Municipal Public Defender
- 2025-014 Appointing Timothy J. Wintrode of Pepe & Wintrode LLC and Daniel Rosenberg of Rosenberg, Perry & Associates LLC as Conflict Public Defenders
- 2025-015 Appointing Phoenix Advisors, LLC as Financial Consultant for Debt Service Matters
- 2025-016 Appointing Bonnie R. Peterson, Esquire as Hearing Officer for Personnel Disciplinary Matters
- 2025-017 Authorizing an Agreement with Western Industries-North, LLC A/K/A A-Academy Termite and Pest Control for Animal Control Services
- 2025-018 Authorizing an Agreement with Mack Mechanical LLC for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Systems Maintenance and Repair Services for the Little Egg Harbor Township Municipal Building and Community Center
- 2025-019 Authorizing an Agreement with Mathis Construction Co., Inc. for Snow Removal Services
- 2025-020 Awarding a Contract for Information Technology Consulting and Reputation Management Services for the 2025 Contract Year to Bellia Tech LLC
- 2025-021 Authorizing the Adoption of a Temporary Budget for the year 2025
- 2025-022 Providing Dates for Township Committee Meetings and Designating Official Newspapers for the Year 2025
- 2025-023 Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Issue Tax Anticipation Notes Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-64
- 2025-024 Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Little Egg Harbor to Deposit Public Monies in Any Bank or Trust Company Having its Place of Business in the State of New Jersey and Which is Organized Under the Laws of the United States or the State of New Jersey
- 2025-025 Fixing the Rate of Interest on Delinquent Taxes or Assessments and Providing for a Grace Period for the Year 2025

- 2025-026 Establishing an Accelerated Tax Sale in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-1
- 2025-027 Authorizing the Tax Assessor for the Township of Little Egg Harbor to File Certain Appeals on Behalf of the Township and Also Designating the Tax Assessor as Agent in Filing Petition of Appeals and Roll-back Complaint Forms
- 2025-028 Appointing Kelly Lettera and Dayna Wilson as Municipal Search Officers and Donna Stansfield as Alternate Municipal Search Officer for the year 2025
- 2025-029 Appointing Carol Evans as the Designated Certified Recycling Coordinator for the Township of Little Egg Harbor
- 2025-030 Authorizing and Designating a Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Township of Little Egg Harbor in Accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.3
- 2025-031 Designating Rodney Haines as the Appropriate Authority for the Police Department
- 2025-032 Appointing the Mayor as a Class I Member, Josh Coates as a Class II Member, Committeeman Kenneth Laney as a Class III Member, Jeremy Price as Class IV Member and Robert Shay as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board
- 2025-033 Appointing Greg Leszega and Frank Colandrea as Members and John Greco and William Stenger as Alternate Members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment
- 2025-034 Appointing Katherine Tucker, Amanda Archer, Christine Moran and Cynthia Varamo as Members and John Greco as an Alternate Member of the Environmental Commission
- 2025-035 Appointing Richard Dutton, John Edmunds and Barbara Jo Crea as Members of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board
- 2025-036 Appointing the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Rodney Haines, Anita Grayson, John Edmunds, Michael Mangum and George Garbaravage as Members and Dayna Wilson as Recording Secretary of the Natural Lands Trust Advisory Committee
- 2025-037 Appointing Margaret DePergola and Ken Maxwell as Members and Suzanne Musto Carrara as an Alternate Member of the Municipal Utility Authorities Board
- 2025-038 Appointing Chuck Griffin, Janet Scibetta and Jessica DiFrancia as Members of the Board of Health
- 2025-039 Appointing Christine Moran, Amanda Archer, Joe Rullo, Roberta Rapisardi, Arlene Keenan and John Greco as Members of the Green Team Advisory Committee
- 2025-040 Appointing the Mayor, Zoning Officer, Township Engineer, Township Administrator and Committeeman Kenneth Laney as Members of the ADA

Advisory Committee

- 2025-041 Appointing the Township Administrator/Safety Coordinator, Superintendent of Public Works, Chief of Police, Members of the Police Department, Zoning Officer, and Construction Official as Members and Robin Schilling as Secretary to the Little Egg Harbor Township Safety Committee
- 2025-042 Designating Committeeman John Kehm as Liaison to the COP/CERT of the Township of Little Egg Harbor (Citizen on Patrol and Certified Emergency Response Team)
- 2025-043 Designating Committeeman Ray Gormley as Liaison to the Parkertown Fire Company, Committeeman Kenneth Laney as Liaison to the West Tuckerton Fire Company, and Committeeman Daniel Maxwell as Liaison to the Mystic Island Fire Company
- 2025-044 Designating Committeeman Kenneth Laney as a Trustee and Committeeman Daniel Maxwell as an Alternate Trustee of Great Bay Regional Volunteer Emergency Medical Services, Inc.
- 2025-045 Appointing the Deputy Mayor, Rodney Haines, James Hawkins, Jeffrey Martin, Thomas Thornton, John Kelly, Joel Mahr, John Cooley and Robin Schilling as Members of the Emergency Management Services Council
- 2025-046 Appointing the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as Representatives to the Community Development Block Grant Committee
- 2025-047 Appointing John Cooley as a Member of the Floodplain Management Plan Committee

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda: Kehm

Second: Laney

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Gormley; Mr. Kehm; Mr. Laney; Mr. Scibetta; Mayor Maxwell

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to Open to Public: Scibetta

Second: Kehm

All in favor

Mrs. Rumpf of Genevieve Court thanked the Township Committee for reappointing her as the Township Public Defender and wished everyone a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Motion to Close to Public: Scibetta

Second: Kehm

All in Favor

13. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Committeeman Ray Gormley congratulated Mayor Maxwell and Deputy Mayor Laney on being appointed as Deputy Mayor for 2025. He then thanked Chief James Hawkins for all of his hard work in addition to all the police officers who keep the town safe and doing an outstanding job. He then thanked all Township Departments for the outstanding job they do to get the citizens everything they need. He then thanked all the volunteers for dedicating their time to the community. He stated he greatly appreciates the Fire and EMS for the countless hours of support they provide to the community. He finished by thanking Mayor Maxwell and is looking forward to 2025.

Committeeman Blaise Scibetta wished a Mayor Maxwell and all in attendance a Happy New Year. He wished his fellow Committeemen all the best for the 2025 year and he appreciates being part of such great Committeeman and all they have done the years in office for the community. He stated the baton was passed from Mayor John Kehm and now he is passing it on to Mayor Maxwell. Mr. Scibetta stated he is happy to nominate Mr. Maxwell and knows he will do a fantastic job at moving the town forward onto bigger and better things. He then wished him and his family all the best of 2025.

Committeeman John Kehm wished Mayor Maxwell and Deputy Mayor Laney a Happy New Year and congratulated them. He wished everyone a Happy Holidays and thanked Assemblyman Brian Rumpf for swearing everyone in. Mr. Kehm thanked and congratulated Committeeman Scibetta on his job as Mayor and stated he did a fine job. He further stated the next Mayor and Deputy Mayor will also do a fine job and he is looking forward to 2025. He finalized by stating God bless all and he hopes to see everyone at the first Township meeting.

Deputy Mayor Kenneth Laney congratulated Mayor Maxwell and wished him a Happy New Year. He thanked his wife and family for all their support. He congratulated Blaise Scibetta on his reelection and thanked him for the great job he did as Mayor for the last two years. He then congratulated Mayor Maxwell on his appointment to Mayor and he knows he is going to do a great job for the Township of Little Egg Harbor and will be there for whatever he needs. He then thanked Committeemen Gormley and Committeemen Kehm on their continued guidance and stated their expertise and love for the town is very valuable and is great to be able to learn from them. He then thanked the entire Committee for their confidence in him and the opportunity to serve as Deputy Mayor and an honor to serve. He then stated he knows he and Mayor Maxwell will work great together to do what they think is best for the residents and Little Egg Harbor Township. He finalized by wishing everyone a safe and Happy New Year and invited all to the fireworks at Tuckerton Lake at 6pm this evening.

Mayor Daniel Maxwell expressed what a tremendous job Committeemen Scibetta did as Mayor for the last two years and that it was an honor to serve as his Deputy Mayor. He thanked his fellow Committeemen for the confidence in him to serve as Mayor for 2025. He stated today he is filled with gratitude and deep sense of responsibility for the job that lies ahead. He stated it is an incredible honor to be entrusted with the privilege as serving as Mayor. He thanked his family for their unwavering support, their love and encouragement which has been instrumental in where he is today. He then stated "to the voters of Little Egg Harbor, thank you for your trust and belief for a bright future for this beautiful town". He stated Little Egg Harbor is a unique and precious town where families have put down roots, where the beautiful environment is cared for by a close knit

and hardworking community. He stated the real beauty in the town is the people who contribute to the warmth, strength, and character to this place they call home. He stated the town has had a great deal of success over the past number of years but like any job he knows there is always work to be done. He stated they will continue to invest in the town infrastructure making sure the schools, roads, and public services are well equipped to serve the community and protect the natural resources and continually improve the parks and open space. He stated as they work towards these goals, the Committee will maintain the values that make Little Egg Harbor so special; respect, collaboration, and most importantly kindness as the foundation for everything they do. He stated the Committee will also look out for each other, work together to solve any problems that arise and build a town that will flourish for years to come. He then said to his fellow Committee Members, Township Employees, and those who serve the community, he looks forward to working alongside them in the months ahead. He stated success will be determined not by one person or one office but by the effort of everyone working together for the common good. Mayor Maxwell stated the future is extremely bright because of the ability of each and every one of the Committeeman sitting here. He stated Little Egg Harbor is a place where dreams and success are possible, where people take care of each other and where the best is always ahead of them. He stated together they will work to make Little Egg Harbor an even better place to live, work, raise a family, and retire. He finalized by thanking everyone in attendance and stated may God bless you all.

14. BENEDICTION

Mayor Maxwell requested the American Legion perform the benediction.

15. ADJOURN

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, GMC, RMC
Township Clerk

