

## Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting

February 13, 2025

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Daniel Maxwell called the Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Time: 7:00 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 February 13, 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 the meeting."*

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

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

### **5. PRESENTATIONS:**

- Frog Pond Elementary Student Government Experience

*Mayor Maxwell introduced the teachers of the Frog Pond Elementary School Student Government and he then called each student up by name to receive a certification of completion for attending the Township Experience.*

- American Heart Month, National Wear Red Day (1<sup>st</sup> Friday in February) and the Kids Heart Challenge

*Deputy Mayor Laney read the American Heart Month proclamation.*

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

- December 12, 2024 Executive Session
- January 1, 2025 Reorganization
- January 9, 2025 Community Development Block Grant 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing
- January 9, 2025
- January 9, 2025 Executive Session
- January 28, 2025 Special Meeting
- January 30, 2025 Special Meeting

Motion to Approve: Laney

Second: Scibetta

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Gormley; Mr. Kehm; Mr. Laney; Mr. Scibetta; Mayor Maxwell  
Abstain: Mr. Gormley abstained to January 9, 2025 and yes to the balance  
Mr. Kehm abstained to January 9, 2025 and yes to the balance

7. ORDINANCE [SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]

Ordinance 2025-01 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 323-36 Entitled "Schedule IV: Trucks Over Four Tons Excluded"

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

*No one spoke from the public.*

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

Motion to Adopt: Kehm Second: Laney

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

8. 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.*

*Township Clerk, Kelly Lettera, read by title all the Resolutions on the consent agenda.*

RESOLUTIONS

- 2025-074 Supporting Publication of Legal Notices on Official Government Websites *[A resolution urging State leaders to pass legislation that will authorize LEHT to publish legal notices on the official township website]*
- 2025-075 Authorizing the Appointment of Kelly Piazza as Clerk 1 for the Construction/Zoning Department *[The appointment of Kelly Piazza as Clerk 1 for the Construction/Zoning Department effective January 27, 2025 at a rate of \$15.50/hr]*
- 2025-076 Authorizing the Appointment of Thomas Olson Per Diem Electrical Inspector *[The appointment of Thomas Olson as Per Diem Electrical Inspector for the Construction/Zoning Department, effective February 13, 2025 at a rate of \$50/hr]*
- 2025-077 Authorizing the Township Administrator to Advertise and Hire up to Four (4) Clean Communities (Seasonal) Employees for the Department of Public Works
- 2025-078 Authorizing Participation in the Ocean County Cooperative Contract System for Purchase of Batteries From the Ocean County Cooperative Under Contract Number B2024-138 *[Authorizing participation in Ocean County Coop B2024-138 for purchase of batteries for various departments]*

- 2025-079 Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement for Professional Environmental Consulting Services for New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) MS4 Mapping Stormwater Program with T&M Associates *[Authorizing the execution of an agreement between T&M Associates and LEHT for professional environmental consulting services for the NJDEP MS4 Mapping Stormwater Program]*
- 2025-080 Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding to Participate in the On P.O.I.N.T. Program with Bright Harbor Healthcare *[Authorizing the execution of an MOU between LEHT and Bright Harbor Healthcare to provide on-site social workers with assistance to the Little Egg Harbor Police Department when handling mental health, substance abuse, and social service related calls and provide day-to-day management of the operations of the On P.O.I.N.T. Program, for a term beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$35,000]*
- 2025-081 Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean for the FY2025 Prosecutors Program aka Fatal Accident Support Team (F.A.S.T) *[A shared services agreement with ocean county for the Fatal Accident Support Team (F.A.S.T) aimed at investigating traffic crashes that result in serious injuries and/or fatalities in Ocean County, for a term beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025]*
- 2025-082 Authorizing the Township of Little Egg Harbor to Participate in the State Development and Redevelopment Plan (State Plan) Cross-Acceptance Process *[A resolution authorizing LEHT to participate in the State Development and Redevelopment Plan Cross-Acceptance Process where local municipalities and counties review and provide feedback on a proposed statewide land use plan, aiming to ensure consistency between local plans and the State Plan through a process of negotiation and public input, ultimately creating a unified vision for development across the state at various governmental levels]*
- 2025-083 Authorizing Tax Refunds
- 2025-084 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 Exemption (Howard A. Davis, Block 326.107, Lot 5)
- 2025-085 Authorizing the Adoption of an Emergency Temporary Budget for the Year 2025 *[N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides that, in addition to temporary appropriations necessary for the period prior to the adoption of the budget and regular appropriations, the governing body may make emergency temporary appropriations for any purposes for which appropriations may lawfully be made for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the date of the adoption of the budget for the current fiscal year]*
- 2025-086 Authorizing Appropriation Reserve Transfers in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59
- 2025-088 Authorizing the Tax Collector to remove Preliminary-billed Amounts for Pending 2025 Exemptions for Disabled Veterans Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30

**9. CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

*All comments shall be addressed to the Mayor and all individuals making comment must state their name and address for the record. The Mayor will respond once your comment is complete.*

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

*No one from the public spoke.*

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

Motion to Approve: Gormley                      Second: Kehm

Roll Call:        Ayes: Mr. Gormley; Mr. Kehm; Mr. Laney; Mr. Scibetta; Mayor Maxwell  
                    Abstain: Mr. Laney abstained from Resolution 2025-075 and 2025-076 and yes to the balance.

**10. BILL RESOLUTION 2025-087**

A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$7,465,057.50

Motion to Approve: Gormley                      Second: Kehm

Roll Call:        Ayes: Mr. Gormley; Mr. Kehm; Mr. Laney; Mr. Scibetta; Mayor Maxwell  
                    Abstain: Mayor Maxwell abstained from 25D00118 and yes to the balance

**11. MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS**

- Raffle Application No. 2025-001 for the PTA Eagleswood; On-Premise Gift Auction at 99 Golf View Drive on March 29, 2025
- Raffle Application No. 2025-002 for the PTA Eagleswood; On-Premise 50/50 Raffle at 99 Golf View Drive on March 29, 2025
- Raffle Application 2025-003 for the Mariners Lodge #150 F&AM; Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle at 99 Golf View Drive on July 19, 2025
- Raffle Application 2025-004 for Knights of Columbus St. Theresa Council #14615; On-Premise 50/50 Raffle at 450 Radio Road on March 7, March 21 and April 4, 2025
- Raffle Application 2025-005 for West Tuckerton Fire Company Auxiliary; 50/50 On-Premise Raffle at 505 Route 9 South on June 7, 2025
- Raffle Application 2025-006 for West Tuckerton Fire Company Auxiliary; Lottery Hat Raffle at 505 Route 9 South on June 7, 2025
- Raffle Application 2025-007 for West Tuckerton Fire Company Auxiliary; On-Premise Gift Auction at 505 Route 9 South on June 7, 2025
- Bingo Application 2025-001 for West Tuckerton Fire Company Auxiliary; Designer Bag Bingo at 505 Route 9 South on June 7, 2025

Motion to Approve: Laney                      Second: Scibetta                      All in Favor

**12. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS**

*Township Engineer, Jason Worth reported the township received a grant through the National Fitness Campaign for a new fitness court and all the equipment has been received and being stored indoors at the public works yard. In addition, he stated the concrete pad was poured last fall where the fitness equipment will be installed and the quotes have been received for the installation. He stated once the weather gets to 50 degrees or higher the equipment will be installed. He stated Tuckerton Borough will be replacing the sanitary sewer main on Daddy Tucker Drive through the state I Banc and are coming close to getting approval to go out to bid. He stated construction for Drainage Improvements have begun and the road will be paved once they are complete. He stated design plans have wrapped up for Leitz Blvd, plans and specs are being sent tomorrow for the NJDOT for review and once we receive the ok, the town will go out for bid. Lastly, he stated a meeting has been scheduled on March 6 with the Ocean County Engineer to discuss township/county projects.*

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT - Any Topic**

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Motion to Open to the Public: Gormley

Second: Laney

All in Favor

*Mr. Edmunds of Center Street spoke regarding a much needed coastal evacuation route in Mystic Island. He also spoke regarding Ordinance 2025-01 needing a three way stop sign on Jefferson Lane and traffic control on Center Street. He is also requesting a R-400 zone in town to eliminate additional traffic and flow throughout the township.*

*Mr. Paradello, President of the Board of Trustees Four Seasons Sea Oaks HOA, stated Ocean County Natural Lands Trust is looking to acquire the Mancini property as Open Space and the owner is looking to sell it to them. He stated how this came about is that NJDEP found endangered species on the property and the residents of Sea Oaks is looking to preserve the land. He further strongly urged the Township Committee to consider preserving the property and allowing the County to purchase it for open space.*

*Ms. May of Augusta Drive spoke regarding the Mancini Property urging the Committee to allow the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust to acquire the property. She stated the residents of Sea Oaks have never been in favor of the project in that location. She stated due to the property proposal of a restaurant banquet facility with late hours, a school close by and alcohol consumption possibly during school hours the residents of Sea Oaks felt it was not a good fit. She added the property is in the back yard of several retired Sea Oak residents, as well and the wildlife in that area is also enjoyed by the residents.*


*Mr. Calissio of West Susquehanna provided the Committee with information regarding a possible rabies exposure in town. He stated people rely on him to rescue wildlife when Animal Control is not available. He stated he received a call of a sick raccoon and when he got to the location, a lady was cradling the sick raccoon. He stated he called the police and the police told him to throw the raccoon in the woods. He stated that is not protocol and the animal should have been tested for rabies or distemper.*

Motion to Close Public Comment: Kehm

Second: Gormley

All in Favor





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."*