

**LITTLE EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**

Mayor John Kehm calls the Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting to order and leads the Pledge of Allegiance. Time: 7:00 p.m.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

Deputy Township Clerk Susan Farrell 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 9, 2021 was duly advertised, posted in the Municipal Complex, and has remained posted as required under the aforesaid statute. The Municipal Clerk is directed to include a record of this statement in the minutes of this meeting."*

**ROLL CALL** Miss Stevens-absent; Mrs. Crea-present; Mr. Gormley-present;  
 Mr. Scibetta-present; Mr. Kehm-present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

August 12, 2021 Township Meeting

Motion to Approve: Crea                      Second: Scibetta                      All in favor  
 Mr. Gormley abstained

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-190**

Appointing Captain James Hawkins as the Chief of Police  
 Mayor Kehm read a prepared statement congratulating Captain Hawkins on his promotion as Chief of Police.

Motion to Approve: Crea                      Second: Scibetta

Roll Call:     All Yes - Mrs. Crea, Mr. Gormley, Mr. Scibetta, Mr. Kehm  
                   Absent - Miss Stevens

Township Attorney Melanie Appleby administered Chief Hawkins his Oath of Office.

7:08 p.m. meeting recessed

7:14 p.m. meeting reconvened

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-16**

**[SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]**

A Capital Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, providing for the acquisition of real property, and appropriating \$120,000 therefor, authorized in and by the Township of Little Egg Harbor, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey

Motion to Open: Gormley                      Second: Crea                      All in Favor

*Ms. Pat Johnson, The Sandpaper - Asked how much the property is assessed for?*

Motion to Close:     Gormley                      Second: Crea                      All in Favor

Motion to Adopt: Gormley                      Second: Crea

Roll Call:     All Yes - Mrs. Crea, Mr. Gormley, Mr. Scibetta, Mr. Kehm  
                   Absent - Miss Stevens

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-17****[SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]**

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the acquisition of Block 124, Lots 69 and 70 on the tax maps of the Township of Little Egg Harbor in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-3 et seq.

Motion to Open: Gormley                      Second: Crea                                      All in Favor

*No Public Participation*

Motion to Close: Gormley                      Second: Scibetta                                      All in Favor

Motion to Adopt: Crea                              Second: Gormley

Roll Call:        All Yes - Mrs. Crea, Mr. Gormley, Mr. Scibetta, Mr. Kehm  
Absent - Miss Stevens

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-18****[SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]**

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, providing for a supplemental appropriation of \$236,000 for the Mystic Island Drainage Improvements – Phase II project and providing for the issuance of an additional \$236,000 of bonds and notes to finance a portion of the costs thereof

Motion to Open: Gormley                      Second: Scibetta                                      All in Favor

*No Public Participation*

Motion to Close: Scibetta                      Second: Gormley                                      All in Favor

Motion to Adopt: Gormley                      Second: Scibetta

Roll Call:        All Yes - Mrs. Crea, Mr. Gormley, Mr. Scibetta, Mr. Kehm  
Absent - Miss Stevens

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-19****[SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]**

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending Chapter 279 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, entitled "Rental Property"

Motion to Open: Scibetta                      Second: Gormley                                      All in Favor

*No Public Participation*

Motion to Close: Scibetta                      Second: Gormley                                      All in Favor

Motion to Adopt: Crea                              Second: Gormley

Roll Call:        All Yes - Mrs. Crea, Mr. Gormley, Mr. Scibetta, Mr. Kehm  
Absent - Miss Stevens

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-20****[SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]**

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending the reference to certain affected properties set forth in Special Assessment Bond Ordinance No. 2021-09 finally adopted by the Township of Little Egg Harbor on June 10, 2021

Motion to Open: Gormley                      Second: Scibetta                                      All in Favor

*No Public Participation*

Motion to Close: Scibetta                      Second: Gormley                                      All in Favor

Motion to Adopt: Gormley                      Second: Scibetta

Roll Call:        All Yes - Mrs. Crea, Mr. Gormley, Mr. Scibetta, Mr. Kehm  
Absent - Miss Stevens

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-21****[SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]**

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter 299 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor entitled "Streets and Sidewalks" so as to add Article V, entitled "Rights of Way"

Motion to Open: Scibetta                      Second: Gormley                      All in Favor

*No Public Participation*

Motion to Close: Gormley                      Second: Scibetta                      All in Favor

Motion to Adopt: Scibetta                      Second: Gormley

Roll Call:        All Yes - Mrs. Crea, Mr. Gormley, Mr. Scibetta, Mr. Kehm

                    Absent - Miss Stevens

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*A consent agenda includes Resolutions 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.*

- 2021-191     Appointing Kelly Lettera as the Municipal Clerk
- 2021-192     Authorizing the appointment of Susan Farrell as Registrar of Vital Statistics
- 2021-193     Authorizing the Chief of Police to interview and make recommendations regarding hiring police officer and special officers
- 2021-194     Authorizing use of PoliceApp.com for employment advertisements
- 2021-195     Amending Resolution No. 2021-14 to specify the appointment of Debra H. Rumpf, Esquire, as Chief Municipal Public Defender for the Township of Little Egg Harbor
- 2021-196     Authorizing execution of Subrecipient Agreement with the County of Ocean for funding from the United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program year 2021 for Neighborhood Facilities Improvement-Little Egg Harbor Community Center
- 2021-197     Authorizing the submission of an application to the Safe Routes to Schools Program of the New Jersey Department of Transportation
- 2021-198     Awarding a contract for LEHT Recreation Soccer and Football Field Reconstruction to American Athletic Courts Inc. (Base bid and Alternate "B")
- 2021-199     Rejecting bids for the Mystic Island West Phase 1 & Atlantis Maintenance Dredging Project and authorizing negotiations under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3)

- 2021-200 Certifying tax liens for costs incurred in accordance with the Property Maintenance Code  
*[Tax liens are for work performed by the Public Works Department to abate violations for the preservation of the public health, safety and general welfare or to eliminate a fire hazard.]*
- 2021-201 Authorizing assignment of Tax Sale Certificate #17-00056
- 2021-202 Cancelling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 [Block 261, Lot 2.01]
- 2021-203 Authorizing various tax refunds

**PUBLIC COMMENT – Consent Agenda Only**

- Motion to Open: Gormley Second: Scibetta All in Favor  
*Ms. Pat Johnson, The Sandpaper: Asked for information on the new Township Clerk, the CDBG details in Resolution 2021-196, the Safe Routes to School Program and information on Resolution 2021-198, the contract for the reconstruction of the recreation soccer and football fields at Sports Complex.*
- Motion to Close: Gormley Second: Scibetta All in Favor
- Motion to Approve: Gormley Second: Scibetta
- Roll Call: Mrs. Crea abstained on Resolution #2021-191 and Resolution #2021-195, yes to balance  
All Yes - Mr. Gormley, Mr. Scibetta, Mr. Kehm  
Absent - Miss Stevens

**BILL RESOLUTION NO. 2021-204**

- Authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$3,604,526.18
- Motion to Approve: Scibetta Second: Gormley
- Roll Call: Mrs. Crea abstained on 21-09046, yes to balance  
All Yes - Mr. Gormley, Mr. Scibetta, Mr. Kehm  
Absent - Miss Stevens

**MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS**

- Raffle Application No. 2021-18 for Fund-A-Bull Bulldogs in Rescue tricky tray raffle on October 2, 2021 at Pinelands Brewery
  - Raffle Application No. 2021-19 for Zonta Club of Southern Ocean County monthly 50/50 raffle from October 20, 2021 – July 20, 2022 at John & Sonia's Luncheonette
  - Raffle Application No. 2021-20 for Mystic Island Cooperative Association pull-tab tickets from October, 2021 – July, 2022
  - Raffle Application No. 2021-21 for Harbor Bay Gaming Club 50/50 raffle on various dates from October 30, 2021 – March 18, 2022
  - Raffle Application No. 2021-22 for Tuckerton Library Association 50/50 raffle on November 13, 2021 at Cuisine on the Green
  - Raffle Application No. 2021-23 for St. Theresa Church, monthly 50/50 raffle on various dates from October 5, 2021 – July 5, 2022
- Motion to Approve: Scibetta Second: Gormley All in Favor

**PUBLIC COMMENT – Any Topic**

Motion to Open: Scibetta                      Second: Gormley                      All in Favor

*Mr. Art Mooney, 1 Windstar: Asked for an update on the American Rescue Plan.*

*CFO Rodney Haines stated he is still working with the Township Engineer on what we can use those funds for which he explained.*

*Mr. Art Mooney, 1 Windstar: Asked when the bus stop enclosure will be replaced in front of St. Theresa Church.*

*Township Administrator Rodney Haines mentioned he spoke with NJ Transit and they believe the township should replace it which he discussed.*

*Ms. Kate Goode, Schooner Court: Asked if the bill list could be posted prior to the township meetings.*

*Mayor Kehm stated we will work on more transparency regarding the bill list.*

*Ms. Kate Goode, Schooner Court: Asked if the township has applied for forgiveness for the FEMA loan under the new guidelines.*

*Ms. Suzanne Quick, Kadlubeck Way: Discussed drainage issues on her street as well as speeding in that area.*

*Mr. Anthony Ronzilky, Mystic Shores Development: Spoke about the poor condition of the roads in his development.*

*Ms. Pat Johnson, The Sandpaper: Asked for the salary of the new Police Chief and questioned the rejected bids for the Mystic Island West Phase 1 Dredging and Atlantis Dredging Projects.*

*Mr. John Edmunds, Spruce Drive: Asked for an update on the future paving in the area of Center Street and if Mr. Spadaccini's vacancy as Township Administrator and Safety Coordinator has been filled as well as Police Chief Buzby's position on the Senior Citizen Advisory Board.*

*Ms. Joyce Linhart, Mystic Shores: Expressed her concerns regarding the way the pot holes were repaired in her development.*

*Ms. Rose Mulholland, Spruce Drive: Spoke about the damage the large trucks may be causing the homes in the Center Street area. They cause the homes to shake every time they ride by.*

*Mr. Robert Hirth, 143 South Captains Drive: Spoke about the poor condition of a house next door to him.*

*Ms. Penny Marshal, Center Street: Asked if Oak Lane is a county road or a township road and discussed the safety issues for pedestrians walking on Oak Lane and Giffordtown Lane.*

*Mr. Anthony Volpe, Mohican Lane: Discussed issues regarding poor condition of his road.*

*Mr. Tom Stevenson, West Thames: Spoke about an ongoing issue with a barking dog in his neighborhood.*

Motion to Close: Gormley

Second: Scibetta

All in Favor

**TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

*Jason Worth reported on the Safe Routes to School grant application, the Mystic Island Drainage Phase 2 Project and the roadway work for Tradewinds Drive and Sea Breeze Drive.*

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

*Crea: Spoke about the next Senior Citizen Advisory Board meeting.*

*Gormley: No Comment*

*Scibetta: Spoke about the tragedy of 9/11 and asked everyone to remember the victims and their families. He discussed the next township wide clean-up and asked people to avoid placing yard sale signs at Veteran's Park.*

*Kehm: No Comment*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURN**

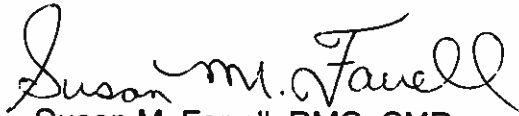
Motion to Adjourn: Gormley

Second: Scibetta

All in Favor

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

Respectfully submitted,



Susan M. Farrell, RMC, CMR  
Deputy Township Clerk