

Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting Minutes

AUGUST 11, 2022

7:30 P.M.

Mayor John Kehm called the Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Time: 7:30 p.m.

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 11, 2022 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 the meeting."*

ROLL CALL:

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

PRESENTATION

- Purple Heart Recognition Day (August 7, 2022)

Committeeman Maxwell read the Purple Heart Recognition Day Proclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- July 14, 2022

Motion to Approve: Gormley

Second: Scibetta

All in Favor

ORDINANCE 2022-08

[SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter 274, Property Pending Foreclosure, of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor

Motion to Open to Public: Laney

Second: Maxwell

All in Favor

No comment from the public.

Motion to Close to Public: Laney

Second: Maxwell

All in Favor

Motion to Adopt: Gormley

Second: Laney

Roll Call:

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

ORDINANCE 2022-09**[SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]**

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Grant of Easement Across Block 326.103, Lot 40 in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:67-6

Motion to Open to Public: Laney

Second: Maxwell

All in Favor

No comment from the public.

Motion to Close to Public: Gormley

Second: Laney

All in Favor

Motion to Adopt: Laney

Second: Gormley

Roll Call:

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

ORDINANCE 2022-06**[FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION]**

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter 212, Land Development, of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor So As to Create Chapter 215, Land Use and Development [*Ordinance 2022-06 is being re-introduced for Planning Board approval*]

Township Attorney Melanie Appleby explained that Ordinance 2022-06 is an administrative change to the Chapter number for clarification purposes of the Township Code Book. She stated because the Ordinance pertains to Land Use, she recommended that the Ordinance be re-introduced and sent to the Planning Board for approval.

Motion to Introduce: Laney

Second: Gormley

Roll Call:

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

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.

The Municipal Clerk read by title all the Resolutions on the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION 2022-185

Authorizing the Appointment of Dana Cannon as Clerk 1 for the Township Municipal Court [*The appointment of Dana Cannon as Clerk 1 effective August 10, 2022 at a rate of \$14/hr*]

RESOLUTION 2022-186

Authorizing the Appointment of Debra Schroeder as Laborer 1 for the Department of Public Works [*The appointment of Debra Schroeder as Laborer 1 effective August 24, 2022 at a rate of \$17.85*]

RESOLUTION 2022-187

Authorizing the Appointment of Alexander Baralus as Laborer 1 for the Department of Public Works
[The appointment of Alexander Baralus as Laborer 1 effective August 24, 2022 at a rate of \$17.85]

RESOLUTION 2022-188

Authorizing the Appointment of Jane Palandro as a Per Diem Telecommunicator for the Little Egg Harbor Township Police Department *[The appointment of Jane Palandro as per diem telecommunicator at a rate of \$18/hr]*

RESOLUTION 2022-189

Authorizing the Appointment of Paul Vasallo as a Per Diem Telecommunicator for the Little Egg Harbor Township Police Department *[The appointment of Paul Vasallo as per diem telecommunicator at a rate of \$18/hr]*

RESOLUTION 2022-190

Authorizing the Appointment of Barry Lance as a Per Diem Telecommunicator for the Little Egg Harbor Township Police Department *[The appointment of Barry Lance as per diem telecommunicator at a rate of \$18/hr]*

RESOLUTION 2022-191

Accepting the Resignation of and Authorizing the Compensation of Accumulated Time to Gary Burns
[Gary Burns resigned August 1, 2022 with a total payout of \$776.93]

RESOLUTION 2022-192

Accepting the Resignation of and Authorizing the Compensation of Accumulated Time for Howard Taylor *[Howard Taylor resigned August 5, 2022 with a deduction of his final check in the amount of \$357.42]*

RESOLUTION 2022-193

Accepting the Resignation of and Authorizing the Compensation of Accumulated Time to Eric Hahn
[Eric Hahn will be resigning on August 20, 2022 with a total payout of \$1,620.69]

RESOLUTION 2022-194

Accepting the Resignation of and Authorizing the Compensation of Accumulated Time to Luke Wiatrowski *[Luke Wiatrowski will be resigning on August 4, 2022 with a total payout of \$37.50]*

RESOLUTION 2022-195

Authorizing the Township Administrator to Advertise and Hire a Part-Time Plumbing Subcode Official for the Construction/Zoning Department

RESOLUTION 2022-196

Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with AFSCME NJ Council #63, Local 3304E (Blue Collar)

RESOLUTION 2022-197

Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Agreement and Collective Bargaining Agreement with Government Workers Union, Public Safety Telecommunicators *[A MOA and Collective Bargaining Agreement between GWU and LEHT for January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023]*

RESOLUTION 2022-198

Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the Ocean Municipal Joint Insurance Fund to Renew Membership for a Three (3) Year Period, Beginning January 1, 2023 and Ending December 31, 2025

RESOLUTION 2022-199

Authorizing an Agreement Under a National Cooperative Purchasing Organization, Omnia Partners, to Provide Copier/Printers From an Authorized Vendor, Kyocera Document Solutions America, Inc. *[A co-op agreement with Kyocera Document Solutions America, Inc. to lease thirteen new copier/printers which includes maintenance, support, training and the ability to purchase toner, for a term of 60 months at \$1,302.36 per month]*

RESOLUTION 2022-200

Authorizing the Preparation of Specifications for Demolition of the Structure Located at 50 West Raritan Drive (Block 325.100, Lot 28)

RESOLUTION 2022-201

Rejecting Bids for the Upgrade and Expansion of the Existing Township Owned Property Security Cameras and the Municipal Building Access System and Authorizing Re-bid

RESOLUTION 2022-202

Authorizing the Release of Performance Guarantee Posted by R&R Holdings for Site Entrance Improvements at Block 277, Lot 11 *[Release of a Letter of Credit in the amount of \$6,998.40 and a cash bond in the amount of \$777.60 for the Completion of the Installation of Right of Way Improvements to Block 277, Lot 11]*

RESOLUTION 2022-203

Authorizing Various Tax Refunds *[A tax refund for the property located at 114 East Mullica Road in the amount of \$5,449.30 to ColeLogic Tax Service]*

RESOLUTION 2022-204

Certifying Tax Liens for Costs Incurred in Accordance with the Property Maintenance Code *[Unpaid property maintenance in the amount of \$1,757.50 for six properties]*

RESOLUTION 2022-205

Authorizing the Emergency Contract Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 for Work to Entry Doors at Municipal Complex at 665 Radio Road *[An emergency purchase in the amount of \$32,800.00 for the purchase of Entry Doors of the Municipal Building]*

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to Open to Public: Scibetta

Second: Maxwell

All in Favor

Mr. Andrews of Osborn Island questioned Resolution 2022-191 through Resolution 2022-194 and why all the resignations happened within one week.

Mayor Kehm stated there was nothing in particular that he was aware of, there just happened to be several this month in various departments.

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

Motion to Approve: Gormley Second: Scibetta

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

BILL RESOLUTION 2022-206

A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$6,409,165.70

Motion to Approve: Scibetta Second: Maxwell

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

Committee Member Laney abstained from bill 22-00684.

MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

- Raffle Application No. 2022-22 for Mystic Island Cooperative Association, On-Premise, Pull-Tab Raffle at 114 Pilsudski Way from August 29, 2022 through July 31, 2023
- Raffle Application 2022-23 for The Baymen Mens Club Inc., On-Premise 50/50 Raffle at Harbor Bay Clubhouse, 102 Newport Way on September 24, 2022
- Raffle Application 2022-24 for The Baymen Mens Club Inc., Arm Chair Race at Harbor Bay Clubhouse, 102 Newport Way on September 24, 2022
- Raffle Application 2022-25 for the Italian American Social Club, On-Premise Pull Tab Raffle at 105 Falcon Drive from September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023

Motion to Approve: Scibetta Second: Gormley All in Favor

PUBLIC COMMENT - Any Topic

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

Ms. Barbara Sterner of Lake Michigan Drive questioned if the Township is in compliance with the state for employee accumulated vacation and sick time. She also asked the condemnation process for properties within the Township. She further thanked staff for removing the truck and putting a door on the smaller structure on Lake Michigan Drive.

Township Business Administrator/CFO Rodney Haines stated there are a few union contracts that still need to be negotiated out but overall the Township is in compliance.

Township Attorney Melanie Appleby provided the lengthy process for properties with property maintenance issues and how properties are determined to be condemned for demolition.

Ms. Marilyn McCue of Lake Huron Drive thanked Mr. Haines for the return email and asked the Township Engineer for a status on the Township roads that are in need of repair. She also stated the house on Cala Breeze Way does not have a house number on it and questioned if the storage container in the yard is legal. She also thanked staff for putting the street signs back up.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated after last months meeting he provided Public Works with a list of roads that are in need of repairs and tomorrow he will get a status from them on the repairs that are completed and remaining.

Township Business Administrator/CFO Rodney Haines stated he spoke with Code Enforcement and they are aware of the house number missing on the Cala Breeze Way house, but the cars that are in the driveway are registered and they are in process of checking if the car in the back yard is also registered.

Mayor Kehm stated he believes storage containers are allowed for a limited amount of time and with Hurricane Sandy and then COVID that time was extended.

Township Business Administrator/CFO Rodney Haines stated he will notify Code Enforcement tomorrow to look into the storage container regulations.

Mr. Flannery of Ramapo Road questioned why Ramapo Road was moved from the East side to the West side for dredging. He also asked what options he has as a homeowner to dredge his lagoon since the Mystic Island Phase II dredging project is not taking place at this point.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated each project has their own access point into the bay and Big Creek was the access point which divided Phase West and East. He also stated he will look into the Township's current dredging permit to see what is permissible for the residents who have homes on the water that would like to do their own dredging.

Committeeman Gormley stated after the meeting they can speak and provide him with some possible ideas.

Mr. Mooney of Windstar Drive questioned why there is a delay in the tax bills and if there is any negative impact to the Township because of the delay. He asked for a list of roads that are in need of repairs. He also asked for the status on Radio Road and requested that the website be kept up to date for the residents.

Township Business Administrator/CFO Rodney Haines stated the Township is waiting on the County to certify the tax rate, which was supposed to be approved today. He stated at this point he has not received anything from them, but is hoping to have the rate by tomorrow in order to start printing the bills. He further stated the time frame will be 25 days from the mailing of the tax bills and there is currently no negative impact on the Township due to the delay.

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Mayor Kehm stated there is a list held by Public Works for the roads that are in need of repair. He stated the Township is hoping for the infrastructure bill to open up so the Township can apply to get the entire infrastructure of the town completed.

Committeeman Gormley added that the majority of the roads on the water are built on meta bottom which sink, in addition to the changing of climate causing contraction of the roadways and will continue to wear overtime.

Deputy Mayor Scibetta stated the Radio Road project is in conjunction with the County and currently there is no status on the project.

Township Business Administrator/CFO Rodney Haines stated the bus shelter has been ordered.

Ms. Marilyn McCue of Lake Huron Drive asked the CFO how much taxes went up, the process for the bond and assessments for the dredging projects and what is the anticipated completion date of the Mystic Island dredging project. She also asked the status of the skate park.

Township Business Administrator/CFO Rodney Haines stated he will not know how much taxes have gone up until the state certifies the tax rate. He stated the municipal purpose tax is expected to go up 1.8 cents, but is not sure what the effect will be from the other agencies. He further stated the Township cannot go out to bond until the dredging projects are complete but in the meantime he is monitoring the rates on other bond sales.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated the Mystic Island dredging project should be completed by mid-November.

Committeeman Gormley stated residents have two payment options for the dredging assessment; they can pay in full or make annual payments over the course of ten years with interest.

Township Business Administrator/CFO Rodney Haines stated the skate park project should be complete by the fall.

Mr. John Moore (stated no address) provided the Committee Members with pictures of Block 178, Lot 32 (Seameadow Drive) regarding poor visibility at the intersection from the overgrown trees and grass on the property.

Mayor Kehm stated he will check with Public Works tomorrow to resolve the issue at that intersection. He also stated for the future reach out to the Township Business Administrator with any issues within the town.

Motion to Close to Public: Gormley

Second: Laney

All in Favor

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS

Township Engineer, Jason Worth, reported that there will be a webinar on August 23, 2022 at 6pm for the CRS program on behalf of the Floodplain Management Committee. He stated a notice was received from NJDOT for a payment preservation project that will be taking place on Route 9 with expected completion of the project in the fall of 2023. He also stated the Township will be going out to bid for the 2022 Drainage Improvement project, Mystic Shores Roadway Improvements and Mystic and Parkertown Beach Replenishment & Stabilization in the hopes of awarding the projects at the next Committee meeting.

Mayor Kehm asked if the residents 20% will go up for doing the CRS webinar.

Township Engineer, Jason Worth, stated the August 23 webinar is mandatory but there will be additional ways to raise the percentage. He further stated Fema will be recertifying all of the previous points in the hopes that the Township will move to a Class 5, which would be a 25% reduction for all residents.

Deputy Mayor Scibetta asked for additional details for the improvement project to Route 9 and if they would be including sidewalks and bikeways.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated he will reach out to NJDOT to get further details on what is included with the project.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Committeeman Dan Maxwell thanked Chief Hawkins and the entire police department for the great job they did at the National Night Out event. He also thanked Congressman Van Drew for the opening ceremony of the refurbished sports fields. He stated the Senior Advisory Board is not meeting the month of August but will reconvene in September. He finished with wishing everyone an enjoyable summer.

Committeeman Ray Gormley hoped everyone is enjoying their summer and that the heat will break soon.

Committeeman Kenneth Laney, Jr. reiterated everything that Committeeman Maxwell stated regarding NNO and the field opening and thanked everyone for the great job they did in participating in the event. He also wished everyone a happy summer and football season.

Deputy Mayor Blaise Scibetta agreed with Committeeman Maxwell and Laney on the awesome NNO event. He stated it was wonderful to see all the organizations that participated in the event. He further thanked all the volunteers and stated they are appreciated and much needed in town. He continued with the rain barrel workshop event that took place and thanked Public Works for their help in the process. He finished with wishing everyone a great summer and Happy Labor Day.

Mayor John Kehm spoke regarding volunteers and how important they are to the Township. He continued by asking drivers to be patient, alert and safe since school will be starting soon. He also spoke regarding leaf pickup and the purchase of a new loader with a leaf claw to alleviate the leaf trucks being constantly broken down. He wished everyone a happy and safe Labor Day and announced the next Committee meeting will be September 8 at 7:00pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 2022-207

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

Township Attorney Melanie Appleby stated the Committee needs to go into Executive Session to discuss contractual matters and personnel, action is not anticipated to be taken.

Motion to Approve: Laney Second: Gormley All in Favor

Motion to Close Executive Session and Reconvene Regular Township Meeting: Laney

Second: Scibetta All in Favor

Motion to Adjourn: Maxwell Second: Gormley All in Favor

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



Kelly Lettera, RMC
Township Clerk