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12:00 NOON

REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 1, 2023

Minutes

Township Clerk Kelly Lettera wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed the public to the 2023 Reorganization Meeting of the Township of Little Egg Harbor.

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, 2023 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."

Township Clerk Kelly Lettera welcomed Melanie Appleby, Esq. and asked her to administer the Oath of Office to Kenneth Laney, Jr. as a Committee Member of Little Egg Harbor Township.

OATH OF OFFICE

Melanie Appleby, Esq. administered the Oath of Office to Committeeman Kenneth Laney, Jr.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

Township Clerk Kelly Lettera welcomed Committeeman Daniel Maxwell for the Invocation.

NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR FOR 2023

Township Clerk Kelly Lettera asked for Nominations for Mayor for the year 2023

Motion was made by Committeeman Kehm to nominate Blaise Scibetta as Mayor for 2023
Motion was seconded by Committeeman Laney

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

OATH OF OFFICE

Municipal Clerk, Kelly Lettera administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Blaise Scibetta.

Township Clerk Kelly Lettera turned the meeting over to Mayor Blaise Scibetta to preside over the meeting.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Blaise Scibetta requested that the American Legion Post 493 lead the Flag Salute.

NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2023

Motion was made by Committeeman Gormley to nominate Daniel Maxwell as Deputy Mayor for 2023

Motion was seconded by Committeeman Kehm

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

OATH OF OFFICE

Melanie Appleby, Esq. administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Mayor Daniel Maxwell.

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.

- 2023-001 Appointing Melanie Appleby, Esquire of Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani as Township Attorney
- 2023-002 Appointing Christopher Dasti, Esquire of Dasti & Associates as Conflict Township Attorney
- 2023-003 Appointing Jason Worth of T&M Associates as Township Engineer
- 2023-004 Appointing T&M Associates and Remington & Vernick Engineers as Special Project Engineers
- 2023-005 Appointing James Oris of Remington & Vernick Engineers as Township Planner
- 2023-006 Appointing T&M Associates as Township Grant Writer
- 2023-007 Appointing Holman Frenia Allison, PC as Township Auditor
- 2023-008 Appointing the Law Firm of Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani as Labor Counsel
- 2023-009 Appointing Triad Associates as Affordable Housing Administrative Agent
- 2023-010 Appointing the Law Firm of Gluck Walrath LLP as Municipal Bond Counsel
- 2023-011 Appointing Henry J. Mancini & Associates, Inc. for Real Estate Appraisal Services
- 2023-012 Appointing Bonnie R. Peterson, Esquire as Alternate Municipal Prosecutor
- 2023-013 Appointing Debra Rumpf of Rumpf Law as Chief Municipal Public Defender
- 2023-014 Appointing Timothy J. Wintrode of Pepe & Wintrode LLC as Conflict Public Defender

- 2023-015 Appointing Phoenix Advisors LLC as Financial Consultant for Debt Service Matters
- 2023-016 Appointing Bonnie R. Peterson, Esquire as Hearing Officer for Personnel Disciplinary Matters
- 2023-017 Authorizing an Agreement with A-Academy of South Jersey, Inc. for Animal Control Services
- 2023-018 Awarding a Contract for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Maintenance and Repair Services for 2023 Contract Year to Peterson Service Company, Inc.
- 2023-019 Awarding a Contract for Information Technology Consulting and Reputation Management Services for the 2023 Contract Year to Bellia Tech LLC
- 2023-020 Authorizing the Adoption of a Temporary Budget for the year 2023
- 2023-021 Providing Dates for Township Committee Meetings and Designating Official Newspapers for the Year 2023
- 2023-022 Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Issue Tax Anticipation Notes Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-64
- 2023-023 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
- 2023-024 Fixing the Rate of Interest on Delinquent Taxes or Assessments and Providing for a Grace Period for the Year 2023
- 2023-025 Establishing an Accelerated Tax Sale in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-1
- 2023-026 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
- 2023-027 Appointing Kelly Lettera and Dayna Wilson as Municipal Search Officers and Donna Stansfield as Alternate Search Officer for the year 2023
- 2023-028 Appointing Carol Evans as the Designated Certified Recycling Coordinator for the Township of Little Egg Harbor
- 2023-029 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

- 2023-030 Designating Rodney Haines as the Appropriate Authority for the Police Department
- 2023-031 Appointing the Mayor as a Class I Member, Brad Griffin as a Class II Member, Committeeman Daniel Maxwell as a Class III Member, Matt Benn as Class IV Member and Ryan Vaux as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board
- 2023-032 Appointing William Hollingsworth and Barbara Sterner as Members and Kimberly Robinson as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment
- 2023-033 Appointing Arlene Keenan, Carol Evans and Chuck Griffin as Members and Colleen Forest as an Alternate Member of the Environmental Commission
- 2023-034 Appointing Nancy Cotter, Maryann O'Neill and Linda Cicco as Members of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board
- 2023-035 Appointing the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Rodney Haines, Anita Grayson, Jeanne Connelly, Michael Mangum and George Garbaravage as Members and Dayna Wilson as Recording Secretary of the Natural Lands Trust Advisory Committee
- 2023-036 Appointing Peter Cicco as a Member of the Municipal Utility Authorities Board
- 2023-037 Appointing Colleen Forest, Donna Shay, Diane Aloia and Janet Scibetta as Members of the Board of Health
- 2023-038 Appointing the Mayor, Zoning Board Chair, Planning Board Member, Committeeman Ray Gormley, Michael Broderson, John Molinaro, Charles Newmeyer, Paul DeBaylo, Fred Schaffer and Linda Geniton as Members of the Commercial Revitalization Advisory Board
- 2023-039 Appointing Christine Moran, Chuck Griffin and Colleen Forest as Members of the Green Team Advisory Committee
- 2023-040 Appointing the Mayor, Zoning Officer, Township Engineer, Township Administrator and a Committee Member as Members of the ADA Advisory Committee
- 2023-041 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
- 2023-042 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)
- 2023-043 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

2023-044 Designating Committeeman John Kehm as Trustee of Great Bay Regional Volunteer Emergency Medical Services, Inc.

2023-045 Appointing Lieutenant Thomas Thornton as a Member of the Emergency Management Services Council

2023-046 Appointing the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as Representatives to the Community Development Block Grant Committee

Township Clerk Kelly Lettera read the consent agenda Resolutions by title.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Consent Agenda Only

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

No one spoke from the public.

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

Motion to Approve: Gormley Second: Kehm

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

Committeeman Gormley abstained on 2023-027, yes to balance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Motion to Open to Public: Laney Second: Maxwell All in favor

No public comment.

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

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mayor Scibetta began with Committeeman Laney and congratulated him on the election and thanked him for all he has done for the various Township organizations.

Committeeman Kenneth Laney thanked his wife, kids and family for their love and support as well as the committee for their guidance over the past ten months. He also thanked the employees and professionals of the Township for always having the answers to all his questions. He stated he is looking forward to working with everyone in the upcoming years. He further thanked the public for providing him with the opportunity to continue working for them for three more years. He continued stating he is looking forward to the upcoming projects in the next few years. He thanked Mr. Kehm for the great job he has done as Mayor and congratulated newly

appointed Mayor Scibetta as Mayor and Daniel Maxwell as Deputy Mayor. He finished by wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Scibetta gave his history with Mr. Gormley and thanked him for all the knowledge he has provided to him over the past few years. He personally thanked him on behalf of himself and his family for all he has done for the Township in his 20 plus years of service.

Committeeman Ray Gormley thanked his wife for all her support. He congratulated Mayor Scibetta and Deputy Mayor Maxwell and stated he looks forward to continue working with the Committee to serve the community. He congratulated Mr. Kehm for a great job the last two years and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Scibetta stated Mr. Kehm has been an asset to the Township for over 20 years and thanked him for putting various policies and procedures in place to put the Township on a path in the right direction. He further stated he hopes to make him and the rest of the Committee proud as Mayor.

Committeeman John Kehm stated the Committee has done an excellent job in the last two years and will continue with the team that is in place. He stated the Township has a lot of think tanks and he knows everyone will continue to move the town forward in a positive direction. He congratulated Mayor Scibetta and Deputy Mayor Maxwell for accepting the positions and feels they make a great team to do great things. He congratulated Committeeman Laney and he looks forward to the many great projects and ideas that he will continue to bring to the town. Mr. Kehm thanked the public, professionals, volunteers and employees for a wonderful two years and he felt it was a great success.

Mayor Scibetta congratulated Deputy Mayor Maxwell and stated he also feels he is an asset to the town as well as a friend.

Deputy Mayor Daniel Maxwell spoke on what a wonderful job Mr. Kehm has done over the last year with his leadership and integrity being a roadmap to follow for the continued success of the town. He personally thanked him for all he has done. He congratulated and spoke on behalf of Mayor Scibetta and stated he knows with his love and dedication that he has for the town, he will do an excellent job of moving the town forward. Deputy Mayor Maxwell stated he is truly honored and blessed to be nominated as Deputy Mayor and a part of the Little Egg Harbor Township Committee. He pledged to everyone that he will work as hard as he can and serve them to his upmost ability. He stated the citizens deserve the very best and the Committee will provide that to them. He thanked his family, especially his wife, for all their support in order to serve the community. He finished with wishing and blessing everyone a Happy Year.

Mayor Scibetta thanked god for the opportunity and his wife and children for all the support that they provide. He hopes he will make everyone proud. He expressed that he is looking forward to working with all employees, professionals and residents this year. Mayor Scibetta stated his vision for 2023 is to continue to move the town forward in a positive way such as completing projects that are currently being worked on. Mayor Scibetta spoke on the various projects that are going on in town and what is to come in the upcoming year. He thanked everyone for attending and wished them all a Happy New Year.

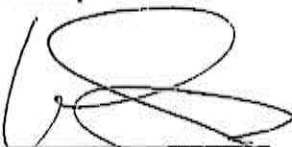
Benediction by Mayor Scibetta.

Motion to Adjourn: Laney

Second: Kehm

All in favor

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kelly Lettera', written over a horizontal line.

Kelly Lettera, RMC
Township Clerk

