

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 60

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE
EGG HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, GRATEFULLY ACCEPTING THE
ASSISTANCE OF CONGRESSMAN JEFF VAN
DREW REGARDING FEMA'S REQUEST FOR
REPAYMENT OF LOAN USED FOR HURRICANE
SANDY RELIEF RECOVERY**

WHEREAS, The Township of Little Egg Harbor was devastated by Superstorm Sandy in 2012 which resulted in a sudden and significant loss of ratables; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Egg Harbor Township therefore applied for and received a Community Disaster Loan (#EMN-2013-LF-4086NJ08) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help the town recover from a disaster, specifically to offset the need to increase taxes in years 2013, 2014 and 2015 due to the substantial decrease in ratables due to Superstorm Sandy-related damage and

WHEREAS, repayment of this loan would continue a tremendous burden on the taxpayers of Little Egg Harbor by requiring an increase on the local purpose rate in 2020 and many years into the future; and

WHEREAS, FEMA delegates made representations to Little Egg Harbor Township that there might be forgiveness available for the Community Disaster Loan and those representations remain unfulfilled; and

WHEREAS, FEMA is now asking the town to pay back the money \$4,250,000.00 plus Accrued Interest with a mandatory pay back date of April 16, 2023; and

WHEREAS, members of the Little Egg Harbor Township Committee met with Congressman Jeff Van Drew to request his help in resolving this matter; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Van Drew agrees that it is not right to put the burden of repayment of this FEMA assistance on the taxpayers of Little Egg Harbor Township and has graciously agreed to assist the Township Committee and residents in resolving this matter to try his best to have this matter resolved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Little Egg Harbor Township Committee hereby thanks Congressman Jeff Van Drew for his assistance in obtaining relief from repayment of Community Disaster Loan (#EMN-2013-LF-4086NJ08) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Municipal Clerk, to the Little Egg Harbor Township Committee and Congressman Jeff Van Drew .

CERTIFICATION

I, DIANA K. MCCRACKEN, RMC, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Little Egg Harbor do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Little Egg Harbor Township Committee at a meeting held on the 13th day of February, 2020.


DIANA K. MCCRACKEN, Township Clerk
Little Egg Harbor Township