

**Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting
Minutes**

FEBRUARY 10, 2022

7:00 P.M.

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

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 10, 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 this meeting."

ROLL CALL:

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

PRESENTATION

Committeeman Daniel Maxwell read the Go Red for Women, National Wear Red Day proclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- January 1, 2022 Reorganization Meeting
- January 13, 2022 Special Meeting
- January 13, 2022 Special Meeting Executive Session
- January 13, 2022
- January 13, 2022 Executive Session

Motion to Approve: Scibetta

Second: Gormley

All in Favor

ORDINANCE 2022-01

[First Reading and Introduction]

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, to Establish the Compensation of Township Employees

Motion to Introduce: Laney Second: Maxwell

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

Township Attorney Melanie Appleby stated Resolutions 2022-075 and 2022-083 need to be tabled due to changes that need to made.

RESOLUTION 2022-075

Authorizing an Adjustment of Salary for Anna Nelson in the Construction Department

RESOLUTION 2022-083

Authorizing the Execution of an Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement with Daniel and Melinda Lucus (924 Nugentown Road aka Block 261, Lot 6.03)

Motion to Table Resolution 2022-075 and Resolution 2022-083: Gormley Second: Scibetta

Roll Call: 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.

RESOLUTION 2022-074

Authorizing the Appointment of Susan Kramer as Deputy Registrar

RESOLUTION 2022-076

Accepting the Retirement of and Authorizing the Compensation of Accumulated Time to Alvin Jillson

RESOLUTION 2022-077

Appointing Ken Maxwell as a Member of the Municipal Utility Authorities Board

RESOLUTION 2022-078

Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding to Participate in the On P.O.I.N.T. Program with Bright Harbor Healthcare [*Bright Harbor Healthcare to provide the provision of on-site social workers to assist the Little Egg Harbor Police Department in handling mental health, substance abuse, and social service related calls that the Little Egg Harbor Police receive and provide day-to-day management of the operations of the On P.O.I.N.T. Program*]

RESOLUTION 2022-079

Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean for the FY 2022 Prosecutor's Program [*The Prosecutor's Program, also known as 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*]

RESOLUTION 2022-080

Authorizing the donation by the Township of Little Egg Harbor to the Great Bay Regional Volunteer EMS of \$7,711.70 in Fuel [*Under state statute, a municipality may exceed the \$70,000 maximum annual contribution if the association established extraordinary need for additional funds. An audit was performed and the outcome indicated an additional donation of \$7,711.70 of fuel for EMS vehicles.*]

RESOLUTION 2022-081

Supporting the Community Tree Recovery, An Arbor Day Foundation Program [*An Arbor Day Foundation Program helping residents replant trees that were destroyed or damaged from Superstorm Sandy*]

RESOLUTION 2022-082

Authorizing Appropriation Reserve Transfers in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59

PUBLIC COMMENT – Consent Agenda Only

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

Mr. Art Mooney of Windstar Drive: Questioned Resolutions 2022-074, 2022-078 and 2022-081.

Interim Business Administrator/CFO, Rodney Haines explained that the previous Municipal Clerk was also Registrar and when she retired the Deputy Clerk became Registrar and the Assistant in the Clerk's office has her certification and can be appointed as Deputy Registrar.

Chief James Hawkins explained the On-Point program and the benefits it has for the Township. He also stated this is not a new program and the Township has been participating in this program for several years.

Committeeman Scibetta explained the Arbor Day Tree Recovery Program and he stated information will go out to the public with further details on the event.

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

Motion to Approve: Scibetta Second: Gormley

Roll Call: Yes – Mr. Gormley; Mr. Laney; Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Scibetta, Mayor Kehm
 Mr. Maxwell abstained from Resolution 2022-077

BILL RESOLUTION

2022-084 A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$6,214,995.13

Motion to Approve: Maxwell Second: Laney

Roll Call: Yes – Mr. Gormley; Mr. Laney; Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Scibetta, Mayor Kehm
 Mr. Laney abstained on bill #00009633

MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

- Raffle Application No. 2022-01 for American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle on August 21, 2022
- Raffle Application No. 2022-02 for Social Activities Committee of Mystic Shores On-Premise 50/50 Raffle on March 4, March 17, April 8, May 6, June 3, June 11, July 3, August 13, September 24, October 9, November 11, December 3 and December 31, 2022
- Raffle Application No. 2022-03 for Women's Club by the Bay On-Premise 50/50 Raffle on April 2, 2022

- Raffle Application No. 2022-04 for Womens Club by the Bay On-Premise Gift Auction on June 5, 2022
- Raffle Application No. 2022-05 for American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island On-Premise Gift Raffle on March 13, 2022

Motion to Approve: Laney Second: Gormley All in Favor

PUBLIC COMMENT – Any Topic

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

Dr. John Edmunds of Spruce Drive: Updated the Mayor and Committee Members on Tuckerton Borough's Council meeting that took place on Monday, February 7, 2022.

Danielle Kelly: Stated there are several issues that are occurring within Pinelands Regional School District and she requested a meeting with the Mayor and the Interim Business Administrator to discuss what is taking place within the district.

Mayor Kehm stated he was not aware of any issues and would like to meet and discuss.

Mr. Art Mooney of Windstar Drive: Asked for an update on the bus shelter and American Rescue Plan.

Interim Business Administrator/CFO, Rodney Haines stated the bus shelter will be done with funds from this years budget and all bus shelters are on the Townships Insurance policy in case of future accidents.

Mayor John Kehm explained to Mr. Mooney that there are several funding opportunities available and he needs to ensure that the Township gets the most out of the money that is out there and available.

Township Engineer Jason Worth reiterated the amount of money that is out there and the Township wants to make sure that the funds are spent appropriately and not frivolously just to spend the money.

Andrea Dinkowitz of Atlantis Blvd: Requested for a light to be installed due to the lack of visibility while making a left hand turn onto Radio Road from Country Club Blvd due to the bend in the road. She stated the vehicles are speeding, golfers are crossing and there have been multiple accidents at that intersection due to the lack of visibility.

Mayor Kehm asked the Township Engineer if a traffic study can be done.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated he will follow-up with the County. He stated he did send information to the County on this and he is waiting to hear back from them.

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

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated the Sports Complex field rehabilitation is near completion with a date of Mid-May that the project will be complete. He stated that Mystic Island Drainage and Roadway Improvements Phase 2 is complete except for final surface course paving which should be complete by Spring. He also stated Ocean County is having their annual meeting, which he has a list of things that he needs updates on. He also stated if anyone would like to bring any County concerns or projects to his attention he will provide them with their attention as well.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Committeeman Daniel Maxwell stated he administered the oath of office to the fire officers of the Mystic Island Volunteer Fire Company on Friday, February 4 and thanked them for the opportunity. He thanked the Department of Public Works for all their dedicated time and work during the winter storm last weekend. Also, he stated the Senior Advisory Board will be meeting on Monday, February 28 at 10am at the Community Center.

Committeeman Ray Gormley provided an update on the dredging projects and stated the third phase of the dredging projects will soon be underway. He stated a meeting will be held on March 19 to provide the public with full details of the project. He stated postcards will go out to property owners in the upcoming weeks. He stated in order to enter the meeting, the postcard must be in hand by only one resident per property.

Committeeman Kenneth Laney wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and thanked staff for transitioning him smoothly into the position.

Deputy Mayor Scibetta spoke regarding the Township wide Environmental Commission clean-up event that is being held on April 9 which includes food, drinks, a t-shirt and seedlings which will be passed out for Arbor Day. He stated sign-ups are online for the clean-up event. He further stated the date for National Night Out this year is August 2, 2022, Little Egg Harbor Chamber of Commerce Harvest Fest event will be held on October 22, 2022 and the annual August Fest will be on October 28, 2022. Lastly, he stated Spring registration is now open for PAL Soccer sign-ups. He wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Mayor John Kehm thanked Department of Public Works as well as all Police, Fire and EMS for all the hard work, time and dedication that is provided everyday but especially during the last winter storm. He stated there has been several complaints regarding leaf clean-up in town and residents need to only provide leaves in a pile for pick-up. He stated the trucks have been needing several repairs due to residents throwing stumps, blocks and other materials into the leaf piles causing the machines to break. He reiterated leaf pick-up is for only leaves and there is a possibility that home owners may need to start bagging their own leaves and bringing them to the DPW yard, like it was done in the past. He stated staff needs to come up with a plan because it is costing the town too much money due to the maintenance on the trucks. He further wished residents and staff a Happy Valentine's Day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2022-085 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 no action is anticipated to be taking place.

Motion to Approve: Scibetta Second: Gormley

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

Motion to Close Executive Session and Reconvene Regular Township Meeting: Gormley
Second: Scibetta All in Favor

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.



Kelly Lettera, RMC
Township Clerk