

**Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting
Minutes**

MARCH 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 March 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:

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

PRESENTATION

Committeeman Blaise Scibetta read the proclamation for Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month.

Committeeman Kenneth Laney read the proclamation for National Library Week (April 3 – 9, 2022).

Committeeman Daniel Maxwell read the proclamation for the 50th Anniversary of the Older Americans Act Meals on Wheels Program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 10, 2022
- February 10, 2022 Executive Session

Motion to Approve: Gormley Second: Scibetta All in Favor

ORDINANCE 2022-01 [SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]

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 Open to Public: Scibetta Second: Maxwell All in Favor

Mr. Art Mooney of Windstar Drive: Questioned the total payroll package for the Township.

Interim Business Administrator/CFO, Rodney Haines stated the Township pays over \$9 million dollars in salaries.

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

Motion to Adopt: Gormley Second: Scibetta

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

ORDINANCE 2022-02

[FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION]

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending the Township Code of Ordinances to Repeal Chapter 185, Entitled "Flood Hazard Areas," so as to Adopt a New Chapter 185, Entitled "Flood Hazard Areas"

Motion to Introduce: Maxwell Second: Scibetta

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 2022-086

Appointing Little Egg Harbor Township Plan Endorsement Advisory Committee

RESOLUTION 2022-087

Authorizing the Submission of an Application to the Sustainable Jersey Grant Program for a Grant for Year 2022 to Construct a Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project Along Radio Road

RESOLUTION 2022-088

Awarding a Contract for the Registration of Property Pending Foreclosure to Property Registration Champions, LLC d/b/a PROCHAMPS *[This Resolution awards a contract to the lone respondent, Property Registration Champions (PROCHAMPS) for services related to registration of Township properties pending foreclosure.]*

RESOLUTION 2022-089

Reinstatement of Installment Plans for Delinquent Special Assessment Plans Affecting Properties in Mystic Island Maintenance Dredging Project Phase 1 – Radio Road East and Osborn Island Maintenance Dredging Project *[This resolution authorizes the Tax Collector to reinstate the installment plan for delinquent payments on said special assessments, up and until November 10, 2022, so long as said property pays the amount of the delinquent payment and any interest on the delinquent payment that has accrued from the date that the installment was due and payable until the date that payment of the delinquent installment is made.]*

RESOLUTION 2022-090

Authorizing Various Tax Refunds

RESOLUTION 2022-091

Authorizing the Release of Maintenance Guarantees posted for Primax Properties – Tractor Supply

RESOLUTION 2022-092

Authorizing the Release of Maintenance Guarantees posted for GT Holdings, LLC

RESOLUTION 2022-093

Authorizing the Release of Maintenance Guarantees posted for Calvary Baptist Church

RESOLUTION 2022-094

Authorizing the Release of Maintenance Guarantees posted for Autozone

RESOLUTION 2022-095

Authorizing the Release of Maintenance Guarantees posted for Great Bay Plaza (Atlanticare)

RESOLUTION 2022-096

Authorizing the Release of Maintenance Guarantees posted for Lighthouse Plaza II

RESOLUTION 2022-097

Accepting the Retirement of and Authorizing the Compensation of Accumulated Time to Brian Kennedy

RESOLUTION 2022-098

Authorizing the Appointment of Michael-Anthony DiMauro as Laborer 1 for the Department of Public Works

RESOLUTION 2022-099

Granting An Unpaid Leave of Absence for Michael Glock

RESOLUTION 2022-100

Authorizing an Employment Agreement with the Chief of Police James Hawkins

RESOLUTION 2022-101

Authorizing the Chief of Police to Interview and Make Recommendations Regarding Hiring a Police Officer

PUBLIC COMMENT – Consent Agenda Only

Motion to Open to Public: Scibetta

Second: Maxwell

All in Favor

Mr. Art Mooney of Windstar Drive: Asked for clarification on the committee that is referenced in Resolution 2022-086 and asked if a traffic study was conducted for Resolution 2022-087.

Township Attorney Melanie Appleby explained the purpose of PEAC is for the master plan reexamination.

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Deputy Mayor Blaise Scibetta stated a walk ability study was conducted in order to apply for a \$20,000 grant for bikepaths within the Township. He stated the Township Engineer will upload the study to the Township website and copies will be available in the Clerk's Office once complete.

Mr. Art Mooney of Windstar Drive: Questioned Resolution 2022-101 and how many officers are currently in the Township.

Interim Business Administrator/CFO, Rodney Haines stated the Township currently has 44 police officers.

Mr. Art Mooney of Windstar Drive: Questioned Resolution 2022-100 and clarification on the financials in the contract.

Interim Business Administrator/CFO, Rodney Haines stated the Chief received a 7.5% increase over the cap rate and the agreement was for five years with increases as follows year 1- 7.5%; year 2- 2%; year 3- 2%; Year 4-1.5%; year 5- 1.25%.

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

Motion to Approve: Gormley Second: Maxwell

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

Committeeman Gormley abstained from Resolution 2022-092.

Committeeman Laney abstained from Resolution 2022-096.

BILL RESOLUTION

2022-102 A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$3,277,354.55

Motion to Approve: Laney Second: Maxwell

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

MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

- Bingo Application No. 2022-02 for West Tuckerton Fire Company, Designer Bag Bingo on June 4, 2022
- Raffle Application No. 2022-06 for Harbor Bay Gaming Club, 102 Newport Way, On-Premise 50/50 Raffle on for Various dates from April 22, 2022 through March 23, 2023
- Raffle Application No. 2022-07 for West Tuckerton Fire Company, 505 Route 9 South, On-Premise Gift Auction on June 4, 2022
- Raffle Application No. 2022-08 for West Tuckerton Fire Company, 505 Route 9 South, On-premise 50/50 Raffle on June 4, 2022

- Raffle Application No. 2022-09 for West Tuckerton Fire Company, 505 Route 9 South, On-Premise Lottery Hat Raffle on June 4, 2022

Motion to Approve: Maxwell Second: Scibetta All in Favor

PUBLIC COMMENT – Any Topic

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

Dr. John Edmunds of Spruce Drive: Updated Mayor and Committee Members on Tuckerton Borough’s Council meeting and the Center Street project.

Andrea Dinkowitz of Atlantis Blvd: Asked for an update from the last meeting regarding installing a traffic light on Radio Road and Country Club Blvd.

Interim Business Administrator/CFO, Rodney Haines stated he and the Township Engineer reached out to Ocean County for them to conduct a traffic study. He also stated the Township Engineer will follow-up with the County to get a status of when the study will take place and what their conclusion.

Mr. Art Mooney of Windstar Drive: Asked for an update on the dredging projects.

Committeeman Ray Gormley provided updates on all the dredging that is currently taking place and will be taking place in the near future.

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

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS

On behalf of the Township Engineer, Mark Rohmeyer of T&M Associates, provided an update on the Soccer & Football Recreation Fields and further stated Committeeman Gormley did a great job on the dredging updates and he had nothing to add on that topic.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Committeeman Daniel Maxwell stated a Senior Advisory Board meeting was held on February 28 and Chief Hawkins was a guest speaker. He also stated the Meals on Wheels program proudly provides over 260 meals per month to the residents of Little Egg Harbor Township. He continued with information on the Senior Expo that will be taking place on May 4 from 9am to 12pm at the Community Center. He finished by reporting that the next Senior Advisory meeting will be held on March 28, 2022.

Committeeman Ray Gormley requested that resident pray for Urkiane during this difficult time. He also spoke on traffic patterns within the town and possibly adding additional signage to prevent people from rolling through stop signs. He continued by providing updates regarding the dredging projects and touched on the two upcoming informational meetings that will be taking place. The Mystic Island

Phase 2 project will be on March 19 at 3pm at Pinelands High School and the Tuckerton Creek project will take place on March 23, 2022 at 7pm at the Municipal Building.

Committeeman Kenneth Laney stated he and the Mayor met regarding improvements to the Senior Center and discussed some possibilities including a basketball and/or pickleball court. He wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Deputy Mayor Blaise Scibetta reported the township wide clean-up event will be held on April 9 at 9am, lunch a t-shirt and seedlings will be provided to attendees on a first come first serve basis and the registration deadline for the event is on March 30th.

Mayor John Kehm stated he is working with the Township Engineer to see what grant options are available and how to better utilize the American Rescue Plan funding options. He also wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 2022-103 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 personnel matters no action is anticipated to be taking place.

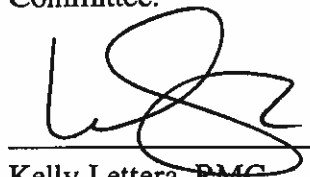
Motion to Approve: Scibetta Second: Gormley All in Favor

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

ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn: Gormley Second: Maxwell All in Favor

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



Kelly Lettera, RMC
Township Clerk