

**Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting
Minutes**

MAY 11, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Blaise Scibetta called the Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting to order and lead 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 May 11, 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 the meeting."*

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Mr. Kehm

Reverend Bill Ashley from Southern Ocean Congregational Church said an opening Invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Apraxia Awareness Day (May 14, 2023)
- National Safe Boating Week (May 20-26, 2023)
- National EMS Week (May 21-27, 2023)
- Memorial Day -- Prayer for Peace (May 29, 2023)
- Mental Health Awareness Month
- National Physical Fitness and Sports Month

Mayor Scibetta read the Apraxia Awareness Day proclamation and presented the proclamation to Alicia Daskalakis.

Committeemen Gormley read the National Safe Boating Week proclamation and presented the proclamation to Sharon Hewitt of US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 7-2.

Deputy Mayor Maxwell read the Memorial Day -- Prayer for Peace, proclamation and presented the proclamation to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Committeemen Gormley read the National EMS Week proclamation and presented the proclamation to Great Bay EMS.

Committeeman Laney read the Mental Health Awareness Month proclamation and presented the proclamation to Meghan Corrigan, Director of Adult Clinical Services at Bright Harbor Healthcare.

ORDINANCE 2023-17**[FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION]**

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey, Providing for Various Improvements to the Township Recreation Complex and Appropriating \$1,600,000 Therefor and Providing for the Issuance of \$1,570,000 in Bonds or Notes of the Township of Little Egg Harbor to Finance the Same

Motion to Introduce: Laney

Second: Gormley

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

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.

Mayor Scibetta read by title all the Resolutions on the consent agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

- 2023-150 Appointing Daniel Sahin, Esquire as Judge of the Municipal Court for the Township of Little Egg Harbor and Amending Resolution 2023-121 *[Resolution to amend and rescind Resolution 2023-121 as per the Administrative Offices of the Courts]*
- 2023-151 Setting the Compensation Rate for Per Diem Telecommunicators in the Little Egg Harbor Police Department *[Setting the compensation rate for per diem telecommunicators at \$22/hr.]*
- 2023-152 Authorizing the Appointment of Melissa Caldwell as Full-time Clerk 1 for the Construction/Zoning Department *[The appointment of Melissa Caldwell from a PT to a FT Clerk 1 effective May 3, 2023 at a rate of \$14.13/hr]*
- 2023-153 Authorizing the Appointment of Brittany Rabinowitz as a Per Diem Telecommunicator for the Little Egg Harbor Township Police Department *[The appointment of Brittany Rabinowitz as per diem telecommunicator for the LEHT PD, effective immediately, at a rate of \$22/hr]*
- 2023-154 Accepting the Resignation of and Authorizing the Compensation of Accumulated Time as Full Time Telecommunicator and Authorizing the Appointment of Barry Lance as a Per Diem Telecommunicator for the Little Egg Harbor Township Police Department *[The resignation of Barry Lance on May 11, 2023 as Full-time telecommunicator with a total payout of \$128.13 for unused time and requesting appointment as per diem telecommunicator effective May 12, 2023.]*

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- 2023-155 Accepting the Retirement of and Authorizing the Compensation of Accumulated Time to Kayrn Metrick *[Kayrn Metrick will be retired as of June 1, 2023 with a total payout of \$16,366.77 for unused time]*
- 2023-156 Accepting the Donation of Sixteen (16) Passenger Bus from National Express Corp. and Authorizing Execution of Any and All Documentation to Effectuate Same *[A 16 passenger bus donation from National Express Corp for Township use]*
- 2023-157 Amending Resolution 2023-053 as to Review of Little Egg Harbor Board of Fire Commissioners, District No. 3 Compensation in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-88 *[Amending Resolution 2023-53 to reflect the 2023 annual compensation for Commissioner Treasurer at \$11,900.00 and \$6,500.00 for other Commissioners]*
- 2023-158 Certifying the Governing Body has Reviewed, as a Minimum, Sections of the Annual Audit
- 2023-159 Appointing Rehabco, Inc. as Township Housing Rehabilitation Program Management Services *[Appointing Rehabco, Inc as the Township Housing Rehabilitation Program Services to administer the township's affordable housing projects from May 11, 2023 through December 31, 2023]*
- 2023-160 Authorizing Township Planner, James M. Oris, PE, PP of Remington & Vernick to Research and Create a New Digital Zoning Map *[Authorizing the Township Planner to research and create a new digital zoning map updating the 2007 zoning map to reflect zone designation changes. Total amount not to exceed \$14,895.00]*
- 2023-161 Authorizing the Submission of an Application to the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation, Requesting \$854,716.80 Local Transportation Projects Fund 2023 for Pedestrian Safety Improvements to Oak Lane
- 2023-162 Authorizing 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, 2023, 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.]*
- 2023-163 Authorizing the Execution of Change Order No. 1 (Final) to the Contract for Mystic Island Drainage Improvements Phase 2 to Earle Asphalt Company *[Change Order 1 increases the original contract amount from \$1,528,813.13 to \$1,663,402.54 for the Mystic Island Drainage Improvements Phase 2 with Earle Asphalt Company]*
- 2023-164 Authorizing the Execution of a Contract for Sale for 485 Parkertown Road, Also Known as Block 114, Lot 62 on the Tax Map of the Township of Little Egg Harbor Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.2 and N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5) *[A resolution accepting the \$15,000*

offer from contiguous property owner Ryan Martin/Dana Cannon for the property located at 485 Parkertown Road, Block 114, Lot 62]

- 2023-165 Approving Charges for the Demolition of 50 W. Raritan Drive, Pursuant to Chapter 148 and Authorizing said Charge to Become a Lien and to Be Added to and Become a Part of the Taxes to be Assessed and Levied on said Property *[A resolution approving the township to place liens against the property, in the amount of \$27,300, for cost associated with the demolition of 50 W. Raritan Drive]*
- 2023-166 Urging the New Jersey Department of Transportation to Install a Left Turn Lane on Route 9 South Toward Otis Bog Road
- 2023-167 Awarding a Contract for FY2022 NJDOT Municipal Aid Road Program – Improvements to Stage Road to Arawak Paving Co. Inc. *[Awarding the bid to Arawak Paving Co, for the FY2022 NJDOT Municipal Aid Road Program – Improvements to Stage Road for a total contract amount of \$694,900.00]*

CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Mr. Mooney of Windstar Drive asked for an explanation of Resolution 2023-156 and Resolution 2023-159.

Chief Hawkins stated that National Express Corp. donated to the Township a sixteen passenger bus for transporting the Little Egg Harbor Township Junior Recruits/Explorers.

Township Business Administrator, Rodney Haines, explained the appointment of the Township Housing Rehabilitation Program is a professional service needed for the township's affordable housing projects.

Mr. Dwyer of Frog Pond Road questioned Resolution 2023-161.

Township Engineer Jason Worth explained the pedestrian safety improvements for Oak Lane.

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

Motion to Approve: Laney Second: Maxwell

Roll Call: All Yes: Mr. Gormley; Mr. Laney; Mr. Maxwell; Mayor Scibetta
Mr. Laney abstained from Resolution 2023-152 and yes to the remaining.

BILL RESOLUTION 2023-168

A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$7,043,991.13

Motion to Approve: Gormley Second: Maxwell

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

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Mr. Laney abstained from 23D04180 and 23D08181 and yes to the remaining bills

MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

- Raffle Application No. 2023-015 for Sunshine Foundation, On-Premise Gift Raffle at Parkertown Volunteer Fire Co. on July 8, 2023
- Raffle Application No. 2023-016 for Women's Club by the Bay, On-Premise 50/50 Raffle at 102 Newport Way on June 24, September 10 and September 13, 2023
- Raffle Application No. 2023-017 for Women's Club by the Bay, On-Premise Gift Auction at 102 Newport Way on August 20, 2023
- Raffle Application No. 2023-018 for American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island, Off-Premise 50/50 Cash Raffle at 420 Radio Road on July 23, 2023
- Raffle Application No. 2023-019 for Pinelands July 4th Celebration, Inc., On-Premise 50/50 Raffle at Ocean County Golf Course at Atlantis, 261 Country Club Blvd on June 8, 2023
- Raffle Application No. 2023-020 for Pinelands July 4th Celebration, Inc., On-Premise Gift Auction at Ocean County Golf Course at Atlantis, 261 Country Club Blvd on June 8, 2023
- Raffle Application No. 2023-021 for American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island, Off-Premise 50/50 Cash Raffle at 420 Radio Road on October 8, 2023

Motion to Approve: Maxwell

Second: Laney

All in Favor

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS

Township Engineer, Jason Worth, reported the Community Center is wrapping up and everything will be completed in time for the Memorial Day Grand Opening event that will be taking place on May 27. He continued by stating the Parkertown Beach is close to be completed with the contractor finishing up the clam shell installation and then they will work on the painting, stripping, benches, tables etc and everything will be completed by the end of the week. Lastly, he touched on the NJDOT has announced FY2024 local aid grants for bikeway and safety and municipal aid program and the township will be applying for Leitz Blvd for next year. He requested a resolution for the June meeting due to the July deadline.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Any Topic

Motion to Open to Public: Maxwell

Second: Laney

All in Favor

Ms. Davis of 58 Cedarbrook Lane requested that the new Committeemen introduce himself. The President of the Frog Pond student government introduced himself and stated he first came to the meeting back in January and he finds learning about his community and the government very interesting.

Committeemen Gormley stated he appreciates that the governing body allowing him to sit at the dais and he appreciates that such a young man takes great interest in his community.

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Mr. Mooney of Windstar Drive asked if lifeguards will be at the newly refurbished beaches.

Township Attorney, Melanie Appleby, stated an ordinance will be put in place regarding rules, regulations and signage for the township beaches.

Mr. Blacie of Leitz Blvd spoke regarding the flooding on his street and maintenance on the abandoned lot on Wisteria Lane.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated Leitz Blvd will be next project to be completed in about a year or so.

Township Business Administrator Rodney Haines stated he will look into the maintenance of the Wisteria Lane lot.

Ms. Didyk of Clay Hole Road thanked the Committee and the Police for taking care of the problem at the end of Clay Hole Road. She also thanked the Committee on behalf of the Seaport Stitches for utilizing the community center.

Mr. Reni of West Dory Drive thanked the Committee for the replenishment of the beach at graveling point and questioned if there is a plan for parking.

Mayor Scibetta stated at this time there is no plan for parking or extending the parking.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated the road is owned by the county road so the county would be responsible to roadway work leading up to the bulkhead.

Mr. Botterbodt of West Dory Drive requested that the Committee change the noise ordinance for the summer weekend days to amend the code to reflect 11:00 pm versus 10:00 pm.

Ms. Jerue of West Thames Rd. requested information on the skate park rules and what enforcement will be there.

Township Administrator Rodney Haines stated the police department will randomly patrol the area.

Mr. Rapisardi of Cable Drive provided the Mayor and Committee Members with the Environmental Commissions clean-up event.

Mr. Mooney requested that the noise ordinance stay the way it is with the 10:00 pm time frame of sound.

Motion to Close to Public: Maxwell

Second: Laney

All in Favor

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Committeeman Ray Gormley wished all mothers a Happy Mother's Day and reminded the men to get them flowers.

