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12:00 NOON

REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 1, 2024

Minutes

Township Clerk Kelly Lettera wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed the public to the 2024 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, 2024 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 Ray Gormley as a Committee Member of Little Egg Harbor Township.

OATH OF OFFICE

Melanie Appleby, Esq. administered the Oath of Office to Committeeman Ray Gormley

Township Clerk Kelly Lettera welcomed Congressman Jeff Van Drew and asked him to administer the oath of office to John Kehm as a Committee Member of Little Egg Harbor Township.

OATH OF OFFICE

Congressman Jeff Van Drew administered the Oath of Office to Committeeman John Kehm

ROLL CALL

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

NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR FOR 2024

Township Clerk Kelly Lettera asked for Nominations for Mayor for the year 2024

Motion was made by Committeeman Kehm to nominate Blaise Scibetta as Mayor for 2024
Motion was seconded by Committeeman Maxwell

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

OATH OF OFFICE

Congressman Van Drew 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.

INVOCATION

Mayor Scibetta welcomed Pastor Ryan Bowen of Great Bay Gospel Fellowship.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Blaise Scibetta requested that the Veterans of Foreign Wars lead the Flag Salute.

NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2024

Motion was made by Committeeman Kehm to nominate Daniel Maxwell as Deputy Mayor for 2024

Motion was seconded by Committeeman Gormley

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

OATH OF OFFICE

Congressman Van Drew 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.

Municipal Clerk, Kelly Lettera, read by title the resolutions on the consent agenda.

- 2024-001 Appointing Melanie Appleby, Esquire of Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani as Township Attorney
- 2024-002 Appointing Christopher Dasti, Esquire of Dasti & Staiger as Conflict Township Attorney
- 2024-003 Appointing Jason Worth of T&M Associates as Township Engineer
- 2024-004 Appointing James Oris of Remington & Vernick Engineers as Township Planner
- 2024-005 Appointing T&M Associates, Remington & Vernick Engineers, Morgan Engineering & Surveying and Colliers Engineering & Design as Special Project Engineers
- 2024-006 Appointing T&M Associates and BRS, Inc. as Township Grant Writers
- 2024-007 Appointing Holman Frenia Allison, PC as Township Auditor
- 2024-008 Appointing the Law Firm of Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani as Labor Counsel
- 2024-009 Appointing the Law Firm of Dilworth Paxson as Municipal Bond Counsel
- 2024-010 Appointing Henry J. Mancini & Associates, Inc. for Real Estate Appraisal Services
- 2024-011 Appointing Bonnie R. Peterson, Esquire as Chief Municipal Prosecutor for the

Township of Little Egg Harbor and the Township of Eagleswood

- 2024-012 Appointing David M. Casadonte, Esquire as Alternate Municipal Prosecutor
- 2024-013 Appointing Debra Rumpf of Rumpf Law as Chief Municipal Public Defender
- 2024-014 Appointing Timothy J. Wintrode of Pepe & Wintrode LLC as Conflict Public Defender
- 2024-015 Appointing Phoenix Advisors, LLC as Financial Consultant for Debt Service Matters
- 2024-016 Appointing Bonnie R. Peterson, Esquire as Hearing Officer for Personnel Disciplinary Matters
- 2024-017 Awarding a Contract for Animal Control Services to Western Industries-North, LLC D/B/A A-Academy Termite Pest Control A/K/A A-Academy Animal Control
- 2024-018 Awarding a Contract for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Systems Maintenance and Repair Services for 2024 to PDM Group
- 2024-019 Awarding a Contract for Information Technology Consulting and Reputation Management Services for 2024 to Bellia Tech LLC
- 2024-020 Awarding a Contract for Snow Removal Service for 2024 to Mathis Construction Co., Inc.
- 2024-021 Authorizing the Adoption of a Temporary Budget for the year 2024
- 2024-022 Providing Dates for Township Committee Meetings and Designating Official Newspapers for the Year 2024
- 2024-023 Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Issue Tax Anticipation Notes Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-64
- 2024-024 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
- 2024-025 Fixing the Rate of Interest on Delinquent Taxes or Assessments and Providing for a Grace Period for the Year 2024
- 2024-026 Establishing an Accelerated Tax Sale in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-1

- 2024-027 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
- 2024-028 Appointing Kelly Lettera and Dayna Wilson as Municipal Search Officers and Donna Stansfield as Alternate Municipal Search Officer for the year 2024
- 2024-029 Appointing Carol Evans as the Designated Certified Recycling Coordinator for the Township of Little Egg Harbor
- 2024-030 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
- 2024-031 Designating Rodney Haines as the Appropriate Authority for the Police Department
- 2024-032 Appointing the Mayor as a Class I Member, Josh Coates as a Class II Member, Committeeman Daniel Maxwell as a Class III Member and Katherine Tucker as Class IV Member of the Planning Board
- 2024-033 Appointing Arlene Keenan and Steve Clanton as Members and Kimberly Robinson, Louis Mankowski, Frank Colandrea and William Stenger as Alternate Members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment
- 2024-034 Appointing Colleen Forest, Roberta Rapisardi and Joe Rullo as Members and Christine Moran and Gabriel Franco as Alternate Members of the Environmental Commission
- 2024-035 Appointing John Edmunds, Lisa Stevens, Ken Miller, Donna O'Brien and Diane Coyle as Members of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board
- 2024-036 Appointing the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Rodney Haines, Anita Grayson, John Edmunds, Michael Mangum and George Garbaravage as Members and Dayna Wilson as Recording Secretary of the Natural Lands Trust Advisory Committee
- 2024-037 Appointing Marie Skelly as a Member of the Municipal Utility Authorities Board
- 2024-038 Appointing Joy Maxwell and Barbara Jeffrey as Members and Jessica DiFrancia and John Edmunds as Alternate Members of the Board of Health
- 2024-039 Appointing Katherine Tucker and Cynthia Varamo as Members of the Green Team Advisory Committee
- 2024-040 Appointing the Mayor, Zoning Officer, Township Engineer, Township Administrator and Committeeman Daniel Maxwell as Members of the ADA Advisory Committee

- 2024-041 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
- 2024-042 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)
- 2024-043 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
- 2024-044 Designating Committeeman John Kehm as Trustee of Great Bay Regional Volunteer Emergency Medical Services, Inc.
- 2024-045 Appointing the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as Representatives to the Community Development Block Grant Committee
- 2024-046 Appointing Members to the Floodplain Management Plan Committee

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: Gormley All in Favor

Motion to Approve: Gormley Second: Laney

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Open to Public

No public comment.

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

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Committeeman Ray Gormley congratulated the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on being reappointed for another successful year. He thanked everyone in attendance. He thanked his wife for supporting him. He also thanked Brian Rumpf for attending.

Committeeman Kenneth Laney congratulated John Kehm and Ray Gormley on the re-election. He congratulated Mayor Scibetta and Deputy Mayor Maxwell. He thanked the employees for all their hard work, the residents in attendance and his family for all the love and support.

Committeeman John Kehm congratulated Committeeman Gormley, Mayor Scibetta and Deputy Mayor Scibetta. He thanked his family for all the support over the years. He also thanked Congressman Van Drew for the honor to have him in attendance and administer the oaths. He also thanked Brian Rumpf for attending. He stated the Committee will continue to "keep on steam rolling and keep moving the town forward to be a better place to live." He wished everyone a Happy New Year and looks forward to seeing them at upcoming meetings.

Deputy Mayor Daniel Maxwell wished Mayor Scibetta a Happy New Year. He thanked Congressman Van Drew for the honor of administering the oaths and for all he does for South Jersey. He thanked Pastor Bowen for the invocation and the VFW and American Legion for attending and doing so much for the town. He stated it was a privilege and honor to serve as Deputy Mayor in 2023 and he is looking forward to 2024 and continuing to keep the momentum going. He also congratulated Committeemen Gormley and Kehm on the re-election and for their leadership and experience which is paramount to the success of the committee. He stated he is looking forward to working with Mayor Scibetta again. He lastly thanked his family for the love and support they provide.

Mayor Scibetta wished everyone a Happy New Year. He thanked god, his family and the residents for the opportunity. He thanked the Committee for having the confidence in him to lead the town again in 2024. He stated his message stays the same in 2024 to "keep the town moving forward" by working with other local municipalities in shared services agreements, having a bigger voice at the County, State and Federal level on vast issues, and looking for solutions for a better quality of life for the residents. He stated the professionals have done a great job acquiring millions of dollars of grant funding for various road, drainage and sidewalk projects. He continued with an email that a third grader sent him "My warm winter wish is to have sidewalks because people can get run over. I do not want that to happen at all. Oh no. That's why we should have sidewalks." Mayor Scibetta stated we need to listen more to our children, who carry our name and are a direct reflection on us becoming our future leaders of the township and the world. He thanked the religious organizations for participating in the Committee meetings and providing their prayer. He also thanked VFW and American Legion for all the support they provide throughout the year. He finished with his mission of "moving the town forward, challenging the masses, never wavering the moral compass, cleaning up what needs to be done for all the good of this great Township". He wished everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2024.

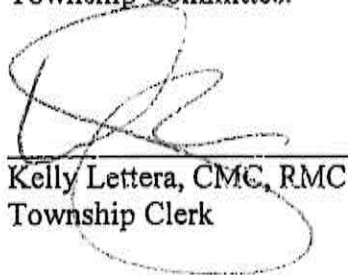
Benediction by American Legion Post 493

Motion to Adjourn: Kehm

Second: Laney

All in favor

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



Kelly Lettera, CMC, RMC
Township Clerk