# Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting

## December 12, 2024

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.

Chris Sayer said an opening Invocation.

#### 3. 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 December 12, 2024 was duly advertised, posted in the Municipal Complex, and has remained posted as required under the aforesaid statute. I am directed to include a record of this statement in the minutes of the meeting."

#### 4. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Mr. Kehm

# 5. PRESENTATIONS:

- Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore Gold, Silver and Bronze Awardees

  Committeeman Laney read the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore Gold, Silver and Bronze Awardees

  proclamation and the Mayor and Committee presented the proclamation to Grace Catalano, Elexis

  Deshin, Victoria King and Rosalia King.
- Pinelands Jr. Wildcats Youth Football and Cheer
  Committeeman Gormley read the Pinelands Jr. Wildcats Youth Football and Cheer proclamation and
  the Mayor and Committee presented the proclamation to President, Roberta Rapisardi.
- ➤ Pinclands Youth Jersey Shore Baseball and Softball Association

  Deputy Mayor Maxwell read the Pinclands Youth Jersey Shore Baseball and Softball Association

  proclamation and the Mayor and Committee presented the proclamation to Vice President, Chris
  Sayre.
- Pinelands Soccer Association

  Mayor Scibetta read the Pinelands Soccer Association proclamation and the Mayor and Committee presented the proclamation to President, Mike Wallace.
- Local Environmental Hero Award presented by Christine Moran, LEHT Environmental Commission

  Christine Moran, LEHT Environmental Commission presented the Local Environmental Hero Award to Gary & Roseann Rizzolo.

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6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 27, 2024 Special Meeting

A November 14, 2024

November 14, 2024 Executive Session A

Motion to Approve: Gormley

Second: Maxwell

Roll Call:

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

Mr. Laney Abstained from November 14, 2024 and yes to the balance

7. ORDINANCE [SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]

Ordinance 2024-21

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey, Creating a New Chapter 238 of the Township Code of the Township of

Little Egg Harbor Entitled "Memorial Bench Dedication Program"

Motion to Open to Public: Laney

Second: Gormley

All in Favor

No one spoke from the public.

Motion to Close to Public: Laney

Second: Gormley

All in Favor

Motion to Adopt: Maxwell

Second: Gormley

Roll Call:

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

Ordinance 2024-28

Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Road and Drainage Improvements, Appropriating \$1,000,000 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$950,000 Bonds and Notes to Finance a Portion of the Costs Thereof, Authorized in and By the Township of Little Egg Harbor, In the County of Ocean, New Jersey

Motion to Open to Public: Maxwell

Second: Gormley

All in Favor

No one spoke from the public.

Motion to Close to Public: Maxwell

Second: Laney

All in Favor

Motion to Adopt: Laney

Second: Gormley

Roll Call:

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

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Ordinance 2024-29 Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of Various Public Works and

Police Equipment, Appropriating \$1,465,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,391,750 Bonds and Notes to Finance a Portion of the Costs Thereof, Authorized in and by the Township of Little Egg Harbor, in the County

of Ocean, New Jersey

Motion to Open to Public: Laney

Second: Maxwell

All in Favor

No one spoke from the public.

Motion to Close to Public: Gormley

Second: Laney

All in Favor

Motion to Adopt: Gormley

Second: Maxwell

Roll Call:

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

Ordinance 2024-30

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: Maxwell

Second: Laney

All in Favor

No one spoke from the public.

Motion to Close to Public: Laney

Second: Maxwell

All in Favor

Motion to Adopt: Laney

Second: Maxwell

Roll Call:

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

Ordinance 2024-31

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of

New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter 293 of the Township Code

Entitled "Solid Waste and Recycling Collection"

Motion to Open to Public: Laney

Second: Maxwell

All in Favor

No one spoke from the public.

Motion to Close to Public: Laney

Second: Gormley

All in Favor

Motion to Adopt: Laney

Second: Maxwell

Roll Call:

All Yes: Mr. Laney; Mr. Maxwell; Mayor Scibetta

Abstain: Mr. Gormley

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Ordinance 2024-32

an Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter 144 of the Township Code Entitled "Building Material Drop-off"

Motion to Open to Public: Laney

Second: Maxwell

All in Favor

No one spoke from the public.

Motion to Close to Public: Maxwell

Second: Laney

All in Favor

Motion to Adopt: Gormley

Second: Maxwell

Roll Call:

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

## 8. 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

Authorizing the Acceptance of Spinnaker Drive [A resolution authorizing the township to accept a letter of credit from Amboy Bancorporation in the amount of \$116,340.00 to assure the completion of Spinnaker Drive and the Storm water Basins at Harbor View Estates]

2024-289 Support of Various Legislation to Assist Veterans [A resolution supporting multiple legislative bills that the 9th District Legislators introduced to assist NJ veterans]

Approving Participation in the Safe and Secure Communities Grant Program Administered by the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety and Acceptance of a Grant Sub-Award of \$45,150 [Accepting grant funds from the Department of Law and Public Safety for additional law enforcement personnel assigned to address quality of life issues within the community while increasing community relationship between police and residents.]

2024-291 Reviewing the Little Egg Harbor Board of Fire Commissioners, District No. 3 Compensation in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-88

Authorizing the Transfer of Victoria Mazanek from the Construction/Zoning Department to the Little Egg Harbor Township Municipal Court [A resolution authorizing a lateral transfer of Victoria Mazanek from the Construction/Zoning Department to the LEHT Municipal Court]

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2024-293	Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Ocean County Board of Health for Animal Facility Services [A resolution for the utilization of animal shelters for confining, receiving, housing and distributing animals accepted by the shelters.]
2024-294	Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement With the County of Ocean for Reimbursement for Costs for Mystic Island Drainage Improvements – Phase 4 in the Amount of \$4,180,500.00 From American Rescue Act Funding [A shared services agreement with Ocean County to provide aide by reimbursement for the costs associated with the Mystic Island Drainage Improvement-Phase 4 project in the amount of \$4,180,500.00 from American Rescue Plan Act Funding]
2024-295	Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property by Open Public Auction in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.8 [Authorizing the sale of surplus personal property through Source well National Cooperative, GovDeals, Inc. public auction]
2024-296	Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes and Provide a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A 54:4-3.30 on Property Qualifying for Veterans Property Tax Exemption (Manfred Grenzebach, Block 277, Lot 13)
2024-297	Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes and Provide a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A 54:4-3.30 on Property Qualifying for Veterans Property Tax Exemption (Michael A. Sizemore, Block 284.02, Lot 7)
2024-298	Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes and Provide a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A 54:4-3.30 on Property Qualifying for Veterans Property Tax Exemption (Joseph Nigro, Block 287.05, Lot 7)
2024-299	Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes and Provide a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A 54:4-3.30 on Property Qualifying for Veterans Property Tax Exemption (Ralph T. Sturmfels, Block 282, Lot 6.115)
2024-300	Authorizing Tax Refunds
2024-301	Authorizing the Transfers of Appropriations in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58
2024-302	Certifying Tax Liens for Costs Incurred in Accordance with the Property Maintenance Code

# 9. CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to Open to Public: Gormley

Second: Laney

All in Favor

No one spoke from the public.

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Motion to Close to Public: Maxwell

Second: Gormley

All in Favor

Motion to Approve: Laney

Second: Gormley

Roll Call:

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

## 10. BILL RESOLUTION 2024-303

A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$5,373,694.28

Motion to Approve: Laney

Second: Maxwell

Roll Call:

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

Abstain: Mr. Laney abstained from 24-01091, 24-01127, 24-01179, 24-01251, 24-01252,

24D06644, 24D06646, 24D06652

## 11. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS

Township Engineer, Charlie Cunliffe, reported the 2023 road improvement program is nearing completion, he stated all roads have been paved by Arawak Paving and they are continuing restoration work. He then stated they secured the CDBG grant reimbursement for a portion of the project. He stated they are still working with DOT and Ocean Winds for work on Oak Lane, Flax Isle Drive, and Daddy Tucker Drive. He then reported on the 2025 drainage improvement program, he stated they completed survey work and are currently working on design for a bid in mid-January. He then stated his last report was that the County had released the CDBG program and they will be applying for funding. Then he wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Gormley complimented the Township Engineers for fixing an issue on Daddy Tucker Drive.

Mayor Scibetta provided the residents with the streets included in Resolution 2024-29 that project are North Binnacle Drive, South Binnacle Drive, North Commodore Drive, South Commodore Drive, North Forecastle Drive, South Forecastle Drive, South Longboat Drive, Staysail Drive, North Captains Drive, South Captains Drive, West Playhouse Drive, Ship Drive, Spar Court, and Tiller Court.

Mr. Cunliffe stated that they are looking for that project to take place Fall 2025.

## 12. PUBLIC COMMENT - Any Topic

Motion to Open to the Public: Laney

Second: Gormley

All in Favor

Mr. Franco of West Hudson stated this was his last year on the Environmental Commission, he thanked the Commission as well as the Committee for their support over the last couple years.

Motion to Close Public Comment: Laney

Second: Maxwell

All in Favor

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#### 13. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Committeeman Gormley stated he would like to receive an answer in regards to the recent drone sightings. He thanked the Recreation Director Kathy Tucker and the volunteers for pictures with Santa. He stated it was a great year in Little Egg Harbor and that will continue going forward. He then wished everyone a Happy, Healthy Holiday and Merry Christmas. He stated to be safe and he looks forward to having a great 2025.

Committeeman Laney announced the second annual gift give away starts tomorrow December 13th, with the donation drop off anyone who wants to drop off anything for anyone in need it will take place at the Community Center from 12pm-6pm. The gift shop is Saturday, December 14th from 10am-3pm at the Community Center. He then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

Deputy Mayor Maxwell wished the Committee a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. He stated it is a true honor to be serving with them. He then stated the same to the Township employees and thanked them for all they do for the town. He then stated he was grateful for the public that expresses concerns and voices at the meetings to help continue Little Egg Harbor in a great direction. He then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holidays.

Mayor Scibetta stated it was a great year for Little Egg Harbor, especially with grants. He thanked the professionals for all they do. He then stated with the issues with Atlantic City Electric and that they will continue to move forward with fighting for the township. He then thanked Kathy Tucker for the events this year. He read a quote that stated "Community is ranked on how they treat their children and how they treat their seniors." He stated he thinks the town does a great job at community events and youth organizations. He then thanked everyone, wished them a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Hanukkah. He stated he looks forward to seeing everyone January 1st at 12:00pm and there will be an event to follow.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION 2024-304

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 personal matter, attorney-client privilege and contractual matters, formal action maybe taken.

Motion to Approve: Laney

Second: Maxwell

All in Favor

Motion to Close Executive Session and Reconvene Regular Township Meeting: Maxwell

Second: Laney

All in Favor

Resolution 2024-305

Authorizing the Submission of a permit Application for Outdoor Advertising Sign to New Jersey Department of Transporation

Motion to Approve: Gormley

Second: Laney

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15. Motion to Adjourn: Maxwell

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

<sup>\*&</sup>quot;Any invocation that may be offered before the official start of the Committee meeting is offered by a person who is expressing private thoughts as governed by his or her own conscience, to and for the benefit of the Committee. The views or beliefs expressed by the invocation speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by the Committee and do not necessarily represent the religious beliefs or views of the Committee in part or as a whole. No member of the community is required to attend or participate in the invocation and such decision will have no impact on their right to participate actively in the business of the Committee."