

Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting

March 13, 2025

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Daniel Maxwell called the Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Time: 7:00 p.m.

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 March 13, 2025 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. Kehm; Mr. Laney; Mr. Scibetta; Mayor Maxwell

5. PRESENTATIONS:

➤ Week of the Young Child (April 5-11, 2025)

Deputy Mayor Laney read the Week of the Young Child proclamation.

➤ National Library Week (April 6-12, 2025)

Committeeman Kehm read the National Library Week proclamation and the Mayor and Committee Members presented the proclamation to Dorothy Uhl, LEHT Branch Manager.

➤ Meals on Wheels Senior Nutrition Programs

Mayor Maxwell read the Meals on Wheels Senior Nutrition Programs proclamation and the Mayor and Committee Members presented the proclamation to Community Relations Specialist, Heather deJong.

➤ Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month

Committeeman Scibetta read the Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month proclamation and the Mayor and Committee Members presented the proclamation to Michael Simoncini.

➤ 2024 Police Recognitions by Chief James Hawkins

Chief of Police Chief James Hawkins presented 2024 Recognition Awards to the following Police Officers:

Good Conduct for 10 Years of Service: Sgt. Daniel Ivancich and Sgt. James Fehring

Drug Buster Award: Det. Luke Wiatrowski

Life Saving Award: Officer Sydney Dirtrick and Officer Brett Behrens

Unit Citation Award: Det. Matthew Cook, Det. Joseph Falkiewicz, Det. Christopher Costa and Det. Sgt. Kenneth Schilling

Meritorious Service Award: Officer David DeFeo

Honorable Service Award: Sgt. Steven Mancine and Officer Eric Nelson (Mr. Nelson Retired 2024)

- 2025-094 Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Agreement and Collective Bargaining Agreement With Government Workers Union (GWU), Public Safety Telecommunicators *[Authorizing the execution of a MOU and collective bargaining agreement between LEHT and GWU for a period of time retroactive from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026]*
- 2025-095 Authorizing a Contract For Standard Fitness Court Installation at the Little Egg Harbor Township Sports Complex Fitness Court by Level Up Retail Services *[Authorizing a contract of award to Level Up Retail Services in an amount not to exceed \$38,780.92 for the installation of a standard fitness court at the LEHT Sports Complex]*
- 2025-096 Adopting Procedure for Administration and Inspection of Federal Aid Highway Projects for the Sidewalk-Safety Improvements to Frog Pond Road, Railroad Avenue and Parkertown Drive *[LEHT, as required by NJDOT, developed a Policy outlining the required procedures for the Administration of Federally Funded Transportation projects administered through NJDOT]*
- 2025-097 Adopting Procedure for Administration and Inspection of Federal Aid Highway Projects for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Improvements to Radio Road *[LEHT, as required by NJDOT, developed a Policy outlining the required procedures for the Administration of Federally Funded Transportation projects administered through NJDOT]*
- 2025-098 Authorizing the Cancellation of Outstanding Checks
- 2025-099 Authorizing Tax Refunds
- 2025-100 Authorizing Appropriation Reserve Transfers in Accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:4-59
- 2025-102 Authorizing the Purchase and Installation of License Plate Scanners, Cameras and Equipment for the Police Department Under State Contract 17-FLEET-00716 (T0106-LAW Enforcement Firearms, Equipment and Supplies)

9. CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

All comments shall be addressed to the Mayor and all individuals making comment must state their name and address for the record. The Mayor will respond once your comment is complete.

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

No one from the public spoke.

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

Motion to Approve: Laney Second: Kehm

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

10. BILL RESOLUTION 2025-101

A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$3,603,409.84

Motion to Approve: Kehm

Second: Laney

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

11. MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

- Bingo Application No. 2025-002 for PTO of Little Egg Harbor, Inc.; On-Premise Pocketbook Bingo at 305 Frog Pond Road on April 12, 2025
- Raffle Application No. 2025-008 for PTO of Little Egg Harbor, Inc.; On-Premise Gift Basket Raffle at 305 Frog Pond Road on April 12, 2025
- Raffle Application No. 2025-009 for PTO of Little Egg Harbor, Inc.; On-Premise 50/50 Raffle at 305 Frog Pond Road on April 12, 2025
- Raffle Application No. 2025-010 for PTO of Little Egg Harbor, Inc.; On-Premise Merchandise Raffle at 305 Frog Pond Road on April 12, 2025
- Raffle Application No. 2025-011 for Knights of Columbus St. Theresa Council #14615; On-Premise 50/50 Raffle at 251A Country Club Blvd on June 2, 2025
- Raffle Application No. 2025-012 for St. Francis of Assisi Church; On-Premise 50/50 Raffle at 99 Golf View Road on May 5, 2025
- Raffle Application No. 2025-013 for St. Francis of Assisi Church; On Premise Merchandise Raffle at 99 Golf View Road on May 5, 2025
- Raffle Application No. 2025-014 for Harbor Bay Gaming Club; On-premise 50/50 Raffle at 102 Newport Way from April 4, 2025 through March 28, 2026

Motion to Approve: Gormley

Second: Kehm

All in Favor

12. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS

Township Engineer, Jason Worth reported on March 6, 2025, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Business Administrator and himself met with the County to discuss projects that will be taking place in town for 2025 and in the coming years. He stated the project on Radio Road in underway from Great Bay Blvd down Mathistown Road and some significant improvements will be taking place at the intersection of Oak Lane. He stated next week the concrete will be poured then milling and paving will be scheduled thereafter with Earle Asphalt purposing the project to be complete by mid-May. He stated a traffic light will be installed at the intersection of Radio Road and Country Club Blvd. in the beginning of 2027. He stated the County's 2024 B paving contract will be advertised in 2025 and constructed fall 2026 which includes Radio Road from Mystic Beach to the Osbourn Island bridge and includes drainage work to elevate the roadway and areas that are susceptible to flooding. He stated the County will be paving Center Street from Mathistown Road to Lake Crystalbrook Drive. He stated the 2025 B paving contract, which will be advertised spring of 2026 and completed by fall 2026, which includes Nugentown Road, from Otis Bog to Route 539 and also Route 539 from Hickory Lane 900 ft past the parkway. He stated once the projects go out to bid the township will be notified and the township will be able to update the Committee and the public. He stated the 2024 drainage improvement project which includes drainage improvements in various areas throughout the township, will be received on March 14 and a recommendation of award will be at the April Committee meeting. He stated the 2024 NJDOT Municipal Aid grant project for Leitz Blvd. bids will be received on April 3, 2025 and the roads included are East

and West Potomac, East and West Susquehanna, East and West Raritan and East and West Shrewsbury. He stated the plans have been approved by the NJDEP and bids will be accepted on April 16, 2025. He stated the MUA and gas company are wrapping up their projects and the township wants to begin as soon as their projects are complete.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT - Any Topic

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

Mr. Parrinello of Masters Court, President of Sea Oaks Board of Trustees, spoke on behalf of Sea Oaks HOA regarding the Mancini Property and concerns they have regarding the development of a restaurant/bar at that location. He requested that the Committee consider allowing the County to purchase the land as open space for the migrant birds and endangered species.

Mr. Smith of Surfside Blvd requested information regarding the tax online payment system and why owners get locked out of the system from making payments. Mr. Haines stated he will speak with the Tax Collector on the process and get back to him.

Mr. Edmunds of Spruce Dr. spoke regarding the over population of the township and how it is effecting the peaceful lifestyle many moved to LEHT for.

Ms. May of Augusta Dr. stated the people from the audience are at the meeting on behalf of Sea Oaks. She reiterated that the residents of Sea Oaks are in favor of the County purchasing the property for Open Space.

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

14. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Committeeman Gormley wished everyone a happy spring and summer and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Committeeman Kehm congratulated the Chief and police staff on the awards given. He wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Committeeman Scibetta reiterated what a great job the police staff is doing to keep the town safe. He wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Deputy Mayor Laney thanked and congratulated the police department. He stated the senior lunch social will be on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 11:30am at the senior center. He reported the third annual community center day will be held on May 17, 2025 from 11am to 2pm. He reported the second annual Environmental Commission Green Fair is being held on Saturday, April 19 from 12pm to 2pm at the community center. He reported the Senior Citizen Expo will be held on Wednesday, May 7 from 9am to 12pm at the community center. He stated for those who are interested in being in the Memorial Day

