

## Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting

April 10, 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 April 10, 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. Laney; Mr. Scibetta; Mayor Maxwell

Absent: Mr. Kehm

### **5. PRESENTATIONS:**

- National Autism Acceptance Month

*Committeeman Scibetta read the National Autism Acceptance Month proclamation and the Mayor and Committee Members presented the proclamation to Jackie Seeger of Frog Pond Elementary.*

- National Volunteer Week (April 20-26, 2025)

*Committeeman Laney read the National Volunteer Week proclamation and the Mayor and Committee Members presented the proclamation to Little Egg Harbor Board and Commission volunteers.*

- Earth Day (April 22, 2025)

*Mayor Maxwell read the Earth Day proclamation.*

### **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- February 13, 2025 Executive Session
- March 13, 2025
- March 13, 2025 Executive Session
- March 24, 2025 Special Meeting

Motion to Approve: Gormley

Second: Laney

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

### **7. ORDINANCE [SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]**

Ordinance 2025-02 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, in the 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: Gormley

All in Favor

2025-120 Awarding a Contract for 2024 Drainage Improvement Project to Earle Asphalt  
*[Awarding a contract to Earle Asphalt for drainage and roadway improvements on Nugentown Road, 388 Golf View Drive, 440 Stage Road, 8 Pembroke Court, 4 Hogan Court, 63 West Anchor Drive and Columbia Road, for a total amount not to exceed \$360,213.13]*

**10. 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 spoke from the public.*

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

Motion to Approve: Gormley                      Second: Laney

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

**11. BILL RESOLUTION 2025-119**

A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$3,555,933.91

Motion to Approve: Scibetta                      Second: Gormley

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

**12. MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS**

- Raffle Application No. 2025-015 for St. Theresa's Church; On-premise Basket Raffle at 261 Country Club Blvd on June 2, 2025
- Raffle Application No. 2025-016 for American Legion Post 493 Mystic Island; Off-Premise 50/50 Cash Raffle at 420 Radio Road on October 11, 2025
- Raffle Application No. 2025-017 for Women's Club by the Bay; On-Premise Gift Auction at 102 Newport Way on August 10, 2025
- Raffle Application No. 2025-018 for Women's Club by the Bay; On-Premise 50/50 Raffle at 102 Newport Way on June 21, September 21, and September 25, 2025

Motion to Approve: Laney                      Second: Scibetta                      All in Favor

**13. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS**

*Township Engineer, Jason Worth reported a new stormwater management page has been added to the township website which includes water quality ordinances, reports and educational documentation for the public. He stated the stormwater page is required by the state. He stated the bid opening for Mystic Island Drainage Phase 3 which includes the Potomac's, Shrewsbury's, Raritan's and Susquehanna's will be on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 with the hopes of an award by the next meeting. He stated the MUA is done with their work and the gas company is now working on their part so as soon as the*

*township awards the project, work will get started. He stated the Mystic Island Drainage Improvements Phase 4 which includes the neighborhood off West Playhouse and Staysail Drive and design plans are in the works. He stated the MUA will be bidding their project this month but the township will be ready to go out to bid later this summer. He stated himself and the Township Administrator had a kick-off meeting with NJDOT 2024 Safe Routes to School project which will include sidewalks, curbing and crosswalks on Frog Pond Road, Parkertown Drive and Railroad Avenue. He stated himself and the Township Administrator will have another kick-off meeting with NJDOT the week of April 28 for the Radio Road Improvements, from Mathistown Road to the beach. He stated he had a meeting with Level-up regarding the fitness equipment and they will be installing the equipment starting May 21. Lastly, he reported that the township has NJDOT grants for Atlantis Blvd for storm drainage and roadway improvements and also a local transportation grant for sidewalk improvements on Radio Road from Country Club to Oak Lane. He stated he and the Township Administrator are working on scope and budget letters so the projects can move forward as well.*

**14. PUBLIC COMMENT - Any Topic**

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Motion to Open to the Public: Laney

Second: Gormley

All in Favor

*Mr. Birch of Mariners Point asked if the bathroom can be moved to the entrance because it is not ADA compliant.*

*Ms. Frazier of Pike Peak Road on behalf of the Pinelands Soccer Association asking for assistance with the drainage issues so the various teams can play on the fields. She thanked the Committee and employees for all they do but they need further help with the fields. Mayor Maxwell requested that Ms. Frazier email the Township Administrator the information along with the slideshow. He further stated it is definitely on their radar and they are looking into correcting the problem.*

*Ms. Erber of Flax Court asked where she can find the 2025 budget on the website. Mr. Haines stated the 2025 budget has not yet been adopted. She asked about the rate and how the taxes are proportioned and how will the ratable effect the 2025 budget. Mr. Haines stated each of the entities budget is calculated on their own. He stated there is no redistribution. Ms. Frazier also asked when the reevaluation will be taking place in town. Mr. Haines stated when the State and the County make the town do it. He stated the amount for the reassessment will be well over a million dollars.*

*Ms. Quick of Kadlubeck Way thanked everyone for the Crayons for Cops event at the library. She also stated she is very upset about the school budget and talk of laying off teachers, large class sizes and discontinuing programs.*

*Mayor Maxwell stated the school board is out of the township scope and they are a separate entity.*

*Ms. Driver of N. Spinnaker Drive stated there is a structured home on 115 N. Ensign Drive that is lived in off and on and only taxed as land only for the last ten years.*

*Mayor Maxwell stated he will have the Township Administrator look into it and get back to her.*

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

**15. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

*Committeeman Gormley stated the Spring Season is upon us and the beach signs will be installed soon. He also stated the bathroom at the beach will get corrected. He wished everyone a safe and healthy Happy Easter.*

*Committeeman Scibetta reported the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual green fair will be held on Saturday, April 19 from 10am to 2pm at the community center. He stated on the same day, the clean-up event will be held and he asked everyone to sign up prior so t-shirts can be provided. He stated he sits on the business tourism board and he asked to support local restaurants. He wished everyone a Happy Easter.*

*Deputy Mayor Laney reported the police will be playing basketball with the Pinelands students at 6pm at the Junior High School. He also reported the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual community center day on May 17 from 11am to 2pm at the community center. He wished everyone a Happy Easter.*

*Mayor Maxwell reported he went on a ride along with Meals on Wheels delivering food from home. He stated it was an eye opening event and truly an amazing organization and means so much to so many. He stated the Tax Collector's Office has been helping residents with their PSI applications and will be doing every Wednesday in April and May from 1:00pm – 3pm. He thanked everyone in attendance and wished everyone a Happy Easter.*

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION 2025-120**

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 contractual matters, attorney/client privilege, formal action maybe taken.*

Motion to Approve: Gormley                      Second: Scibetta                      All in Favor

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


Second: Scibetta                      All in Favor

17. **Motion to Adjourn:** Scibetta

Second: Laney

All in Favor

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



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Kelly Lettera, CMC, RMC  
Township Clerk

*\*"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."*

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