

Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting Minutes

June 12, 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 June 12, 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:

- Rubinstein-Taybi Syndrome (RTS) Awareness Day (July 3, 2025)

Committeeman Scibetta read the Rubinstein-Taybi Syndrome (RTS) Awareness Day proclamation and the Mayor and Committee Members presented the proclamation to Evelyn and the Townsman family.

- Alzheimer's Awareness

Committeeman Laney read the Alzheimer's Awareness proclamation.

- "What Does Memorial Day Mean to You" Essay Contest Winners

Mayor Maxwell provided certifications to the winners of the "What Does Memorial Day Mean to You" essay contest.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- May 8, 2025 Meeting
- May 8, 2025 Executive Session

Motion to Approve: Gormley

Second: Laney

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

7. ORDINANCE [SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]

Ordinance 2025-04 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 307 Entitled "Tobacco, Sale Of"

Motion to Open to Public: Kehm

Second: Laney

All in Favor

Ordinance 2025-08 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 215, "Land Use and Development", Article XII, "Improvement Standards", §215-12.7 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, Entitled "Trees"

Motion to Introduce: Gormley Second: Kehm

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

Ordinance 2025-09 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter 86 of the Township Code Entitled "Officers and Employees" so as to Create Article 83, Recreation Director

Motion to Introduce: Laney Second: Scibetta

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

Ordinance 2025-10 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the increase of final appropriations to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits for CY 2025 and to establish a cap bank pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14

Motion to Introduce: Gormley Second: Laney

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

9. 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.

Township Administrator Rodney Haines stated he would like the Committee to table Resolution 2025-159, Introduction of the 2025 Municipal Budget, until the next regularly scheduled meeting. He stated he would like to discuss options with them in executive session.

Motion to Table Resolution 2025-159 till the July Committee Meeting: Scibetta

Second: Kehm

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

Township Clerk, Kelly Lettera, read by title all the Resolutions on the consent agenda except Resolution 2025-159.

RESOLUTIONS

- 2025-142 Adopting the Ocean County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan *[A resolution adopting the Ocean County 2025 Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan to reduce or eliminate long term risk to people and property from the impacts of future hazards and disasters including but not limited to coastal storms, hurricanes, nor'easters, flooding, winter storms, severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, extreme temperatures, drought, wildfire, earthquakes, dam failure, and hazardous material incidents]*
- 2025-143 Adopting the Recommendation of the Little Egg Harbor Township Natural Lands Trust Advisory Committee *[A resolution recommending that commercially zoned properties in LEHT should not be considered for acquisition by either the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust or by the Little Egg Harbor Natural Lands Trust]*
- 2025-144 Supporting the Implementation of a Wildlife Interaction Plan to Protect Northern Diamondback Terrapins and Promote Community Education *[A resolution of support to implement the Wildlife Interaction Plan for the protection of Northern Diamondback Terrapins with educational materials, promoting awareness, and supporting best practices that align and contribute to wildlife conservation in LEHT]*
- 2025-145 Urging Congressional Leadership to Ensure Full Funding and Seamless Transfer of Older Americans Act Programs to the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) *[A resolution to ensure that all Older American Act programs formerly under the Administration for Community Living are fully funded and transferred seamlessly to the Administration for Children and Families providing a comprehensive continuum of services to meet the needs of older adults]*
- 2025-146 Authorizing the Execution of an Employment Agreement with Katherine Tucker as Full-Time Recreation Director
- 2025-147 Appointing Robert Shay as a Regular Member and Bryson Kershner and Ancil Terry, Jr. as Alternate Members of the Planning Board
- 2025-148 Authorizing the Promotion of Alexander Bralus to the Position of Heavy Truck Driver *[An appointment promoting existing DPW employee Alexander Bralus from a laborer to Heavy Truck Driver]*
- 2025-149 Authorizing the Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption and Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses for the 2025-2026 Licensing Year *[All LEHT Plenary Retail Consumption and Distribution Liquor Licensees have met state and township requirements for the renewal of the 2025-2026 licensing year]*
- 2025-150 Authorizing the Renewal of Club Licenses for the 2025-2026 Licensing Year *[All LEHT Club Liquor Licensees have met state and township requirements for the renewal of the 2025-2026 licensing year]*

- 2025-151 Authorizing the Filing of an Application for the NJDOT Municipal Aid Program FY2026 for Improvements to West Calabreeze Way
- 2025-152 Authorizing the Municipal Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3 [A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the third installment of 2025 taxes]
- 2025-153 Awarding a Contract for Pedestrian Safety Improvements to Oak Lane Project to Black Rock Enterprises, LLC [A resolution awarding a contract to Black Rock for the Oak Lane Pedestrian Safety Improvements in the amount of \$732,13585]
- 2025-154 Awarding a Contract for Mystic Island Drainage Improvements – Phase 3 Project to Earle Asphalt Company [A resolution awarding a contract to Earle Asphalt for the Mystic Island Drainage Improvements - Phase 3 Project in the amount of \$2,952,413.13]
- 2025-155 Certifying Costs to the Board of Assessments for the Atlantis Section Maintenance Dredging Project
- 2025-156 Certifying Costs to the Board of Assessments for the Mystic Island West Phase I Maintenance Dredging Project
- 2025-157 Authorizing the Execution of Memorandum of Understanding with Rutgers University to Prepare a Climate Change-Related Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (CCRHVA) in Accordance with Municipal Land Use Law [Authorizing the Execution of a MOU with Rutgers University to prepare a CCRHVA to include in the Land Use Element of the Township Master Plan]
- 2025-158 Authorizing the Execution of a Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964” [A resolution requiring the Governing Body to certify that LEHT's hiring practices comply with the US EEOC before submitting the approved annual budget to DCA]

~~2025-159 — Introduction of the 2025 Municipal Budget~~

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: Scibetta All in Favor

No one from the public spoke.

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

Motion to Approve: Laney

Second: Gormley

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

11. BILL RESOLUTION 2025-160

A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$4,954,861.93

Motion to Approve: Gormley

Second: Kehm

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

12. MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

- Raffle Application No. 2025-019 for St. Theresa's Church; Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle at 450 Radio Road beginning August 5, 2025 through July 7, 2026
- Raffle Application No. 2025-020 for Italian American Social Club; On-Premise 50/50 Raffle at 99 Golf View Drive on July 27, 2025 and December 14, 2025
- Raffle Application No. 2025-021 for Italian American Social Club; Pull-Tab Raffle at 105 Falcon Drive Beginning September 1, 2025 through August 30, 2026
- Raffle Application No. 2025-022 for Sunshine Foundation; On-Premise Gift Raffle at 420 Radio Road on July 12, 2025
- Raffle Application No. 2025-023 for West Tuckerton Fire Company; On-Premise 50/50 Raffle at 505 Route 9 South on October 4, 2025
- Raffle Application No. 2025-024 for West Tuckerton Fire Company; On-Premise Gift Auction at 505 Route 9 South on October 4, 2025
- Raffle Application No. 2025-025 for West Tuckerton Fire Company; On-Premise Lottery Hat Raffle at 505 Route 9 South on October 4, 2025
- Raffle Application No. 2025-026 for Pinelands Jr. Wildcats Football Club, Inc.; Off-Premise Gift Basket at 1 Sports Complex Drive on July 11, 2025

Motion to Approve: Kehm

Second: Laney

All in Favor

13. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS

Township Engineer, Jason Worth, reported the County has completed the schedule c project for the year and he thanked Public Works for working with the residents by moving their cars allowing the work to get completed. He also reported the paving is complete for Radio Road from Mathistown Road to Great Bay Blvd with temporary stripping. He sated the permanent stripping will get done and will be similar to what is currently in place. He stated the traffic light at Radio Road and Country Club will be installed late next year. He stated the fitness court at the recreation complex has been installed with a grand opening event being held on Monday, June 23, 2025 at 10am. He stated the Leitz Blvd project continues and paving will be complete before the July 4th weekend. He stated the Township's Drainage project continues and should be complete within the next few weeks. He wished every father a Happy Father's Day and Happy 4th of July.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT - Any Topic

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Motion to Open to the Public: Laney

Second: Gormley

All in Favor

Ms. Hackett of Kentucky Drive representing Osborn Island Homeowners Association asked about action for the fish kill this coming season. She also stated Delaware has a system in place that the township should look into.

Mr. Haines stated calls regarding fish kill would go into NJDEP for them to test the water and see what the reasoning. He stated NJDEP stated that last years levels were normal. He stated he will reach out to Delaware to inquire what their process is.

Committeeman Gormley stated last year levels were actually normal and it is due to the lack of oxygen in the water.

Mr. Camiolo of N. Forecastle Drive stated he has been a resident for many years and is looking to provide the Committee with information on making the town golf cart friendly on the roadways with speeds under 35mph.

Mr. Bright of Lake St. Claire Drive stated he is having issues with his neighbor's bulkhead.

Mr. Schmidt of Lake St. Claire Drive stated he is also neighbors with Mr. Bright and he reiterated that the neighbor's bulkhead is failing due to the storm drainage.

Township Engineer, Jason Worth, stated he will take a look at it and get back to them.

Motion to Close Public Comment: Gormley

Second: Laney

All in Favor

15. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Committeeman Gormley wished all the dads a Happy Father's Day.

Committeeman Kehm congratulated Committeeman Laney and Committeeman Gormley on the Primary Election numbers. He lastly wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day. He stated the end of September beginning of October there will be a benefit to raise money for the Pulaski Monument and he will keep everyone posted. He also wished everyone a safe and Happy 4th of July.

Committeeman Scibetta stated the Memorial Day Parade was a great event and thanked all who participated. He also thanked the realtors for taking down the signs at the Memorial Day park. He also thanked all the volunteers who helped out with the various organizations for the kids. Lastly, he thanked everyone for coming out and wished all a Happy Father's Day.

Deputy Mayor Laney stated they are still looking for classic cars for the free ice cream social on August 21, 2025 from 1-3pm at the Community Center. He also stated the free 5th annual community wide garage

