

**LITTLE EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

JUNE 26, 2025

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

"This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law. Notice of this Special Meeting of June 26, 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."

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

No one from the public spoke.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION 2025-162

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 the 2025 Municipal Budget, formal action will be taken.

Motion to Approve: Kehm Second: Scibetta All in Favor

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

Second: Kehm All in Favor

RESOLUTION 2025-159

Introduction of the 2025 Municipal Budget

Township Administrator/CFO stated after discussion in executive session, the township is introducing a budget for a 2.9 cent increase to the municipal purpose tax. Mr. Haines stated the summary of the current section of the approved budget has appropriations within caps being \$23,725,504, appropriations excluded from caps is \$8,960,136.89, reserve for uncollected taxes

is \$313,294.06 with a total general appropriation of \$32,998,934.95. He stated less anticipated revenues other than property taxes in the amount of \$10,858,398 providing a local purpose tax of \$22,140,536.66. He stated with the 2.9 cent increase total non-grant related expenditures increased by \$481,976.53 from the prior year. The reasoning behind the increase is a 2.25% increase in contractual salaries, increase in insurance costs in the amount of \$334,000 for the year and debt service costs went up \$159,080 for a total of \$721,305. He also stated in addition to the expenditure increases, the township has revenue losses in the amount of \$111,091 from the loss of ratables from Shooters and the Walmart reassessment, in addition to the loss of state aid in the amount of \$67,809 for a total loss amount of \$178,900. He stated the town is using surplus funds to keep the increased amount as low as possible on the tax payers.

Mr. Haines requested the Public Hearing and adoption of the budget scheduled on July 31, 2025 @ 7pm. He stated the County Tax Board meets on August 7 and he would like to hold the Special Budget Meeting prior to the Township's August 14 meeting. He stated the adoption has to be 28 days after introduction. He stated he can setup a work shop in the afternoon for those residents who would like to discuss the budget in detail.

Committeeman Scibetta asked wat the increase would be on a \$300,000 house on the tax payer. Mr. Haines stated on a \$300,000 house the increase would be \$87.00.

Motion to Approve: Kehm

Second: Scibetta

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

Mayor Maxwell stated they are aware there will be some significant tax increases especially with the local school board portion of the tax bill. He stated the township portion is only 28.95% of the overall tax bill and that is all they as a Committee is able to control. He stated they have worked hard to be fiscally responsible to keep the township portion as low as possible. He stated they are aware of the extreme increase and residents will see the breakdown when they receive their tax bill. He thanked everyone that was in attendance.

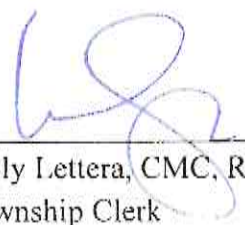
ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn: Gormley

Second: Kehm

All in Favor

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



Kelly Lettera, CMC, RMC
Township Clerk