

Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting Minutes

July 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.

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 July 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."

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Gormley; Mr. Kehm; Mr. Laney (arrived at 7:30p.m.); Mr. Scibetta; Mayor Maxwell

PRESENTATIONS:

- National Night Out (August 5, 2025)

Chief Hawkins provided the Committee and the residents with information for the National Night Out event that is being held on August 5, 2025 from 6pm to 9pm at the Pinelands Regional High School.

- Purple Heart Recognition Day (August 7, 2025)

Committeeman Scibetta read the Purple Heart Recognition Day proclamation and thanked all the veterans that served for our country.

- 2025 Mayors Essay Contest, Frog Pond Elementary School Winners

Mayor Maxwell provided certifications to the 2025 Mayors Essay Contest winners Emily Zalenski, Arya LaPreta, Nathaniel Richter and Marlo Vanarelli. A few of the winners read their essays to the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- June 12, 2025 Meeting
- June 12, 2025 Executive Session
- June 26, 2025 Spccial Meeting
- June 26, 2025 Special Meeting Executive Session

Motion to Approve: Kehm

Second: Gormley

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

Chief James Hawkins provided a promotional introduction and recommendation for Officers Tonya Anderson, Steve Martin and Timothy Hoolahan as Sergeants for the Little Egg Harbor Township Police Department.

RESOLUTION 2025-162

Appointing Officer Tonya Anderson as Sergeant of the Little Egg Harbor Township Police Department

Motion to Approve: Kehm Second: Scibetta

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

RESOLUTION 2025-163

Appointing Officer Steve Martin as Sergeant of the Little Egg Harbor Township Police Department

Motion to Approve: Kehm Second: Scibetta

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

RESOLUTION 2025-164

Appointing Officer Timothy Hoolahan as Sergeant of the Little Egg Harbor Township Police Department

Motion to Approve: Kehm Second: Gormley

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

Township Attorney, Melanie Appleby, administered the oath of office to Sergeant Tonya Anderson, Sergeant Steve Martin and Sergeant Timothy Hoolahan.

Chief James Hawkins provided a professional background and recommendation to the Mayor and Committee to hire Officers Charles Ferrara, Aaron Johnson and Nicholas Schano for Little Egg Harbor Township Police Department.

RESOLUTION 2025-165

Appointing Charles Ferrara as Police Officer for the Township of Little Egg Harbor Police Department

Motion to Approve: Kehm Second: Scibetta

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

RESOLUTION 2025-166

Appointing Aaron Johnson as Police Officer for the Township of Little Egg Harbor Police Department

Motion to Approve: Gormley

Second: Kehm

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

RESOLUTION 2025-167

Appointing Nicholas Schano as Police Officer for the Township of Little Egg Harbor Police Department

Motion to Approve: Kehm

Second: Gormley

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

Township Attorney, Melanie Appleby, administered the oath of office to officers Charles Ferrara, Aaron Johnson and Nicholas Schano.

ORDINANCE

[SECOND READING AND ADOPTION]

Ordinance 2025-07 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter 3 of the Township Code Entitled "Administrative Organization"

Motion to Open to Public: Kehm

Second: Gormley

All in Favor

No one from the public spoke.

Motion to Close to Public: Kehm

Second: Gormley

All in Favor

Motion to Adopt: Kehm

Second: Scibetta

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

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 Open to Public: Kehm

Second: Gormley

All in Favor

Dr. Edmunds of Spruce Drive stated he believes the cost for trees to be cut down should be \$50 a tree or shrub. He stated the more that the trees are cut down the more dirt and debris is accumulated, which in the long run is more cost to the township. He stated the building and cutting down of trees South of Route 9 needs to stop.

Motion to Close to Public: Gormley

Second: Scibetta

All in Favor

Motion to Adopt: Kehm

Second: Laney

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 LXXXIII, Recreation Director

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

No one from the public spoke.

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

Motion to Adopt: Scibetta Second: Lancy

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 Open to Public: Gormley Second: Lancy All in Favor

No one from the public spoke.

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

Motion to Adopt: Gormley Second: Lancy

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

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 Clerk, Kelly Lettera, read by title all the Resolutions on the consent agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

2025-168 Granting an Unpaid Leave of Absence to Maria Hanna [A resolution authorizing unpaid leave of absence for Maria Hanna pursuant to FLMA beginning June 24, 2025]

- 2025-169 Authorizing the Appointment of Jack Doyle as a Special Law Enforcement Class II Police Officer for the Township of Little Egg Harbor Police Department
- 2025-170 Accepting the Retirement of and Authorizing the Compensation of Accumulated Time to Sean Crotty *[Sean Crotty will be retired as of July 1, 2025 with a payout amount of \$38,469.23 for unused time]*
- 2025-171 Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding for the ARRIVE Together Program with Bright Harbor Healthcare Through the New Jersey Department of Human Services *[Authorizing the execution of an MOU between LEHT and Bright Harbor Healthcare for the Arrive Together program to enhance and support law enforcement and responses to certain behavioral health crisis calls, for a term upon the fully executed contract through June 30, 2026]*
- 2025-172 Authorizing the Purchase of Trash Cans and Components with Cascade Engineering Under National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement With Sourcewell Contract 120324-CEI *[Authorizing the purchase of trash cans and components with cascade engineering through a national cooperative contract with a term through July 10, 2026]*
- 2025-173 Authorizing the Purchase of Two (2) McNeilus 28yd Side Loader Trash Trucks with McNeilus Financial dba McNeilus Truck & Mfg Under National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement With Sourcewell Contract 10223-MCN *[Authorizing the purchase of two (2) McNeilus 28yd Side Loader Trash Trucks through a national cooperative contract with a term through December 28, 2027]*
- 2025-174 Authorizing the Cancellation of Outstanding Checks
- 2025-175 Authorizing Tax Refund
- 2025-176 Certifying Tax Liens for Costs Incurred in Accordance with the Property Maintenance Code

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: Laney Second: Scibetta All in Favor

No one from the public spoke.

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

Motion to Approve: Gormley Second: Laney

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

BILL RESOLUTION 2025-177

A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$5,601,513.81

Motion to Approve: Scibetta

Second: Kehm

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

MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

- Bingo Application No. 2025-003 for West Tuckerton Fire Co.; Designer Bag Bingo at 505 Route 9 South on October 4, 2025
- Raffle Application No. 2025-027 for West Tuckerton Fire Co.; On-Premise Gift Auction at 505 Route 9 South on April 18, 2026
- Raffle Application No. 2025-028 for West Tuckerton Fire Co.; On-Premise Lottery Hat at 505 Route 9 South on April 18, 2026
- Raffle Application No. 2025-029 for West Tuckerton Fire Co.; On-Premise 50/50 Raffle at 505 Route 9 South on April 18, 2026
- Raffle Application No. 2025-030 for Pinelands July 4th Celebration Inc.; On-Premise 50/50 Raffle at 261 Country Club Blvd on September 25, 2025
- Raffle Application No. 2025-031 for Pinelands July 4th Celebration Inc.; On-Premise Gift Raffle at 261 Country Club Blvd on September 25, 2025
- Raffle Application No. 2025-032 for Knights of Columbus St. Theresa's Council 1465; On-Premise 50/50 Raffle at 450 Radio Road on August 30, 2025

Motion to Approve: Gormley

Second: Laney

All in Favor

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS

Township Engineer, Jason Worth, reported the grant application for the NJDOT Municipal Aid project for W. Calabreeze Way was submitted on June 27 with grant awards being announced in November. He stated Tuckerton Borough will begin drainage work on Daddy Tucker Drive next week and once the work is completed, the Township's contractor will come back and complete the roadwork by the fall. He stated the project on Leitz Blvd will be completed this week due to rain. He stated the drainage work on Columbia Road is also wrapping up with paving being completed the first week of August to ensure no trenches or long-term issues. Lastly, he stated two pre-construction meetings were held this morning for the Oak Lane project and the Mystic Island Phase 3 project. He stated both would be starting in the next couple of weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Any Topic

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Motion to Open to the Public: Gormley

Second: Laney

All in Favor

Dr. Edmunds of Spruce Drive spoke on tree topics lot size, Lennar Homes and Center Street. He stated due to these issues the Township is in dangerous conditions and construction must be slowed down in order to overcome any future catastrophes.

Mr. Camilio of N. Forecastle Drive asked if there was any updates since the last meeting pertaining to his proposal town wide gulf carts.

Motion to Close Public Comment: Scibetta

Second: Kehm

All in Favor

8. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Committeeman Gormley stated he hopes everyone is enjoying the summer the best they can with the weather conditions. He stated at the last meeting the fish kill was brought up and he stated DEP and the Fish and Game Commission is aware of the issue and stated it has been a common thing in the last few years. He stated if residents notice fish prior to a massive kill then notify them so they can get a head of it to test the bacteria.

Committeeman Kehm congratulated the Chief on the new hires and extension of his family.

Committeeman Scibetta also congratulated the Chief and thanked him for allowing a couple Committeemen to sit with the new officers prior to promotions. He thanked Mayor Maxwell for allowing him and Deputy Mayor Laney to cut the ribbon for the new fitness equipment at the Recreation Complex. He wished everyone a beautiful summer and recommended to stay hydrated during the hot days.

Deputy Mayor Laney congratulated the officers who were promoted tonight and the new hires. He stated they are still in need of some classic cars for the ice cream social on August 21, 2025 from 1-3pm at the Community Center. He also stated the fifth annual community wide garage sale will be held on July 19-20 from 9am to 6pm. He stated those interested can register at the Clerk's Office or yardsales@leht.com. He wished everyone a great summer.

Mayor Maxwell congratulated the officers and wished everyone a great rest of the summer.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION 2025-178

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, personnel and attorney/client privilege, no formal action will not be taken.

Motion to Approve: Scibetta

Second: Laney

All in Favor

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

Second: Laney

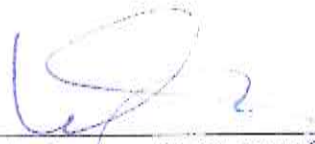
All in Favor

10. 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.



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."*