

**Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting  
Minutes**

**September 11, 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 September 11, 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. Laney; Mr. Scibetta; Mayor Maxwell

Absent: Mr. Gormley; Mr. Kehm

**5. PRESENTATIONS:**

- Constitution Week (September 17-23)

*Deputy Mayor Laney read the Constitution Week proclamation and the Mayor and Committee Members presented the proclamation to Ginny Haines, from the Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter of Daughters of The American Revolution.*

- National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

*Mayor Maxwell read the National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month proclamation and the Mayor and Committee Members presented the proclamation to Lauren Hill of Ocean of Love for Children with Cancer and the Christiansen Family.*

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- August 14, 2025 Meeting
- August 14, 2025 Executive Session

Motion to Approve: Laney

Second: Scibetta

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

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

Ordinance 2025-11 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter 18 of the Township Code Entitled "Community Development, Department of"

Motion to Open to Public: Scibetta

Second: Laney

All in Favor



- 2025-219 Granting an Unpaid Leave of Absence to Jeffrey Delapena *[A resolution authorizing an unpaid leave of absence for Jeffrey Delapena commencing September 16, 2025]*
- 2025-220 Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with the AFSCME Local 3304E (Blue Collar) *[Authorizing the execution of a MOA with Blue Collar to increase the pay of two DPW employees by \$.38 for a new total pay rate of \$26.91/hr. effective 9/11/25]*
- 2025-221 Authorizing the Submission of the Secondary Manufactures' Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form for New National Opioids Settlement: Secondary Manufactures *[Authorizing the execution of the secondary manufactures combined subdivision participation and release form and submission to the opioids implementation administrator through the NJ Attorney General's office for LEHT to receive distribution money]*
- 2025-222 Authorizing a Voluntary Contribution to Great Bay Regional EMS for Years 2025 and 2026 in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:5-2 *[A resolution authorizing a voluntary contribution from LEHT in the amount of \$40,000 (\$20,000 in 2025 and \$20,000 in 2026) to RB Emergency Consulting, LLC for a detailed implementation plan and comprehensive study to select the best option for EMS services]*
- 2025-223 Authorizing an Amendment to the 2025 Budget to Allow for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 *[Authorizing an amendment to the 2025 budget to provide for the insertion of a special item of revenue in the amount of \$3,453.36 from the NJ Dept. of Law and Public Safety – FY24 Body Armor Replacement Fund]*
- 2025-224 Authorizing an Amendment to the 2025 Budget to Allow for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 *[Authorizing an amendment to the 2025 budget to provide for the insertion of a special item of revenue in the amount of \$35,222.47 from the NJ Division of Highway Traffic Study – Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund]*
- 2025-225 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes and Provide a Refund Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 on Property Qualifying for Veterans Property Tax Exemption (Thomas S. Limozinere, Block 325.50, Lot 33)
- 2025-226 Authorizing Tax Refunds *[A resolution authorizing the refund of taxes to property owners for overpayment]*
- 2025-227 Certifying Tax Liens for Costs Incurred in Accordance with the Property Maintenance Code
- 2025-229 Authorizing the Chief of Police and Township Administrator to Interview and Hire a Special Class III Police Officer

**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: Laney                      Second: Scibetta                      All in Favor

*Mr. Mooney of Windstar Drive asked about the impact of Resolution 2025-217 & 218 on the retable's coming off the tax rolls. He asked if the township pays into the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust. He asked what the OC Natural Lands Trust goals are.*

*Mayor Maxwell stated the Osborn Island resolution is a piece of property to extend the Ocean County Trail system. He stated the other piece of land is a wetland property.*

*The Township Attorney stated the Natural Lands Trust is to acquire land for open space.*

*Ms. Forsberg of Toms River stated she is the Executive Director of Save Barnegat Bay. She stated the Natural Lands Trust is to preserve the land in several townships throughout Ocean County.*

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

Motion to Approve: Laney                      Second: Scibetta

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

**11. BILL RESOLUTION 2025-228**

A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$5,202,492.17

Motion to Approve: Laney                      Second: Scibetta

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

**12. MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS**

- Raffle Application No. 2025-042 for Women's Club by the Bay, Inc.; On-Premise 50/50 Raffle at 102 Newport Way on Various Dates Beginning January 26, 2026 Through November 16, 2026
- Raffle Application No. 2025-043 for Women's Club by the Bay, Inc.; On-Premise Gift Auction at 102 Newport Way on November 6, 2025
- Raffle Application No. 2025-044 for Great Bay Regional Volunteer EMS Services, Inc.; On-Premise Gift Basket Raffle at 830 Railroad Avenue on October 18, 2025
- Raffle Application No. 2025-045 for Great Bay Regional Volunteer EMS Services, Inc.; On-Premise 50/50 Raffle at 830 Railroad Avenue on October 18, 2025

Motion to Approve: Laney                      Second: Scibetta                      All in Favor

**13. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS**

*Township Engineer, Jason Worth, reported the Oak Lane Improvement project is well underway. He stated everything on the east side is installed and continuing onto the west side. He stated the project would be complete within the next 2-3 weeks. He stated the Mystic Island Phase 3 Drainage project is*

*continuing with improvements over the next 6-8 weeks and then will go into the initial roadway construction. He reported the Mystic Island Phase 4 drainage improvements, which the County is funding the \$4 million dollars, plans are wrapping up and hope to be out to bid prior to the next meeting.*

**14. PUBLIC COMMENT - Any Topic**

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Motion to Open to the Public: Laney

Second: Scibetta

All in Favor

*Ms. Cabanas of Tiller Court asked why a bike lane was not installed on Radio Road when they repaved the road. She also asked if the Lennar Homes project was approved previously.*

*Township Engineer, Jason Worth, stated it is something that Committeeman Scibetta has discussed with him quite a bit and they worked with Congressman Van Drew's office to secure a \$2.3 million dollar grant through the federal government as well as a \$950,000 grant through the NJDOT. Those grants will provide sidewalks and bike lanes from Oak Lane to the end of the beach. He stated the project should start late 2026 or early 2027. He stated the County does not install bike lanes or sidewalks on all of their roads, which is why the town had to go out to other organizations to get further funding.*

*Township Attorney, Melanie Appleby, stated the project is decided upon by the Planning Board and she can get the resolution from the Planning Board.*

*Mr. Fredricks of Iowa Court asked what the status is of the boat repair shop that had the fire. He stated the township maintenance code needs to be revisited. He stated there are several areas in town that are in shambles and the properties need to be enforced.*

*Mayor Maxwell stated he would look into that with code enforcement.*

*Dr. Edmunds of Spruce Drive spoke regarding the emergency evacuation route, traffic, truck weights, traffic lights and the new Lennar development project.*

*Mr. Mooney of Windstar Drive asked about the Mancini property and if it was acquired by the County.*

*Mayor Maxwell stated the Mancini property has not been acquired by the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust.*

*Mr. Garzoni of W. Susquehanna Drive questioned what the town is proposing for the flooding on the East and West side of his street and Twin Lakes.*

*Township Engineer, Jason Worth stated that area is being raised 18 inches and restored.*

*Ms. Mower of Center Street questioned the assessment that is taking place and she asked how the town is able to correctly plan or assess for that with the development that is taking place.*

*Township Attorney, Melanie Appleby explained it is a statute obligation that the town has to complete the Climate assessment. She further stated there are safeguards in place to comply with current laws. She explained the township is keeping up with the current requirements but cannot speculate the results of the assessment.*

*Mr. Mooney of Windstar Drive stated it is very hard to get homeowners insurance in LEHT due to the location to waterways. He stated the development does not belong on Center Street it belongs up near Route 9 where the majority of the developments are. He also stated he has reached out to our Congressman Van Drew regarding the CAFRA permit and the effects the development will have on LEHT and the bay.*

*Ms. Forsberg of Toms River requested a meeting with the Committee to discuss the over development within the town. She stated the Planning Board did an excellent job of representing the town for the development of the Lennar Homes project.*

*Mr. Fredricks of Iowa Court asked what is the status of West Twin Lakes Blvd.*

*Township Engineer, Jason Worth, stated nothing is happening at this point and further explained there is no change since the last vote.*

*Mr. Capriglione of S. Dayton Drive asked about repaving his street.*

*Township Engineer, Jason Worth, stated he has put together an estimate for the roads in reference for the township review.*

*Ms. Newman of Littlefield Lane stated her street needs to be plowed.*

*Mayor Maxwell stated he would speak to DPW regarding the plowing of the street.*

*Mr. Tomasiak of S. Baltimore Drive stated he is happy dredging did not occur on the west side because of the amount of school board taxes that went up he would not be able to afford it.*

Motion to Close Public Comment: Laney

Second: Scibetta

All in Favor

## **15. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

*Committeeman Scibetta stated he drives Radio Road daily and understands his frustration. He stated the Code Enforcement Officer is providing tickets but when it involves the court, it takes a long time. He stated if you see a property or something being done illegally reach out to the town to express your concerns. He stated he sits on the OC Tourism and Business Council and at the last meeting he attended, there will be tourism business grants available and once he has further information he will provide it to the town. He read an obituary of someone from 9/11. He also requested the residents keep the Kirk family in your thoughts and prayers.*

*Deputy Mayor Laney reported Saturday September 13 will be the craft fair at the community center from 1-3pm. He stated October 16 will be the Mental Health and Wellness Awareness event from 2-7pm at*

*the community center. He stated on October 17 is the trunk or treat event at the community center from 6-8pm. He stated they are looking for candy donations. He stated a shred truck will be on October 18 at the sports complex from 9-12pm. He stated on October 25 is a community outreach event at the community center from 10-1pm. He finished with on December 12 and 13 is the holiday gift giveaway at the community center.*

*Mayor Maxwell reported the Senior Advisory Board meeting will be on September 29 at Mystic Shores at 10am. He stated the rabies vaccination clinic is coming up on Saturday, November 1, 10-12pm at the community center. He stated never forget September 11 and keep those people in your hearts and prayers.*

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION 2025-XXX**

A Resolution Authorizing the Convening of an Executive Session in Accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act

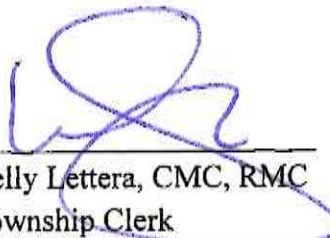
*Township Attorney, Melanie Appleby, stated the Committee does not need to go into Executive Session.*

**17. Motion to Adjourn:** Laney

Second: Scibetta

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."*

