

Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting Minutes

October 9, 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 October 9, 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

Absent:

5. PRESENTATIONS:

➤ Down Syndrome Awareness Month

Mayor Maxwell read the Down Syndrome Awareness Month proclamation and the Mayor and Committee Members presented the proclamation to Christina Stanley and her daughter Cheyenne from the Down Syndrome Association of South Jersey.

➤ Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Committeeman Kehm read the Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation and the Mayor and Committee Members presented the proclamation to Gina Lee from the Providence House Domestic Violence Services of Ocean County.

➤ National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Committeeman Scibetta read the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month proclamation and the Mayor and Committee Members presented the proclamation to Dr. Manpreet Kohli of I Pink I Can (a nonprofit organization based out of Monmouth and Ocean Counties).

➤ National Friends of Library Week (October 19-25, 2025)

Deputy Mayor Laney read the National Friends of Library Week proclamation and the Mayor and Committee Members presented the proclamation to Dorothy Uhl, LEHT Library Branch Manager.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

➤ September 11, 2025 Meeting

➤ October 1, 2025 Special Meeting

➤ October 1, 2025 Special Meeting Executive Session

****October 1, 2025 Special Meeting Executive Session minutes will be carried till the November 13, 2025 Committee meeting.**

RESOLUTIONS

- 2025-233 Reviewing The Little Egg Harbor Board of Fire Commissioners, District No. 3 Compensation in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-88
- 2025-234 Authorizing the Appointment of Sevim Mamudoski as Mechanic for the Department of Public Works [*The appointment of Sevim Mamudoski as a Mechanic for DPW, effective October 14, 2025, at a rate of \$21.35/hr*]
- 2025-235 Authorizing the Promotion of Maria Hanna to the Position of Clerk 3 Bilingual Spanish/English in the Township Municipal Court [*An appointment promoting existing Municipal Court employee Maria Hanna from a Clerk 2 Bilingual Spanish/English to Clerk 3 Bilingual Spanish/English*]
- 2025-236 Authorizing the Promotion of Michael Brescia to the Position of Heavy Truck Driver [*An appointment promoting existing DPW employee Michael Brescia from a laborer to Heavy Truck Driver*]
- 2025-237 Authorizing a Subordination of a Mortgage Lien at 113 Valley Forge Drive
- 2025-238 Authorizing the Execution of Change Order No. 1 (Final) for FY2024 NJDOT Municipal Aid Road Program – Leitz Blvd with Earle Asphalt [*Change Order 1(Final) decreases the original contract amount from \$516,213.13 to \$491,624.96 for FY2024 NJDOT Municipal Aid Road Program – Leitz Blvd with Earle Asphalt*]
- 2025-239 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes Pursuant to N.J.S.A 54:4-3.30 on Property Qualifying for Veterans Property Tax Exemption (Edward J. Drzewiecki, Jr., Block 228.04, Lot 10)
- 2025-240 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 C. Draney, Jr., Block 172.01, Lot 31)
- 2025-241 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 (Michael & Alexis DiFrancia, Block 169, Lot 1.04)
- 2025-242 Updating the Rotating List of Towing Contractors Pursuant to Township Code, Chapter 309, Towing and Storage [*Updating the rotating list of towing and storage contractors to include Priced Rite Towing & Road Service*]
- 2025-243 Authorizing the Release of Performance Guarantees Posted for Motts Farm Substation Improvements – Atlantic City Electric, 290 Great Boulevard, Block 326.100, Lot 2
- 2025-245 Authorizing the Appointment of Christopher J. Hemhauseras a Special Law Enforcement Class III Police Officer for the Township Police Department

9. 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 from the public spoke.

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

Motion to Approve: Gormley Second: Kehm

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

10. BILL RESOLUTION 2025-244

A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$4,700,558.68

Motion to Approve: Kehm Second: Gormley
Deputy Mayor Laney abstained on 25-01582 and 25-01612, yes to balance.

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

11. MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

- Bingo Application No. 2025-004 for West Tuckerton Fire Co.; Pocket Book Bingo at 505 Route 9 South on June 6, 2026
- Raffle Application No. 2025-046 for West Tuckerton Fire Co.; Lottery Hat On-Premise Raffle at 505 Route 9 South on June 6, 2026
- Raffle Application No. 2025-047 for West Tuckerton Fire Co.; On-Premise Gift Auction at 505 Route 9 South on June 6, 2026
- Raffle Application No. 2025-048 for West Tuckerton Fire Co.; 50/50 On-Premise Raffle at 505 Route 9 South on June 6, 2026

Motion to Approve: Gormley Second: Laney All in Favor

12. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS

Township Engineer, Jason Worth, reported the Oak Lane Sidewalk Improvements is just about complete with a few properties left. We have some additional work on Radio Road to tie into the existing sidewalk at the intersection. They will be back on site tomorrow to continue with the work. Both current Mystic Island Drainage Projects Phase 3, one being completed by Earl Asphalt who is continuing to work on the drainage easements on East Susquehanna Drive this week and will begin concrete work within the next few weeks. Phase 4 which includes the area off of West Playhouse and the surrounding streets is wrapping up the design on that project with bid in the next few weeks and hopefully an award at the December meeting. This will include full drainage reconstruction and roadway reconstruction expected

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Township Attorney Melanie Appleby will look into the matter and work with the governing body on it. Committeeman Scibetta agrees it is a problem and he has been looking into it.

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Township Engineer Jason Worth stated the contractor is looking at them.

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Second: Scibetta

All in Favor

14. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

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Committeeman Kehm reiterated Committeeman Gormleys warnings about this weekends storm. Nor'easters can be unpredictable. Be safe out there.

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15. EXECUTIVE SESSION 2025-246

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 need to go into Executive Session to discuss contractual matters, issues of safety, personnel and attorney-client privilege. Formal action may be taken.

Motion to Approve: Scibetta Second: Kehm All in favor

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

Second: Laney All in favor

Resolution 2025-247

Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Barnegat for Payroll Clerk Services.

Motion to Approve: Kehm Second: Scibetta

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

Resolution 2025-248

Authorizing the Interim Administrator to Enter into an Agreement for the Remainder of 2025 to Investigate and Procure Payroll Services.

Motion to Approve: Laney Second: Kehm

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

Resolution 2025-249

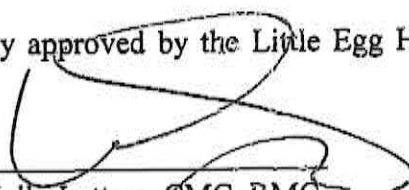
Authorizing Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Tuckerton for Mechanic Services.

Motion to Approve: Scibetta Second: Laney

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

16. Motion to Adjourn: Scibetta Second: Gormley 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