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REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 1, 2026

Township Clerk Kelly Lettera welcomed all in attendance for the Little Egg Harbor Township 2026 Reorganization Meeting and wished everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

2. 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 January 1, 2026 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 this meeting.”

Township Clerk Kelly Lettera welcomed Debra Rumpf to administer the oath of office for Kenneth Laney as Township Committeemen of Little Egg Harbor Township.

3. OATH OF OFFICE

Debra Rumpf, Esq. administered the Oath of Office to Committeeman Kenneth Laney

4. ROLL CALL

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

5. NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR FOR 2026

Township Clerk Kelly Lettera asked for Nominations for Mayor for the year 2026

Motion was made by Committeeman Kehm to nominate Kenneth Laney as Mayor for 2026

Seconded by Committeeman Gormley

Committeeman Gormley commended former Mayor Maxwell on the outstanding job he did as the Township's Mayor in 2025.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Gormley; Mr. Kehm; Mr. Laney; Mr. Maxwell; Mr. Scibetta

6. OATH OF OFFICE

Debra Rumpf, Esq. administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Kenneth Laney.

Township Clerk Kelly Lettera turned the meeting over to Mayor Kenneth Laney to preside over the meeting.

7. INVOCATION

Mayor Laney welcomed Pastor Isaac Minkah of First United Methodist Church for the invocation.

8. FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Laney requested that the American Legion lead the Flag Salute.

9. NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2026

Motion was made by Committeeman Gormley to nominate Daniel Maxwell as Deputy Mayor for 2026

Seconded by Committeeman Scibetta

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Gormley; Mr. Kehm; Mr. Maxwell; Mr. Scibetta; Mayor Laney

Mayor Laney thanked Deputy Mayor Maxwell for the opportunity to run as his Deputy Mayor over the last year. He looks forward to working together in the upcoming year.

10. OATH OF OFFICE

Melanie Szuba, Esq. administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Mayor Daniel Maxwell.

11. PRESENTATION

Mayor Laney read a prepared statement honoring Committeeman Gormley for 26 years of service to the community. Wishing him happiness and success in this next chapter of his life.

Committeeman Gormley thanked his wife Dayna for all of her support over the years. He spoke about the growth the township has experienced since he started on the committee, the love he has for his hometown and stated he is looking forward to serving Little Egg Harbor as well as all of Ocean County.

12. 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.

Municipal Clerk, Kelly Lettera, read by title the resolutions on the consent agenda.

- 2026-001 Appointing Melanie Szuba, Esquire of Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani as Township Attorney
- 2026-002 Appointing Christopher Dasti, Esquire of Dasti & Staiger as Conflict Township Attorney
- 2026-003 Appointing Jason Worth of T&M Associates as Township Engineer
- 2026-004 Appointing James Oris of Remington & Vernick Engineers as Township Planner
- 2026-005 Appointing T&M Associates, Remington & Vernick Engineers, Morgan Engineering, LLC/Morgan Municipal Services, LLC, Colliers Engineering & Design and Suburban Consulting as Special Project Engineers

- 2026-006 Appointing T&M Associates, BRS, Inc. and Colliers Engineering & Design as Township Grant Writers
- 2026-007 Appointing Holman Frenia Allison, PC as Township Auditor
- 2026-008 Appointing the Law Firm of Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani as Labor Counsel
- 2026-009 Appointing the Dilworth Paxson as Municipal Bond Counsel
- 2026-010 Appointing Henry J. Mancini & Associates, Inc. for Real Estate Appraisal Services
- 2026-011 Appointing Bonnie R. Peterson, Esquire as Chief Municipal Prosecutor for the Township of Little Egg Harbor and the Township of Eagleswood
- 2026-012 Appointing David M. Casadonte, Esquire as Alternate Municipal Prosecutor
- 2026-013 Appointing Debra Rumpf of Rumpf Law as Chief Municipal Public Defender
- 2026-014 Appointing Timothy J. Wintrode of Pepe & Wintrode LLC and Daniel Rosenberg of Rosenberg, Perry & Associates LLC as Conflict Public Defenders
- 2026-015 Appointing Phoenix Advisors, LLC as Financial Consultant for Debt Service Matters
- 2026-016 Appointing Bonnie R. Peterson, Esquire as Hearing Officer for Personnel Disciplinary Matters
- 2026-017 Appointing Connor, Strong and Buckelew for Employee Benefits Consultation/Brokerage Services for Medical/Dental/Prescription/Vision Coverage
- 2026-018 Authorizing an Agreement with A-Academy Termite and Pest Control DBA A-Academy Animal Control for Animal Control Services
- 2026-019 Authorizing an Agreement with Mack Mechanical LLC for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Systems Maintenance and Repair Services for the Little Egg Harbor Township Municipal Building and Community Center
- 2026-020 Authorizing an Agreement with Mathis Construction Co., Inc. for Snow Removal Services
- 2026-021 Awarding a Contract for Information Technology Consulting and Reputation Management Services for the 2026 Contract Year to Bellia Tech LL
- 2026-022 Authorizing the Adoption of a Temporary Budget for the year 2026

- 2026-023 Providing Dates for Township Committee Meetings and Designating Official Newspapers for the Year 2026
- 2026-024 Authorizing the Interim Chief Financial Officer to Issue Tax Anticipation Notes Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-64
- 2026-025 Authorizing the Interim Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Little Egg Harbor to Deposit Public Monies in Any Bank or Trust Company Having its Place of Business in the State of New Jersey and Which is Organized Under the Laws of the United States or the State of New Jersey
- 2026-026 Fixing the Rate of Interest on Delinquent Taxes or Assessments and Providing for a Grace Period for the Year 2026
- 2026-027 Establishing an Accelerated Tax Sale in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-1
- 2026-028 Authorizing the Tax Assessor for the Township of Little Egg Harbor to File Certain Appeals on Behalf of the Township and Also Designating the Tax Assessor as Agent in Filing Petition of Appeals and Roll-back Complaint Forms
- 2026-029 Appointing Dayna Wilson as Municipal Search Officer and Donna Stansfield as Alternate Municipal Search Officer for the year 2026
- 2026-030 Appointing Carol Evans as the Designated Certified Recycling Coordinator for the Township of Little Egg Harbor
- 2026-031 Authorizing and Designating a Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Township of Little Egg Harbor in Accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.3
- 2026-032 Designating Township Administrator as the Appropriate Authority for the Police Department
- 2026-033 Appointing the Mayor as a Class I Member, Katherine Tucker as a Class II Member, Committeeman Daniel Maxwell as a Class III Member, Roberta Rapisardi and George Garbaravage as Class IV Member and Madalynn Flynn as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board
- 2026-034 Appointing Suzanne Musto Carrara and Frank Colandrea as Members and Kenneth Maxwell and Kimberly Robinson as Alternate Members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment
- 2026-035 Appointing Arlene Keenan, Christine Moran and Cynthia Varamo as Members and Chelsea Rogan and Monica Frazer as Alternate Members of the Environmental Commission
- 2026-036 Appointing Nancy Cotter, Rosemarie Martelli and Linda Cicco as Members and Barbara Bonalski of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board

- 2026-037 Appointing the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Township Administrator, Anita Grayson, John Edmunds, Michael Mangum and George Garbaravage as Members and Dayna Wilson as Recording Secretary of the Natural Lands Trust Advisory Committee
- 2026-038 Appointing Arlene Keenan and Ken Maxwell as Members and Chris Filiciello as an Alternate Member of the Municipal Utility Authorities Board
- 2026-039 Appointing Margot Caussade, Jessica DiFrancia and John Edmunds as Members of the Board of Health
- 2026-040 Appointing Chelsea Rogan and Monica Frazer as Members and Terri Hackett as an Alternate Member of the Green Team Advisory Committee
- 2026-041 Appointing the Mayor, Zoning Officer, Township Engineer, Township Administrator and Committeeman Daniel Maxwell as Members of the ADA Advisory Committee
- 2026-042 Appointing the Township Administrator/Safety Coordinator, Superintendent of Public Works, Chief of Police, Members of the Police Department, Zoning Officer, and Construction Official as Members and Robin Schilling as Secretary to the Little Egg Harbor Township Safety Committee
- 2026-043 Designating Committeeman John Kehm as Liaison to the COP/CERT of the Township of Little Egg Harbor (Citizen on Patrol and Certified Emergency Response Team)
- 2026-044 Designating Committeeman Daniel Maxwell as Liaison to the Parkertown Fire Company, Committeeman Blaise Scibetta as Liaison to the West Tuckerton Fire Company, and Committeeman John Kehm as Liaison to the Mystic Island Fire Company
- 2026-045 Designating Committeeman Kenneth Laney as a Trustee of Great Bay Regional Volunteer Emergency Medical Services, Inc.
- 2026-046 Appointing the Deputy Mayor, Township Administrator, Chief of Police, Members of the Police Department, Zoning Officer and Robin Schilling as Members of the Emergency Management Services Council
- 2026-047 Appointing the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as Representatives to the Community Development Block Grant Committee
- 2026-048 Appointing Members of the Floodplain Management Plan Committee

Motion to Open to Public: Gormley

Second: Kehm

All in favor

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

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda: Gormley Second: Scibetta

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Gormley; Mr. Kehm; Mr. Maxwell; Mr. Scibetta; Mayor Laney

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to Open to Public: Gormley Second: Maxwell All in favor

No one from the public spoke.

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

14. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Committeeman Ray Gormley congratulated Mayor Laney and Deputy Mayor Maxwell. He spoke about the importance of volunteering in the community and thanked the many who have volunteered in the past. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and is looking forward to another great year in 2026.

Committeeman John Kehm wished everyone a Happy New Year and spoke about the twenty plus years both he and Committeeman Gormley worked together to serve the residents of Little Egg Harbor and commended him for his love and dedication to town and its residents. He stated he will be a great County Commissioner. He stated may God Bless him and all of his future endeavors.

Committeeman Blaise Scibetta thanked Committeeman Gormley for welcoming him into the committee and helping him get to where he is today. He believes he will be a great Commissioner and will continue to support Little Egg Harbor. He wished everyone a Happy, Healthy upcoming year and encouraged volunteerism.

Deputy Mayor Daniel Maxwell congratulated Mayor Laney and stated it was an honor to serve as Mayor last year and he looks forward to being Deputy Mayor and working together in the upcoming year. He explained he has known Committeeman Gormley since childhood and will miss him greatly however he knows he will do an amazing job at the County. He thanked his wife Joy for her support in the last year and all she has done for him. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor Kenneth Laney stated he is deeply honored and grateful for the trust placed in him. He thanked all of the voters, volunteers, family, and especially his wife Tracy and his children. He spoke about the importance of community and promised to lead with honesty and respect with focus on practical solutions, open communication and bringing people together. "Progress happens best when we work as a team." He thanked the committee for their devotion to the community and stated he is looking forward to this new chapter for the town. He wished everyone a safe and Happy New Year.

15. BENEDICTION

Mayor Laney requested the American Legion perform the benediction.

16. ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn: Maxwell

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