

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 27, 2026 SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Chairman Ken Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM at the Cranberry Creek Clubhouse.

There was a Flag salute and a moment of silence for our military and world peace.

Roll call was taken. Board members in attendance were: Ken Miller, Chairman, Linda Cicco, Richard Dutton, Donna O'Brien, Barbara Jo Crea, Lisa Stevens, Jack Edmunds and Barbara Bonalski. Township Committee Liaison and Deputy Mayor Dan Maxwell was also present.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board on March 30, 2026 were then approved by motion duly made, seconded and carried.

The first speaker was Carol Evans, the recycling coordinator for the Little Egg Harbor ("LEH") Department of Public Works. She once again reviewed rules applicable to recycling and curbside pickup, some of which have changed recently. Brush must be bundled and tied and cannot include any branches more than four inches in diameter or four feet in length. Bundles will be picked up on the same schedule as bulk items. Leaf pickup will continue only until May 1 and will then not be resumed until fall. Lighter cardboard items such as tissue and cereal boxes, rolls from toilet paper and paper towels, and clean aluminum food trays and aluminum foil can now be recycled. The boxes should be flattened out. Leaf compost and wood chips are now available to LEH residents and may be picked up at the recycling yard on Route 539. Paint cans, tires, boat shrink wrap and electronic items such as televisions have to be brought to the yard for disposal, but concrete pavers are not accepted.

The next speaker was Paul Andrews, the new manager of the LEH Walmart, who said that he had been working in the retail field since he was 19 or 20 years old--he is now 44--and was formerly with Lowe's and Home Depot. He reported that the LEH store had its best year last year with over \$100 million in sales and that 270 associates are employed there. He then recommended that shoppers join Walmart Plus, which costs \$98 per year and offers 14 benefits, including free delivery, free shipping, early access to Black Friday and similar sales, and the ability to make purchases by scanning items on the shelves in the store using one's cell phone without having to wait to check out. He then noted that in July the LEH store will begin undergoing a fourteen-week remodeling that will include the addition of a room of about 6,000-7,000 square feet in size that will be used to keep food ordered online at proper temperatures pending pickup. After the renovation, a new store map will be issued and there will be a new grand opening on October 30. He also reported that the store just acquired 200 new shopping carts and maintains and repairs its existing carts on a weekly basis, and that he hopes ultimately to have a gasoline station at the store. Finally, he noted that the store supports the community by donating food to local organizations and supporting children's activities such as a "trunk or treat" at Halloween and a coloring contest in local schools.

The next speaker was Dayna Wilson, the LEH Tax Collector. She first reported that a realistic-looking but fraudulent communication was being sent that purported to be from the Internal Revenue Service requesting the recipient's direct deposit information so that a tax refund can be paid. She then again reminded all seniors present to file the 2025 Form PAS-1, Application for Property Tax Relief, which is due on November 2, 2026, and said that free assistance in completing the form will be provided on Wednesdays between 12 and 2 PM at the courtroom at Town Hall, 665 Radio Road, through the end of October.

Deputy Mayor Maxwell then swore in Board members Linda Cicco and Barbara Bonalski.

It was then mentioned that official-looking texts were being received that purport to be from the State of New Jersey claiming that the recipient owes money for unpaid tolls but these, like the IRS communication mentioned earlier, is a scam. Board member Barbara Jo Crea then once again urged homeowners to avoid home title fraud by signing up for the Ocean County Clerk's Office's free property alert service to receive an email alert if

any document is filed with that Office relating to your property. It was also reported that a truck will be at the LEH branch of Manasquan Bank on May 9 to provide free paper shredding service.

The final speaker was Kathy Tucker, LEH Recreation Director, who again reported that the annual Senior Expo will take place at the LEH Community Center on May 6 from 9 AM until noon and that there will be a Community Center Day on May 16. In addition, at the LEH Senior Center at 641 Radio Road, there is currently canasta every Monday from 11 AM to 3 PM, a senior lunch every Tuesday at 11:30 AM (registration required), and mah jongg every second, third, fourth and fifth Friday from 12:30 to 3 PM. Also, senior game days (registration also required) will be held there from 1 to 3 PM on May 28 and June 25.

Daniel Specht, the new LEH Assistant Business Administrator, was then introduced.

The next meeting of the Senior Advisory Board will be on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 10 AM at the Mystic Shores clubhouse. All seniors are welcome and urged to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Dutton, Acting Secretary, LEH Senior Citizens' Advisory Board