

## **MINUTES OF THE MAY 18, 2026 SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

*Chairman Ken Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM at the Mystic Shores 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, Nancy Cotter, Richard Dutton, Donna O'Brien, Rosemarie Martelli and Barbara Bonalski (alternate). Township Committee Liaison and Deputy Mayor Dan Maxwell was also present.*

*The minutes of the last meeting of the Board on April 27, 2026 were then approved by motion duly made, seconded and carried.*

*The first speaker was Jeff Martin, Chief of the Little Egg Harbor ("LEH") Police Department. He said that he had no specific new crime concerns to report. There have been complaints about motorists speeding on Center Street and new signs to remedy this were to be put up that day. With regard to teenagers on motorized bikes, he said he prefers to take a positive approach and reward those who obey the rules and use helmets by, for example, giving them free ice cream; his officers were distributing free helmets at Community Center Day on May 16 and the recipients liked them and immediately started to use them. The officers will engage teenagers and speak with them if, for example, they see them riding on the wrong side of the road, but he does not "like the look" of patrol cars stopping teens. He noted that you cannot legally operate an electric-powered bike ("ebike") if you are under the age of fifteen, and you must have a registration and insurance.*

*The next speakers were Earl Sutton Jr., Executive Director, and Michael DiFrancia, Superintendent, of the LEH Municipal Utilities Authority ("MUA"). They began by providing some information and statistics about our water: Of the 118 chemical elements in the periodic table, hydrogen and oxygen are the only two that make up water (H<sub>2</sub>O). About 96.5% of the earth's water is in oceans, only about 1.7% is in lakes, rivers, streams and soil, about another 1.7% is in polar ice caps, glaciers and permanent snow, and only about .1% is in water vapor, precipitation and other sources. The quantity of water on the earth has not changed since the time of the dinosaurs; it just changes form, turning from liquid to gas by evaporation or transpiration from plants, turning back to liquid or ice by condensation as gas cools, condensing in the air to form clouds, and then precipitating down to earth in a liquid or solid state. The Mystic Island water tower next to the MUA office contains about 300,000 gallons of water weighing about 1,251 tons. LEH has no reservoirs, only the water stored in our towers, which ensures that there is adequate pressure when we turn on our faucets. This water has been processed before being pumped into the towers after being drawn from wells located at various places around LEH. It comes from a sealed aquifer about 800 feet below ground containing much, much more water than the township will ever need. Our water even prior to processing is purer than the water of communities which, for example, draw their water from the Delaware River or, like Cape May, subject it to a desalination process. The MUA tests our water constantly to make sure that it always meets or exceeds both federal (EPA) and state (DEP) requirements.*

*The next speaker was Carol Evans, the recycling coordinator for the LEH Department of Public Works. She again reviewed rules applicable to recycling and curbside pickup, some of which have changed recently. All these rules are set forth in the Public Works and Recycling Center section of the LEH website ([www.leht.com](http://www.leht.com)). There will be no truck made available for shredding of paper this year in LEH. Dates on which hazardous waste can be brought to central locations in Ocean County for disposal are June 20 (in Manchester) and November 1 (in Long Beach Township). Her associate Carmela then reviewed the requirements with regard to leaf and brush disposal. Leaf pickup takes place from October through December and the trucks go through LEH twice. 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.*

*Deputy Mayor Dan Maxwell then swore in Board member Nancy Cotter and alternate Board member Barbara Bonalski for their new terms on the Board. He then reminded those present that the annual LEH Memorial Day Parade would take place on Monday, May 25 beginning at 10 AM at St. Theresa's Church on Radio Road and would end at Veterans' Park, where a remembrance ceremony will be held.*

*The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, June 29, 2026 at 10 AM at the Sunrise Bay clubhouse. All seniors are welcome and urged to attend.*

*The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 AM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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