

## **Little Egg Harbor Township Committee Meeting**

**June 11, 2026**

**7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Kenneth Laney 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 June 11, 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 the meeting."*

### **4. ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mrs. Carrara; Mr. Kehm; Mr. Maxwell; Mr. Scibetta; Mayor Laney

### **5. PRESENTATIONS**

#### **➤ Alzheimer's Awareness**

*Committeewomen Carrara read the Alzheimer's Awareness proclamation and the Mayor and Committee Members presented the proclamation to Seacrest Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center. Attendees from Seacrest included Jacqueline Phillips, Director of Community Relations, Sara Fuentes, Director of Nursing, Heather Sanchez, Regional Director of Market Development, and Leah Williams, Director of Activities.*

#### **➤ "What Does Memorial Day Mean to You" Essay Contest Winners**

*Mayor Laney provided certifications to the winners of the "What Does Memorial Day Mean to You" essay contest.*

#### **➤ 2025 Police Recognitions by Chief Jeffrey Martin**

*Chief of Police Chief Jeff Martin presented 2025 Recognition Awards to the following Police Officers:*

*Life Saving CRP award: Officer Chris Citarella*

*Military Service award: Officer Aaron Johnson, Officer Nicholas Shano, Officer Jack Doyle*

*Officer of the Year: Detective Matthew Cook*

### **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- March 12, 2026 Executive Session
- May 14, 2026

Motion to Approve: Scibetta

Second: Maxwell

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

Mrs. Carrara: Yes to March 12<sup>th</sup> and Abstain from May 14<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Kehm: Yes to March 12<sup>th</sup> and Abstain from May 14<sup>th</sup>

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

Ordinance 2026-08 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter 159, Entitled "Construction Codes, Uniform" so as to Amend Certain Fees

Motion to Open to Public: Scibetta

Second: Kehm

All in Favor

*No one from the public spoke.*

Motion to Close to Public: Maxwell

Second: Scibetta

All in Favor

Motion to Adopt: Kehm

Second: Carrara

Roll Call: Mrs. Carrara; Mr. Kehm; Mr. Maxwell; Mr. Scibetta

Abstain: Mayor Laney

Ordinance 2026-10 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter 151, Bulkhead Construction

Motion to Open to Public: Scibetta

Second: Kehm

All in Favor

*No one from the public spoke.*

Motion to Close to Public: Maxwell

Second: Carrara

All in Favor

Motion to Adopt: Scibetta

Second: Kehm

Roll Call: Mrs. Carrara; Mr. Kehm; Mr. Maxwell; Mr. Scibetta

Abstain: Mayor Laney

Ordinance 2026-11 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, to Establish the Compensation of Township Employees

Motion to Open to Public: Maxwell

Second: Carrara

All in Favor

*Ms. Prinzo of Center Street asked what compensation to Township Employees meant.*

*Township Attorney Melanie Appleby stated it is a salary ordinance that sets the ranges for employee salaries.*

Motion to Close to Public: Carrara

Second: Kehm

All in Favor

Motion to Adopt: Maxwell

Second: Carrara

Roll Call: Mrs. Carrara; Mr. Kehm; Mr. Maxwell; Mr. Scibetta; Mayor Laney

**8. ORDINANCE [FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION]**

Ordinance 2026-12 Bond Ordinance Providing For the Construction of a Modular Building for the Department of Public Works, Appropriating \$1,200,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,140,000 Bonds and Notes to Finance a Portion of the Costs Thereof, Authorized In and By the Township of Little Egg Harbor, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey

Motion to Introduce: Kehm

Second: Scibetta

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Carrara; Mr. Kehm; Mr. Maxwell; Mr. Scibetta; Mayor Laney

Ordinance 2026-13 An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Special Emergency Appropriation Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 for the Preparation of Tax Maps

Motion to Introduce: Maxwell

Second: Carrara

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Carrara; Mr. Kehm; Mr. Maxwell; Mr. Scibetta; Mayor Laney

**9. 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.*

*Township Clerk, Kelly Lettera, read by title the Resolutions on the consent agenda.*

**RESOLUTIONS**

2026-134 Authorizing the Appointment of Ronald Pizar as Construction Official, Fire Subcode Official and Fire Inspector *[The appointment of Ronald Pizar as Construction Official, Fire Subcode Official and Fire Inspector for the Construction/Zoning Department, effective May 6, 2026.]*

2026-135 Authorizing the Appointment of Angela Moreno as Township Chief Financial Officer *[The appointment of Angela Moreno as Township Chief Financial Officer, effective April 29, 2026]*

- 2026-137 Authorizing the Appointment of Thomas Olsen as Per Diem Electrical Subcode Official/Electrical Inspector for the Construction/Zoning Department *[A resolution superseding and replacing Resolution 2025-076]*
- 2026-139 Authorizing an Employment Agreement with David Letts as Supervisor of the Department of Public Works *[An employment agreement between David Letts and LEHT as Supervisor of Public Works for a term effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026]*
- 2026-140 Authorizing an Employment Agreement with Richard Wisniewski as Supervisor of the Department of Public Works *[An employment agreement between Richard Wisniewski and LEHT as Supervisor of Public Works for a term effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026]*
- 2026-159 Authorizing the Appointment of Fred Cramer as Electrical Subcode Official/Electrical Inspector for the Construction/Zoning Department *[The appointment of Fred Cramer as Electrical Inspector effective May 29, 2026 and Electrical Subcode Official effective June 4, 2026]*
- 2026-160 Authorizing the Appointment of Barbara Bonalski as a Member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board
- 2026-161 Accepting the Resignation of and Authorizing the Compensation of Accumulated Time to Michael Brescia *[Michael Brescia resigned as of May 15, 2026 with a total payout of \$1,203.80 for unused time]*
- 2026-162 Accepting the Resignation of and Authorizing the Compensation of Accumulated Time to Kathryn Weitz *[Kathryn Weitz resigned as of May 29, 2026 with a total payout of \$1,310.43 for unused time]*
- 2026-163 Authorizing an Unpaid Leave of Absence to Doug Apgar *[A resolution authorizing an unpaid leave of absence to Doug Apgar until August 18, 2026]*
- 2026-164 Authorizing Additional Internal Controls for Finance Department
- 2026-165 Authorizing the Township Administrator to Advertise and Hire a Records Support Tech 1 for the Police Department
- 2026-166 Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with USWU Local 255 *[A resolution authorizing the execution of a MOU with USWU to change Fred Cramer's work schedule from a four ten-hour week to a five eight-hour week]*
- 2026-167 Authorizing the Execution of Change Order No. 1 (Final) for 2024 Drainage Improvement Project with Earle Asphalt Company *[Change Order 1(Final) decreases the original contract amount from \$360,213.13 to \$345,949.88 for the 2024 Drainage Improvement Project with Earle Asphalt Company]*
- 2026-168 Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement for Special Engineering Services with T&M Associates for Concept Development and Final Design for Radio Road Sidewalk Improvement Project *[A resolution appointing T&M Associates for Special Project*

*Engineering services for the concept development and final design for the Radio Road sidewalk improvement project]*

- 2026-169 Authorizing the Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption and Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses for the 2026-2027 Licensing Year *[All LEHT Plenary Retail Consumption and Distribution Liquor Licensees have met state and township requirements for the renewal of the 2026-2027 licensing year]*
- 2026-170 Authorizing the Renewal of Club Licenses for the 2026-2027 Licensing Year *[All LEHT Club Liquor Licensees have met state and township requirements for the renewal of the 2026-2027 licensing year]*
- 2026-171 Authorizing the Release of On Site Performance Guarantee Posted by G/B. LTD Operating Company for Dunkin Donuts
- 2026-172 Authorizing the Release of Safety and Stabilization Performance Guarantee Posted by G.B. LTD Operating Company for Dunkin Donuts
- 2026-173 Authorizing the Release of On Site Performance Guarantee Posted by Galaxy Commercial Properties for Block 326.14, Lot 1
- 2026-174 Authorizing the Release of Performance Guarantee Posted by KEG Home Builders for Road Opening at 67 Oak Avenue
- 2026-175 Authorizing an Amendment to the 2026 Budget to Allow for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 *[A resolution authorizing an amendment to the 2026 budget providing a special item of revenue and appropriation for the CDBG FY25 grant in the amount of \$45,000]*
- 2026-176 Authorizing the Approval to Seek a Six (6) Month Extension of the Award Deadline to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the "LTPF-2024-Pedestrian Safety Improvements to Radio Road-00051" Grant Award
- 2026-179 Certifying Costs to the Board of Assessments for the Atlantis Maintenance Dredging Project
- 2026-180 Certifying Costs to the Board of Assessments for the Mystic Island West Maintenance Dredging Project Phase I Project

#### **10. CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

Motion to Open to Public: Carrara

Second: Scibetta

All in Favor

*Ms. Lake of Baltrousl Court stated the center lane for turns on Radio Road was a great addition. She also stated the Township Committee is doing a great job and she is happy they are fighting against Little Egg Harbor to be a Sanctuary City.*

*Ms. Versheck of Country Club Blvd asked why there is a road opening for 67 Oak Avenue for 2026-174.*

*Mayor Laney explained it is a release of a performance Guarantee.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth explained that it was for a water service hookup.*

*Ms. Versheck then asked if the appointment of the new fire inspector has the proper certifications.*

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

Motion to Approve: Maxwell Second: Carrara

Roll Call: Ayes: Mrs. Carrara; Mr. Maxwell;  
Committeeman Kehm: Abstained from 2026-139 and yes to the balance.  
Committeeman Scibetta: Abstained from 2026-171, 172 and yes to the balance.  
Mayor Laney: Abstained from 2026-134, 137, 159, and 166 and yes to the balance.

11. BILL RESOLUTION 2026-177

A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills in the Amount of \$7,125,150.78

Motion to Approve: Scibetta  
Second: Carrara

Roll Call: Ayes: Mrs. Carrara; Mr. Kehm; Mr. Maxwell; Mr. Scibetta;  
Mayor Laney: Abstained from 26-00913, 26-00983, 26-00281, 26-00732, and 26-00867 and yes to the balance.

## 12. MISCELLANEOUS APPROVALS

- Raffle Application No. 2026-23 for Sunshine Foundation; On-Premise Gift Raffle at 420 Radio Road on July 11, 2026
- Raffle Application No. 2026-24 for St. Theresa's Church; On-Premise Pocket Book Raffle at 450 Radio Road on August 16, 2026
- Raffle Application No. 2026-25 for St. Theresa's Church; Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle at 450 Radio Road on Various Dates from August 4, 2026 through August 3, 2027

Motion to Approve: Maxwell Second: Carrara

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

13. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER COMMENTS

*Township Engineer, Jason Worth reported Mystic Island Drainage Phase 4 is making progress, with Mathis Construction and Paving Plus currently working on the drainage. He stated they are almost complete with the concrete work. He then reported that additional road milling and paving would begin next week with North & South Commodore, North & South Forecastle, South Longboat and Staysail Drive. He stated following that, they will begin South Captains, West Playhouse. He stated they would be putting in for reimbursement from Ocean County. He then reported that the Township Administrator and he participated in a Grant Interview to reconstruct and elevate South Portland, South Los Angeles.*



*He then reported he is working on plans for Atlantis Blvd including replacement of aging drainage and repaving the roadway. He stated they expect to send the plan to the Department of Transportation for their review for the Township Municipal Aid Grant by end of June beginning of July. He last reported that one of the Township Grant writers BRS Inc. would be submitting a Grant to the State for Shoreline Restoration and Stabilization project on Ohio Drive in Osborn Island.*

**14. PUBLIC COMMENT – Any Topic**

*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 the Public: Carrara

Second: Kehm

All in Favor

*Ms. Amonica of South Ensign Drive asked about the infrastructure and flooding on her road. She asked if there is an estimation on when the roads will be fixed.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth stated he has heard from residents regarding issues in that particular neighborhood. He said he unfortunately does not have an estimated time frame as far as paving on the roadways but the drainage system was replaced two years ago leading out to the lagoon with the anticipation of coming in and elevating and reconstruct the road. He then stated some of the projects have had Tide Valves put it and they might have extras on the other project and might be able to use it on her road for temporary relief until they are able to help the road.*

*Ms. Amonica then asked about a sinking in bulkhead at the end of the road and it needs to be repaired.*

*Ms. Appleby stated the Ordinance that was approved tonight would allow the Township to put a Lien on a property and fix bulkheads that are in disarray. The Ordinance allows the Township to have some power to do that.*

*Mr. Worth stated he is aware the property has been issued several fines and will reach out to the bulkhead inspector to see if they can mitigate it.*

*Ms. Prinzo and Mr. Erico of Center Street stated they complained about the speeding on Center Street and the police were very responsive and put out digital speed signs and the speeding has slowed down. They stated they appreciate police response to try to stop the speeding. She thanked the Committee and Police Department. She then asked Mr. Worth if he was able to look into the repaving of the Township portion of Center Street and adding speed bumps.*

*Mr. Worth stated his transportation team is looking into it and seeing how affective that could be on the Township portion if the county portion does not have them. He stated after their research they will get back to him. He stated the County is coming in and paving and he has discussed the speeding and what could be done to mitigate that from their project. He stated they would also be doing drainage improvements at Lake Crystalbrook Dr. He stated he should have an answer for the Township by next week on that.*

*Mr. Versheck of County Club asked Mr. Worth about repaving and Drainage on Atlantis and asked if it had anything to do with the drainage because he is concerned about the drainage with the new development that is going in and then he asked why the golf course raised the t-boxes.*

*Mr. Worth stated the drainage system within Atlantis Blvd. is specific to Atlantis, Pinehurst, Champion Drive so they system is isolated to that neighborhood and drain out to the lagoon. He stated there is no pipe connection between the pipes on Atlantis Blvd and other points so they are independent from one another. He stated he is unfamiliar with any work being done on the Golf Course he was not notified.*

*Mr. Vershek stated he is the President of the Little Egg Harbor Concerned Citizens Association and read a statement about the Association. He then stated the Association strongly opposes the Lennar Project and will be handing out petitions. He stated he is thrilled the Township is hosting the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday event.*

*Mrs. Vershek stated the Lennar Project is bothering her and wants to know the Center Street response time for EMS, Fire, and Police. She stated adding another 400 buildings would reduce the response time. She stated the Taxpayers pay for sanitized water for drinking and 1 million people a year die from unsanitary water and that is what the Lennar Project would cause.*

*Mr. Sferas of Timberline Drive thanked the Committee for all they do for the Community. He then stated Little Egg Harbor is a great place to live. He stated he has concerns regarding the Lennar Project but wanted to redirect the conversation to an Ordinance that was introduced tonight regarding a building for Public Works Employees. He stated Public Works employees do a great job. He asked about the total cost. He asked what the use and location would be. He then stated the Gifford Road building has been empty for years and why can that not be utilized.*

*Mayor Laney stated their administrative staff as well as a place for the employees break room would utilize the building. He stated it would need to remain at that location because that is where the yard is located. He stated there is other costs associated with the project.*

*Mr. Worth stated it is a triple wide 32 feet by 75 feet and would replace the old structures. He stated you need utility hookups and additional parking. Then the old buildings would be demoed.*

*Ms. Prinzo of Center Street encouraged all residents to slow down and let the turtles cross the road.*

*Ms. Lake Baltrousl Court asked Mrs. Vershek what meant by her statements regarding a petition.*

*Ms. Appleby stated she is discussing a petition regarding the Lennar project but it is currently in litigation.*

*Ms. Mower of Tuckerton Borough mentioned about the development, she stated it is back with the NJ DEP for CAFRA approval, updated plan, and wanted to make the public aware. She then asked about ease of access for public notices. She then asked if it would be possible to put it under public notices on the website.*



*Township Clerk and Interim Business Administrator Kelly Lettera stated it is not a requirement, DEP posts it on their website, and that is what is required.*

*Ms. Mower then asked why the Township is opposed to put it under the public notice tab.*

*Ms. Appleby stated that putting on other entities notices would make it more confusing for residents to difference. She stated there are so many different entities within the state that someone might be interested in to keep listing on the township website would confuse residents more. She then stated there are portions to look up the State and County entities and find their notices.*

*Ms. Mower stated a typical person could not find the notices on the DEP Website. She then stated that they are thumb tacked on the bulletin board and the spot with the public notice seems to be covered.*

*Ms. Lettera stated they are put up by order in which they come in with a note stating the full copy can be read in the Township Clerks office.*

*Ms. Varamo of Newport Way asked Mr. Worth about the Pickle ball Courts.*

*Mr. Worth stated he does not have a schedule from the contractor but he let Jason know that he has to do some work at the courts.*

*Ms. Varamo asked Mr. Scibetta about the Frog Pond and George J Mitchell School and U-turning and driving on peoples lawns.*

*Mr. Scibetta stated they are changing the times of the school. He advised he would have the Township Engineer speak to the new superintendent. He then stated that a light is proposed to go there and alleviate the traffic.*

*Mr. Worth stated it would most likely be for 2027.*

*Ms. Varamo asked if that would not be on while school is in session.*

*Mr. Worth stated he asked that question and it would be green on 539 until someone would come up to the light.*

*Ms. Varamo asked about the micro plastic Ordinance.*

*Ms. Appleby stated she reached out to that attorney multiple times with no response.*

*Ms. Varamo asked if the Township is considering limiting Data Centers in the Township.*

*Mayor Laney stated they have many emails regarding the matter and will discuss the topic in executive session.*

Motion to Close to the Public: Scibetta

Second: Carrara

All in Favor

**15. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

*Committeewoman Carrara apologized for her absence from the last Township Meeting. Unfortunately her father passed away about two hours before the meeting. She stated although it has been hard the outstanding support and compassion from the Community is amazing. She stated he was loved in the community and she stated she is still receiving condolences. She then stated her father was a Veteran 39 years in the United States Navy and her first outing was the Memorial Day Parade. She stated it was an incredible event with a sea of red white and blue. She stated the amount of residents that came out it was a beautiful event and she is looking forward to the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Concert.*

*Committeeman Kehm emphasized the importance of being aware in the water and staying safe. He stated we are seeing many news articles. He stated that since there are no lifeguards if children or grandchildren are in the water teach them water safety because the rip currents are bad. He then stated boating season is in full effect make sure we are getting boater safety training. He then wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July.*

*Committeeman Scibetta thanked the volunteers, the Police Department, and the participates. He then thanked West Tuckerton for taking them in their boat through the parade. He then stated that his daughter loves to save turtles, but wanted to tell the public to use precautions when moving turtles from the roadway. He stated watch out for the turtles. He then stated sports season is over and thanked the volunteers for giving back to our community and giving back to the youth. He then proclaimed to support girls in sports.*

*Deputy Mayor Maxwell stated the Township is hosting a 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for America. He stated the band 40 North will be playing, free hot dogs and hamburgers for the community with the committee serving the people of the town. He stated there would also be bounce houses and corn hole. He reminded everyone to bring their folding chairs. He stated it would be great to celebrate the phenomenal county we live in and the best town in that county. Come out and celebrate. He then congratulated the police officers. He stated out Police Department is the best and does so much for the community. He stated they do not get the recognition they deserve. He then stated the next Senior Advisory meeting would be at Sunrise Bay on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Maria Deface from Ocean County and Scott Carter from Ocean County Health Department. He then wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July.*

*Mayor Laney stated the Memorial Day parade way amazing and thanked the volunteers. He then congratulated all the essay winners and they did a great job doing their speeches on Memorial Day. He then congratulated the amazing Police Officers. He then stated to come out and join us on July 3<sup>rd</sup> it will be their best event in a while. He stated after the event if you make your way down to Parker town Docks or Graveling Point you will be able to see the fireworks from Surf City and Atlantic City. He then stated the Police department is looking for informational vendors for National Night out. He then wished everyone have a Happy and Safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July and thanked everyone for coming out.*

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION 2026-178**

## Meetings Act

*contractual matters, personnel and attorney/client privilege, formal action may be taken.*

All in Favor

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

All in Favor

All in Favor

Committee.

Township Clerk