

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – September 6, 2017**

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on September 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Township Hall, 2600 Bayshore Road, Villas, New Jersey.

The Clerk announced that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and that adequate notice of the meeting had been provided according to law.

The following members of Council were present for roll call taken by the Clerk:

- Councilmember Thomas Conrad
- Councilmember David Perry
- Councilmember Roland Roy, Jr.
- Deputy Mayor Frank Sippel
- Mayor Erik Simonsen

Also present: James Ridgway, Township Manager, David Stefankiewicz, Township Solicitor and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk

**Work Session**

**Consent Agenda**

- Approval of Minutes August 21, 2017
- Approval of Closed Session Minutes August 21, 2017
- Res. #2017-246 Authorization for payment of Vouchers \$ 504,993.62
- Res. #2017-247 A Resolution Authorizing Payment to the Municipal Court General Fund in the amount of \$1,001
- Res. #2017-248 Authorization for Refund of Taxes (6 properties \$5,689.90)
- Res. #2017-249 Approval of Change Order #1 for Additional Environmental Sampling Services for the Roseann Avenue/Bayshore Estates Drainage And Stormwater Management Improvements Project (\$6,500)

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD	X		X			
PERRY			X			
ROY		X	X			
SIPPEL			X			
SIMONSEN			X			

**Administrative Reports**

Monthly Report - Treasurer

**Council Comments**

Councilman Conrad reminded to use caution with school back in session. He also thanked Mayor Simonsen for participating in the Concert for a Cause.

Councilman Perry gave a brief update on the Roseann Avenue project .

Councilman Roy - no comments

Deputy Mayor Sippel commented on the success of the Concert for a Cause and informed that County Officials have offered to contribute to help the cause.

Mayor Simonsen stressed the importance of getting kids involved in the community, and shared his hope for future events. He reminded of upcoming events including back to school night and sporting events, and informed about a new drug awareness initiative for parents called Hidden in Plain Sight.

Manager Ridgway reminded about the 9-11 ceremony at Sunset Beach.

Councilman Conrad reminded about the Run for the Fallen.

**Call to the Public**


Eileen Kreis informed about the Run for the Fallen flag ceremony on September 20<sup>th</sup> at Sunset Beach and encouraged support for the Gold Star Families.

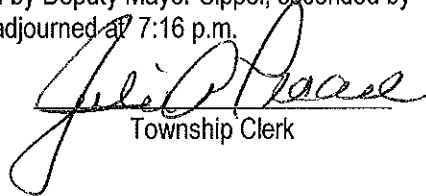
Mr. Evan Warburton addressed Council and spoke on his proposed Eagle Scout Project (attached). Mr. Warburton proposed to refurbish the North Cape May Mayflower Circle area by restoring the monument and surrounding area. Motion to approve project:

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD					X	
PERRY		X	X			
ROY			X			
SIPPEL			X			
SIMONSEN	X		X			

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Deputy Mayor Sippel, seconded by Councilmember Perry. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Township Clerk

Approved: *Sept 18, 2017*

Dear Township Council,

My name is Evan Warburton, I am a Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 87 Erma and I am seeking permission from the Township Council for my Eagle Scout project titled " The Refurbishing of the North Cape May Mayflower Circle ". I am planning on refurbishing the Washington Blvd. Mayflower Circle. This is a stone monument in the middle of a small circle of grass located on Washington Street, North Cape May. This memorial was dedicated to soldiers and sailors of World War One. It used to have a statue of a sailor on one end and a soldier on the other. As the area was built up, vandals destroyed the statues. A lot of time passed and people seemed to have forgotten why and how it got there.

I want to do this project because I believe that restoring this monument will bring awareness to the public of the monument's history, give appreciation to all veterans, especially World War One veterans since that is what the statue was originally for, and remind people of why the monument was there in the first place. My project will include: repainting the stone white, adding a plaque to commemorate the significance of the monument which is, when it was established and why and who it was put up for. Also, I would add minimal landscaping such as, bordering landscape timbers with shrubs that require minimal water, with some mulch. I would also like to add solar lights to light up the area at night and a solar light system with a flagpole. If it is possible, I'm asking for the Township to maintain the monument after it is finished. I would like to start as soon as possible and I'm planning to be done within a 3-month period. This project will be paid for by fundraisers and donations. I think that when this project is done, it could really teach people some history and how they can appreciate it. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Evan Warburton