

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – August 21, 2017

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on August 21, 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

Proclamation - Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

Mayor Simonsen read a proclamation declaring Lower Township's support for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2017 Statewide Crackdown from August 18 through September 4, 2017, and pledging to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

Work Session

Presentation of Plaque – RMT Builders Club & Lower Twp HPC; Mayor Simonsen

Mayor Simonsen acknowledged several key people in attendance of the meeting and presented a plaque to recognize members of the RMT Builder's Club and the Lower Township Historic Preservation Commission for the re-beautification of the Union Bethel Veteran's Cemetery.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes - August 7, 2017
Approval of Closed Session Minutes – August 7, 2017
Res. #2017-226 Authorization for the Payment of Vouchers \$454,225.46
Res. #2017-227 Public Facilities Grant Application for \$400,000, Pump Station Improvements
Res. #2017-228 Adoption of State Model Citizen Participation Plan for DCA Small Cities Program (grant requirement)
Res. #2017-229 Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Grant Management Plan (grant requirement)
Res. #2017-230 Approval of Public Facilities Grant Management Plan – Pump Station Improvements (grant requirements)
Res. #2017-231 Approval of Change Order #1 for an Additional Concert Date at the Delaware River Bay Authority Ferry Terminal for Frank Kielb Entertainment (additional \$1,550)
Res. #2017-232 Authorization for South Jersey Power Cooperative Natural Gas Supply Service Application
Res. #2017-233 Appointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment to Fill an Unexpired Term (G.Doherty moving up to Regular member)
Res. #2017-234 A Resolution Authorizing the Donation of Bicycles to the American Legion Post #239 for Operation Used Bicycles to be Distributed to Homeless Veterans at Veterans Haven
Res. #2017-235 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over \$5,500)
Res. #2017-236 A Resolution Establishing an Emergency Due to Collapse of Roadway on Roseanne Avenue in the Township of Lower
Res. #2017-237 Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Program Policy and Procedural Manual
Res. #2017-238 Authorization for Refund of Taxes (2 properties \$2,407.25)
Res. #2017-239 Appointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (R.Basco)
Res. #2017-240 Award of Contract Due to Collapse of Roadway on Roseanne Avenue in the Township of Lower
Res. #2017-241 A Resolution Amending Resolutions #2014-272 and 2014-273 to Reflect Bifurcation of Funding in Connection With The Cape May County Open Space Program - Bike Trail (Lower portion \$184,554.45)

- Res. #2017-242 A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Service Contract with Ulbrich-Scull Investigations, LLC (to provide confidential investigative services not to exceed \$15,000)
- Res. #2017-243 Bid Acceptance and Award of Two (2) Ford Explorers (Gentilini Ford \$31,207.83 each)

Mike Rosenberg, 100 Coral Road, addressed Council about the pump station and the collapse on Roseann Avenue. Councilman Perry explained the emergency repair due to a collapse in the existing storm drain on Roseann Avenue. Mayor Simonsen explained that the Township is working with the MUA on a grant to replace the pump stations. Councilman Conrad informed about the pass through grant requirement. Manager Ridgway informed that the collapse was not part of the Roseann Avenue project.

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

Regular Agenda

Res. #2017-244 Authorizing the Payment of Vouchers \$10,000 (Lower Twp Rescue)

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

Administrative Reports

Monthly Reports – Clerk, Construction, Dog, Police, Tax, Vital Statistics

Council Comments

Councilman Conrad acknowledged Adelia Jonas, owner of Dominos, for her hard work. He also pointed out the Township's natural beauty and reminded residents to call their Councilmembers to report Township problems.

Councilman Perry observed the close of summer and his anticipation for the Roseann Avenue project and County road repairs. He also reminded to contact the Township Manager or Councilmembers to report road problems.

Councilman Roy gave thanks and praise to the volunteers who helped with the re-beautification of Union Bethel Veteran's Cemetery.

Deputy Mayor Sippel commented on the success of the Summer Concert Series and encouraged support for the August 30th Concert for a Cause.

Manager Ridgway shared information about County road repairs, increased Township Code Enforcement and Construction, anticipated cooperation from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding a berm, and activity from Shore Animal Control. He reminded about the continuation of the Summer Concert Series.

Mayor Simonsen gave a brief update on County road repairs, and informed about an incident with a sailboat on Diamond Beach. He said he looks forward to working with MAC on a video that will showcase Lower Township's historic sites.

Call to the Public

Dan Anderson, Townbank Road, voiced concerns about code enforcement issues. Manager Ridgway assured Mr. Anderson that his concerns are being addressed. Mayor Simonsen reaffirmed Manager Ridgway's response.

Ray Flickinger, Washington Blvd, brought a matter regarding the outfall pipe on Washington Boulevard to Council's attention.

Manager Ridgway assured that the matter will be addressed.

Closed Session

Res. #2017-245

Resolution Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12. **Litigation Update - FEMA**

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

Council adjourned to Closed Session at 7:37 p.m.

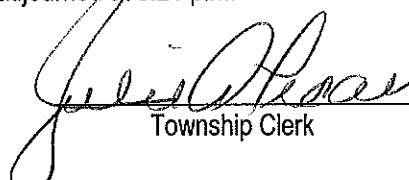
Council returned to Open Session at 8:21 p.m.

Adjournment


There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Deputy Mayor Sippel, seconded by Councilmember Roy. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved:  Sept. 6, 2017