

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – June 19, 2017

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on June 19, 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 June 5, 2017
- Approval of Closed Session Minutes June 5, 2017
- Res. #2017-177 Authorizing the Payment of Vouchers \$ 688,039.51
- Res. #2017-178 Agreement to Participate in Cooperative Pricing System 25CMaCP Between the County of Cape May as Lead Agency and the Township of Lower
- Res. #2017-179 Cops in Shops Summer Shore Initiative 2017 (grant application)
- Res. #2017-180 Approval for Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc to Load and Unload a Fireworks Barge in Lower Township
- Res. #2017-181 Annual Renewal of Liquor Licenses for the Year 2017-2018 (remaining 3 licenses)
- Res. #2017-182 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation \$900.76)
- Res. #2017-183 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Body Armor \$2,007.50)
- Res. #2017-184 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Clean Communities \$77,031.62)
- Res. #2017-185 2017 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over State Wide Labor Day Crackdown Grant (\$5,500 8/18/17 – 9/4/17)
- Res. #2017-186 Authorization for Refund of Taxes (5 properties \$ 2,585.46)
- Res. #2017-187 Approval for Whale of a Day Festival (July 8, 2017)
- Res. #2017-188 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Emergency Management Agency Assistance Subgrant \$9,400 7/1/2016-6/30/2017)
- Res. #2017-189 Authorization for the Township to Apply for an Emergency Management Agency Assistance Subgrant (2017 \$20,000)
- Res. #2017-190 Appointment to the Recreation Advisory Board (N.Johnson)
- Res. #2017-191 Appointment to the Recreation Advisory Board (M.Gegan)

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

Regular Agenda

- Res. #2017-192 A Resolution Ratifying a Four (4) Year Memorandum of Agreement Between the Township of Lower and AFSCME, NJ (1/1/2016 – 12/31/2019)

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

Res. #2017-193

Approval of An Alcoholic Beverage Control License Place To Place Transfer – Expansion of Premises – License #0505-33-003-007; Buttonwood Manor, Inc, t/a Red Brick Ale House

Deputy Mayor Sippel addressed Buttonwood Manor Attorney, Scott Silver, about the owner's intention to serve alcohol outside the building. Attorney Silver explained the owner's intention to allow drinks to be carried outside to the smoking area, until further land use approvals are attained. Mayor Simonsen clarified.

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

Administrative Reports

Monthly Reports - Clerk, Construction, Dog, Fire, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Vital Statistics

Council Comments

Manager Ridgway informed about the Township pool being open, and gave an update on the Bike Path Project, the Bridge Fender Project and the Independence Day Festival.

Councilman Conrad reminded about summer recess and the Summer Concert Series.

Councilman Perry informed about the Freeholders approved resolution to reduce the speed limit on Bayshore Road. Councilman Conrad communicated the need for a reduction near Township Hall. Councilman Perry also updated on the progress of the Roseann Avenue Water Main.

Councilman Roy- no comments

Deputy Mayor Sippel made favorable comments about the Cape Alliance Appreciation Dinner and thanked Colleen Crippen for her efforts.

Mayor Simonsen commented on the success of the Cape Alliance Appreciation Dinner, the Cape Assist Breakfast, and the local graduation ceremonies. He announced upcoming events, including: ACE Academy at NASW Museum, Independence Day Festival, the Summer Concert Series, and the Council meeting on Wednesday, July 5th.

Call to the Public

Closed Session

Res. #2017-194


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. **Collective Bargaining Update / Negotiation Update / Attorney-Client Privilege**

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


Council adjourned to Closed Session at approximately 7:25 p.m.
Council returned to Open Session at approximately 8:31 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Councilmember Roy. Motion to adjourn unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved: 