

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – May 15, 2017

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on May 15, 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 – Supporting the Click It or Ticket Mobilization of May 22 – June 4, 2017

Mayor Simonsen read a proclamation declaring the Township's support of the Click It or Ticket Seatbelt Mobilization Program effective from May 22 to June 4, 2017.

Proclamation - Michael Nolan, Eagle Scout Project - Mayor Erik Simonsen

Mayor Simonsen congratulated Michael Nolan on his Eagle Scout achievement and spoke briefly about his project at the Union Bethel Civil War Veteran's Cemetery. He presented a proclamation on behalf of Council congratulating Michael on an outstanding project and wishing him continued success. He also announced that Michael will be an honored guest at the rededication ceremony on May 24th.

Triathlon Update – Steve DelMonte

Manager Ridgway introduced Steve DelMonte and shared some particulars about the Escape the Cape Triathlon. Steve DelMonte thanked Manager Ridgway for his gracious introduction and applauded the community for their part in the triathlon's success. He reminded that no tax dollars are being used for this event. He said diligence is being done to notify the public of any impact, and a new bike course is planned this year. He said that over 40 of the US states are represented. He thanked First Assembly of God Church, and the Department of Parks and Recreation for their support.

Mayor Simonsen thanked Steve DelMonte for his support of the township recreation department and other township programs.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes May 1, 2017

Approval of Closed Session Minutes May 1, 2017

Res. #2017-141 Payment of Vouchers \$ 133,786.28

Res. #2017-142 A Resolution Authorizing Payments to the Lower Township Board of Education (July thru Dec, 2017 \$8,480,282.)

Res. #2017-143 A Resolution Authorizing Payments for 2017 Regional School Taxes (July thru Dec, 2017 \$6,891,597.)

Res. #2017-144 A Resolution Requesting the Release of a Performance Guarantee for A Major Subdivision, "Ernest Winfield Drive"; Block 500.01, Lots 21.05 & 21.01, Escrow #P04-01-10 (\$60,960.)

Res. #2017-145 A Resolution Authorizing the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (B.McEwing \$1,361.09)

Res. #2017-146 A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the Tax Premium Account

Res. #2017-147 A Resolution Authorizing the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (M.Szemczak \$1,996.26)

Res. #2017-148 A Resolution Amending Resolution #2017-75; Approving the Installation of Cummings Motor for Garbage Truck #33 – Increasing the Total Amount by \$5,320.05.

Res. #2017-149 Capital Budget Amendment

Res. #2017-150 A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of James Ridgway as the Appointing Authority for the Township of Lower

Res. #2017-151 A Resolution Authorizing Cape May Limousine to Transfer a Limousine License

- Res. #2017-152 A Resolution Approving the Renewal of a 2017 Campground License (Cape Island)
- Res. #2017-153 Bid Acceptance and Contract Award to Supply Asphalt to the Township of Lower for 24 Months (A.E.Stone)
- Res. #2017-154 A Resolution Approving Change Order #1 for Additional Electrical Services for the Generator Set Replacements for Public Works and Recreation Departments (Janney Electric \$7,089.88)
- Res. #2017-155 A Resolution Approving a Professional Service Contract with Wizards Festival of Fun, Inc for the Township of Lower's July 3, 2017 Celebration (\$14,500)
- Ordinance #2017-08 Bond Ordinance Providing for Various 2017 Capital Improvements By and In the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey (The "Township"); Appropriating \$1,107,350 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,000,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Costs Thereof. This is the first reading of the Bond Ordinance. 2nd reading and hearing is scheduled for June 5, 2017

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

Regular Agenda

- Res. #2017-156 A Resolution Authorizing the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (M. Perry \$3,096.48)

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

- Res. #2017-157 Authorizing the Payment of Vouchers \$45,000 – Lower Township Rescue

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

- Res. #2017-158 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Click it or Ticket \$5,500)

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

- Ordinance #2017-07 An Ordinance Amending the Uniform Construction Code; To Update The Fees Related to Chapter 235
This is the 2nd reading and public hearing of this Ordinance. This Ordinance has been published, posted and made available to the public.

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

Administrative Reports

Monthly Report - Clerk, Construction, Dog, Fire, Police, Tax, Treasurer, Vital Statistics

Council Comments

Manager Ridgway gave an update on several Township programs including the Reach Program and the upcoming youth recreation programs.

Councilman Conrad reminded of road closures due to the triathlon; he informed about the Vacant Properties Ordinance taking effect; and he informed about infrastructure improvements in the 2017 Capital Budget.

Councilman Perry reminded that summer is quickly approaching and signage improvements are planned for the Bayfront. He wished everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day.

Councilman Roy informed about a Township beach cleanup scheduled for Saturday May 20th from Lincoln Blvd to Miami Avenue.


Deputy Mayor Sippel thanked Manager Ridgway and Mitch Plenn for integrating alternative rec programs for youth; he thanked Mayor Simonsen and Chief Mastriana for working with Cape Assist on a youth camp; and he thanked Gary Douglass and the Optimist Club for helping to raise funds for families in need. He shared news for Veterans; reminded about Memorial Day, a day of remembrance; and informed about a Memorial Day Service at the local VFW at 11:00 a.m.

Mayor Simonsen announced the following upcoming events: Cape Island's Community Wildlife Habitat Celebration, Armed Forces Day, rededication of the Union Bethel Cemetery, and the Summer Concert Series. He thanked attendees of the Coast Guard Community Festival and congratulated Lower Township Police Officers for their participation in the Police Unity Tour and Law Enforcement United.

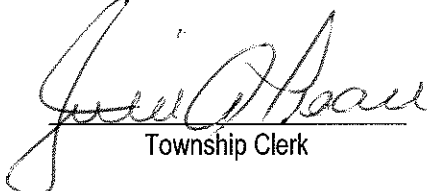
Call to Public

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 7:42 p.m.



 Mayor



 Township Clerk

Approved: 