

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – June 5, 2017

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on June 5, 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

Proclamation - Andrew Heim Eagle Scout Project – Mayor Erik Simonsen

Mayor Simonsen commended Andrew on his achievements and thanked him for giving back to the community. He read a proclamation from Council congratulating Andrew on his Eagle Scout Project and wishing him continued success in the future.

Healthy Youth Coalition Update; Steve Selby – Deputy Mayor Frank Sippel

Steve Selby, Lower Township Healthy Youth Coalition Coordinator, briefed Council on the upcoming Youth Community Camp. He communicated several aspects of the camp and thanked Township employees for their assistance in getting it started.

Deputy Mayor Sippel thanked Chief Mastriana, Officer Barkas and Mayor Simonsen for their role in the camp and thanked the Recreation Department and local businesses for their donations. He also communicated his vision for the camp in the future.

Mayor Simonsen stressed the importance of getting the youth involved as a means of combatting the drug epidemic.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes -	May 15, 2017
Res. #2017-159	Payment of Vouchers \$938,905.77
Res. #2017-160	A Resolution Requesting Release of Performance Guarantee for Metro PCS Pennsylvania, LLC; Block 238, Lot 29; Escrow #Z08-11-01 (\$15,036.)
Res. #2017-161	A Resolution Requesting Release of Performance Guarantee for Verizon Villas Central Office; Block 252, Lots 18-20, 37-41, Escrow #Z11-02-01 (\$23,544)
Res. #2017-162	A Resolution Amending Resolution #2017-153; Bid Acceptance and Contract Award to Supply Asphalt to the Township of Lower for 24 Months (A.E.Stone, Inc)
Res. #2017-163	A Resolution Approving the Pedestrian Bike Path License Agreement between the Township of Lower and Atlantic City Electric Company (Middle/Lower Connector)
Res. #2017-164	Reappointment to the Planning Board (A.Bulakowski)
Res. #2017-165	Reappointment to the Planning Board (R.Crompton)
Res. #2017-166	Reappointment to the Planning Board (B.Sullivan)
Res. #2017-167	Reappointment to the Planning Board (J.Young)
Res. #2017-168	Appointment to the Zoning Board; Filling an Unexpired Term (M.Kennedy – move from alt to reg member)
Res. #2017-169	Reappointment to the Recreation Advisory Board (S.Morey)
Res. #2017-170	Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (J.Armbruster)
Res. #2017-171	Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (NJ DOT Municipal Grant \$178,000)
Res. #2017-172	Annual Renewal of Liquor Licenses for the Year 2017-2018 (25 of 28 renewals)
Res. #2017-173	Authorization for South Jersey Power Cooperative Electric Bid

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

Regular Agenda

Res. #2017-174

Authorization for 2017 Incentive Award for Insurance Waiver (26 employees \$64,000)

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

Res. #2017-175

Appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission to fill a Vacancy (E. Von Collin)
Councilman Conrad commented in favor of Mr. Von Collin.

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

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 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			
PERRY			X			
ROY		X	X			
SIPPEL	X		X			
SIMONSEN			X			

Engineer Report - Steve Morey, Mott MacDonald

Steve Morey, Senior Project Manager, Mott MacDonald, gave a brief update on the current engineering projects in the Township, including Roseann Avenue Roadway and Utility Improvements, Water Allocation Permit/Temporary Dewatering Permit, NJDOT Municipal Aid FY2017 Application, and the Beach Drive Pedestrian Safety Improvements.

Council Comments

Councilman Conrad reminded to be aware of kids out of school for the summer, and to exercise your right to vote.

Councilman Perry thanked Councilman Roy and everyone who participated in the beach cleanup.

Councilman Roy commented on the beach cleanup, and thanked Judy Gillis and Mike Rosenberg for their time and effort. He gave an update on the Bike Path Extension and reminded everyone to vote.

Deputy Mayor Sippel- no comments

Mayor Simonsen reported on past events including Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, the designation of Cape Island as a Community Wildlife Habitat, Nauti Spirits grand opening, rededication of Union Bethel Cemetery, and Escape the Cape Triathlon. He announced upcoming events including Rock for Kids Music Festival and the Summer Concert Series.

Manager Ridgway informed about the last summer concert featuring Twelve01 and Lima Bean Riot. He reminded about the July 3rd Independence Festival and commented on the success of the triathlon, thanking all departments involved.

Mayor Simonsen applauded the community for their support during the triathlon.

Call to the Public

Chris Lizzi, 119 Millman Lane, addressed Council regarding issues with a neighboring property. Manager Ridgway countered Mr. Lizzi's statements and indicated a communication problem. Mayor Simonsen assured that the issue will be addressed. Mr. Lizzi also alleged a problem with the beach access paths. Manager Ridgway argued in the Township's defense.

Bill Greenfield, Villas, questioned Mr. Lizzi's allegations. Mayor Simonsen defended Mr. Galestok's credibility.

Ray Flickenger, 1700 Washington Blvd, commented on the success of the triathlon and made suggestions about signage and street markings along the bayfront.

Robert Rizzo, Mickel's Run, addressed the deplorable condition of county roads within the Township and urged Council to use their political influence to get results. Mayor Simonsen reminded that government takes time. Councilman Conrad informed of the County's plan as well as the Township's plan for road improvements. Mayor Simonsen reiterated the same.

Closed Session

Res. #2017-176

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 -- **Anticipated Litigation**


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

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:49 p.m.

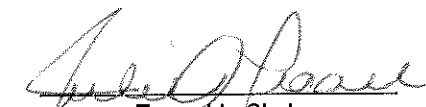
Council returned to Open Session at 8:45 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Councilmember Perry. Motion to adjourn unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



 Mayor
 Approved: 6-19-2017



 Township Clerk