

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – September 18, 2017

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on September 18, 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

Presentation - Lower Township Video- Manager Jim Ridgway

Manager Ridgway gave a brief commentary of the video presentation highlighting historical landmarks throughout the Township.

Certificate - Kiwanis Club of Cape May – Mayor Erik Simonsen

Mayor Simonsen, on behalf of Council, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Kiwanis Club of Cape May for their sponsorship of the RMT Builder's Club and their dedication to the youth of our community.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes	September 6, 2017
Res. #2017-250	Authorization for payment of vouchers \$ 890,066.80
Res. #2017-251	A Resolution Ratifying A Four (4) Year Contract Agreement Between the Township of Lower and Lower Township Recreation Aids Association AFSCME District Council #71 AFL-CIO (Memorandum of Agreement)
Res. #2017-252	Approval of Contribution to Lower Township Chamber of Commerce (\$4,000)
Res. #2017-253	Approving a Professional Service Contract with Mott MacDonald for Preparation and Submission of an Application to the NJDOT Under The Municipal Aid Program for Fiscal Year 2018 (\$2,600 Georgia Ave, Alabama Ave & Main St)
Res. #2017-254	Approval to Submit A Grant Application and Execute A Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Reconstruction of Georgia Avenue, Alabama Avenue and Main Street Project
Res. #2017-255	Authorization for Refund of Taxes (1 property \$223.59)
Res. #2017-256	Approving a Professional Service Contract with Engineering Design Associates for Preparation and Submission of a Grant Application for 2017 Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Mitigation Assistance (\$4,950.)
Res. #2017-257	Authorization: Determination of Municipal Service Fees for 2018
Res. #2017-258	Award of An Extraordinary Unspecified Service Contract Without Public Bidding to Evergreen Environmental, LLC for the Purchase of 0.12 Wetland Mitigation Credits (\$6,000)
Res. #2017-259	Approving a Professional Service Contract with DeBlasio & Associated for Professional Engineering Services for the Reconstruction of Old Route 109 from the Garden State Parkway to the Southern Terminus (\$24,000)
Res. #2017-260	Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund \$6,703.13)
Ordinance #2017-11	An Ordinance Amending Chapter Seven Entitled "Traffic" of the General Ordinances of the Township of Lower – This Ordinance establishes three (3) 4-way stop intersections within the Township. This is the first reading of this Ordinance. The second reading and public hearing of this Ordinance has been scheduled for October 2 nd .

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

Regular Agenda

Res. #2017-261

Approval of an Alcoholic Beverage Control License Person to Person Transfer License #0505-33-019-009, From A & J Blue Claw, Inc to Panico's Secondo, LLC t/a Panico's Secondo. This License Transfer has been advertised by the applicant as required by law and no objections have been received.

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CONRAD		X	X			
PERRY			X			
ROY			X			
SIPPEL	X		X			
SIMONSEN			X			

David DeWeese, Esq., on behalf of Panico's Secondo, presented the original Proof of Publication to the Township.

Administrative Reports

Monthly Reports – Clerk, Dog, Tax, Treasurer, Vital Statistics

Council Comments

Councilman Conrad thanked everyone in attendance of the 9-11 ceremony and announced the upcoming NJ Run for the Fallen event.

Councilman Perry- no comments

Councilman Roy pointed out the LTMUA's mailing regarding future sewer and water planning.

Deputy Mayor Sippel shared specifics about "Hidden in Plain Sight", a drug awareness program, to be held at the Villas Fire Company on September 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Simonsen spoke briefly about "Hidden in Plain Sight" and reiterated Council's commitment to fight the drug epidemic. He also informed about a lock-in event at LCMR, shared details about the 9-11 ceremony, the NJ Run for the Fallen, and meetings with Cape May City and the Coast Guard regarding abandoned vessels in the Harbor.

Manager Ridgway gave an update on several items including progress at the Public Safety Building, revenue increases in the Construction Office and fall youth sports programs in the Recreation Department. He also commented on the 9-11 ceremony and encouraged support for the NJ Run for the Fallen.

Call to the Public

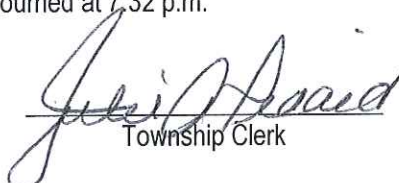
No comments

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Councilmember Roy. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



 Mayor



 Township Clerk

Approved: 10/2/2017