

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – March 20, 2017

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on March 20, 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 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

2017 Budget Hearing – Manager Jim Ridgway, CFO Lauren Read, Auditor Leon Costello

Manager Ridgway invited Leon Costello, Municipal Auditor, to field questions and discuss the budget.

Leon Costello informed that the presented budget is the same as the introduced budget with 1.8 cent increase. There is one amendment necessary due to State Aid and one item adjustment, but no net change.

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

Resolution #2017- 98 Amendment to 2017 Budget (Revenue Line Amendment)

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

Resolution #2017-99 Adoption of 2017 Budget

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

Consent Agenda

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| Approval of Minutes | March 6, 2017 |
| Res. #2017-100 | Payment of Vouchers \$ 854,163.54 |
| Res. #2017-101 | Renewal of 2017 Campground Licenses (Cape May KOA, Seashore & Beachcomber) |
| Res. #2017-102 | Issuance of 2017 Limousine and Operator Licenses (Cape May Limousine) |
| Res. #2017-103 | A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Shared Service Agreement Between the Township of Lower and the County of Cape May for Law Enforcement Coverage at a Township Event (6/4/17 Triathlon) |
| Res. #2017-104 | Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (M.Nuscis \$5,655.90) |

- Res. #2017-105 Authority to Approve General Engineering Proposals Not To Exceed \$10,000 to the Township Engineer
 Res. #2017-106 Recycling Tonnage Grant Resolution
 Res. #2017-107 Recycling Tonnage Grant Certification of Taxes Paid
 Res. #2017-108 A Resolution Awarding Seven (7) Concerts To Be Held at the Delaware River Bay Authority Ferry Terminal to Media Five LTD and Frank Kielb Entertainment

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

Regular Agenda

Ordinance #2017-02 An Ordinance of the Township of Lower Establishing Requirements for the Installation of a Key Box Rapid Entry System on Certain Industrial, Commercial and Residential Structures. This is the 2nd reading and public hearing for 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
ROY		X	X			
SIPPEL			X			
SIMONSEN			X			

Ordinance #2017-05 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #2005-05; Amending Chapter 157-7 – Alcoholic Beverages – of the Code of the Township of Lower. This is the 2nd reading and public hearing for 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
ROY	X		X			
SIPPEL				X		
SIMONSEN			X			

Administrative Reports

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

Council Comments

Councilman Conrad alerted everyone about a recent phone scam. He acknowledged the Township's positive image and said he looks forward to moving ahead with improvement projects.

Councilman Roy welcomed everyone to the first day of spring and agreed with Councilman Conrad about the Township's appearance. He expressed interest in organizing community cleanup in April and hopes to provide more information at the next meeting.

Deputy Mayor Sippel gave an update regarding programs for the youth in Lower Township and provided information for Veterans to receive help with benefits and disabilities.

Manager Ridgway informed that fender work is being done under both bridges and reported news from Dale Foster about County Road improvement projects including areas of Bayshore Road and Fulling Mill Road.

Mayor Simonsen spoke about the success of the St. Baldrick's event and announced another cleanup effort at Union Bethel Cemetery.

Call to Public

Ray Flickinger, Washington Blvd., asked for an update from the last meeting regarding ICE. Mayor Simonsen informed that ICE will be training 3 officers and will be implemented within the jail only.

Mary Reader, W. Drumbed, expressed concern about ICE and voiced dissatisfaction with the County's involvement. Mayor Simonsen reiterated information he received about it pertaining only to the jail.

Kevin Dray, 413 Woodward Road, asked for clarification regarding a road improvement project on Shore Drive. After a brief exchange to ascertain the location, Councilman Conrad informed that a presentation is planned for a future Council meeting. Mayor Simonsen communicated the intent of the project and rejected the fabrications. Manager Ridgway explained the timeframe of the permit.

Bill Tirrell, Beach Drive, addressed Council about road repairs needed on Shore Drive. He also spoke in favor of ICE's 287(g) program.

Mayor Simonsen informed that the County has plans to repair Seashore Road.

Closed Session

Res. #2017-109

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. **POSSIBLE LITIGATION**

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

Mayor Simonsen announced the Council meeting date change from April 17th to April 12th.

Council adjourned to Closed Session at approximately 7:34 p.m.
Council returned to Open Session at approximately 8:50 p.m.

Adjournment

Council returned to open session at 8:50 pm. There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sippel. Motion to adjourn unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved: