

Regular & Work Session Meeting Minutes -- October 15, 2012

The regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on October 15, 2012 at 6:00 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 Walt Craig
- Councilmember Glenn Douglass
- Deputy Mayor Kevin Lare
- Mayor Michael Beck

Also present: Bill Blaney, Solicitor, Michael Voll, Manager and Karen Fournier, Clerk's Office

Certificate of Appreciation - Charles Othold, Operation Gratitude - Mayor Beck presented Charles Othold with a Certificate of Appreciation for his involvement with Operation Gratitude.

In Mr. Othold's absence, Marvin Hume accepted the certificate on his behalf and spoke briefly about Mr. Othold's involvement with Operation Gratitude. Mr. Hume also commented on the success of the Run for the Fallen event.

Work Session

Review of Consent & Regular Agenda Items

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes October 1, 2012
- Res. #2012-251 Payment of Vouchers, \$ 1,754,316.58
- Res. #2012-252 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2012 Year End Statewide Crackdown Grant (\$4,400. Grant for enforcement from Dec 7,2012 to Jan 2, 2013)
- Res. #2012-253 Authorization for Refund of Taxes (2 properties - Disabled Vet/Homestead Credit)
- Res. #2012-254 Authorization to Cancel Outstanding Prior Year Checks (4 checks \$21.01 total)
- Ord. #2012- 20 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, Entitled Traffic, Of The Code of The Township of Lower (Handicap Parking Space at 221 E. Matthews Ave.) - 1st reading (2nd reading & public hearing 11/6)

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD			X			
CRAIG		X	X			
DOUGLASS	X		X			
LARE			X			
BECK			X			

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Regular Agenda

Res. # 2012-255 Authorizing the Payment of Vouchers (Douglass Landscaping final payment \$6490.59)

Robert Rizzo addressed council inquiring what properties are included in the payments and the total number of payments over the year. Manager Mike Voll replied that all municipal complexes and athletic fields are included and this is the final payment, payment 8 of 8.

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CONRAD	X		X			
CRAIG		X	X			
DOUGLASS					X	
LARE			X			
BECK			X			

Administrative Reports

Personnel Action Report

Department Monthly Reports - Animal Control, Construction, Dog Licensing, Engineer, Municipal Cler Municipal Court, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Vital Statistics

Council Comments

Mayor Beck announced the following: Halloween Costume Parade & Pumpkin Festival at Historic Cold Spring Village, 12:00 p.m. on October 20; Haunted Trails October 27 at Cape May County Airport; Department of Transportation Railroad Crossing Exemption Hearing October 22 at Township Hall 3:30-6:30 p.m.; Homestead Application due date extended to December 14, 2012; Cape May County DAV Chapter 44 Annual Formal Flag Retirement Ceremony October 28, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. at Cape May Park South; Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Cape May County presents Slow Food of South Jersey Shore, October 24 from 12:00-5:30 p.m.

Call to the Public

Jack Sparks addressed Council to honor and recognize John Louderback for being awarded Lower Township's Chamber of Commerce Businessman of the Year and Mayor Mike Beck for Citizen of the Year.

Steve Sheftz addressed Council speaking of a recent phone poll that was taken and warned that there is no credibility.

Walter Miller of 1518 Main Street addressed Council and thanked Glenn Douglass, Mike Voll and Mayor Beck for their help with the problems at the Rescue Squad and WaWa. Mr. Miller also spoke to Council

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regarding a call he received about the upcoming election. Mayor Beck intervened and suggested that if anyone has a problem regarding politics, they speak to the reporters or write a letter to the editor. Councilmember Conrad attempted to clarify his position regarding the situation.

Robert Rizzo of Mickel's Run addressed Council to remind the public of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Steve Sheftz addressed Council to announce the open public meeting dealing with the DRBA on October 30 at 10:00 a.m. in the Freeholder meeting room to discuss water.

Manager Mike Voll announced that the Township Clerk's office is open until 8:00 p.m. Tuesday for anyone who wished to register to vote. He also made the public aware that videos of council meetings are now available on the website at www.townshipoflower.org.

Closed Session

Res. #2012- 256

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.(Labor Negotiations Update)

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD	X		X			
CRAIG		X	X			
DOUGLASS			X			
LARE			X			
BECK			X			

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:32 p.m.

Return to Open Session Council returned to open session at 6:45 p.m.

Res. #2012- 257

A Resolution To Ratify The Memorandum of Understanding Between Lower Township and the Lower Township Office Workers Association, Local #3779, AFSCME District Council #71, AFL-CIO

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	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD		X	X			
CRAIG			X			
DOUGLASS	X		X			
LARE			X			
BECK			X			

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn moved by Deputy Mayor Lare, seconded by Councilmember Douglass. Motion to adjourn unanimous by verbal "ayes" Council adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Michael E Beck
Mayor

Joni O'Leary
Township Clerk

Approved: 11/5/12