

Regular & Work Session Meeting Minutes - November 5, 2012

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop #87

Joshua Williams of Villas, currently a Life Scout in Troop #87, addressed Council to present his proposal to construct and install 6 Salt Water Fishing Line Recycling Bins along the jetties on Beach Drive as part of his Eagle Scout Project. A copy of his drawing is attached. All Councilmembers agreed that the project is a good idea. Councilmember Conrad added that this is the first salt water project of its kind in the country.

Certificate - Seashore Community Church of the Nazarene

Mayor Beck and Council presented a Certificate of Congratulations to the Seashore Community Church of the Nazarene for its 100 years of service. Dr. & Mrs. Gates graciously accepted the certificate and Dr. Gates spoke briefly about the church's outreach in seeking to serve the people of the community.

Certificate - Joseph Cirrinicione

Mayor Beck and Council presented a Certificate of Congratulations to Joseph Cirrinicione on his retirement and extended their appreciation for his service to the residents of Lower Township since 1975. Frank Onorato accepted the certificate and expressed his appreciation on behalf of Mr. Cirrinicione.

Work Session

Review of Consent & Regular Agenda Items

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes	October 15, 2012
Res. #2012- 258	Payment of Vouchers, \$ 4,219,389.19
Res. #2012-259	Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (D. Fisher \$1,294.11)
Res. # 2012-260	Transfer of 2012 Appropriations (\$26,100.00)
Res. # 2012-261	A Resolution of the Township of Lower Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property No Longer Needed for Public Use On An Online Auction Website

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

Regular Agenda

Res. # 2012-262 Authorizing Final Payment Due 11/4/2012 To Lower Township Rescue Squad, As Per Agreement (\$35,000.00 to be released upon receipt of audit)

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

Ord # 2012-20 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, Entitled Traffic, of the Code of the Township of Lower (Handicap Parking Spaces on the Street) allowing a space at 221 E. Matthews Ave - 2nd Reading & Public Hearing - This Ordinance has been advertised and made available to the public

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

Administrative Reports

Department Monthly Reports: Police Department

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad pointed out that the Boy Scouts attended tonight's meeting to learn about communication and citizenship of the community. He acknowledged how lucky we were through the storm and gave credit and thanks to all of the citizens of our community, especially the emergency responders for their selfless acts of service. He stated that he is proud of our community for coming together as one and encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote.

Councilmember Craig also acknowledged how fortunate we are as a community and thanked all emergency responders. He also gave special recognition to the 3 young women who organized the food drive at Villas Fire Company: Heather Grey, Erica Young and Dee'anna Dicarolo. He stated that it was a proud day for Lower Township.

Councilmember Douglass agreed that he is proud to be a part of a community that comes together in times of need and he encouraged everyone to continue to support those less fortunate.

Deputy Mayor Kevin Lare stated that he is proud to be a part of such a great community. Once more, he recognized Dr. and Mrs. Gates and thanked them for their invaluable leadership to this community.

Mayor Mike Beck affirmed his responsibility for the people of this Township and how grateful he is that we were spared from the effects of Hurricane Sandy. He also remarked of the pain he feels for other communities that were not so fortunate and wishes to give special recognition to the people that risked their own lives so that others would be safe.

Call to the Public

John Skowronski, 607 Arctic Avenue, addressed Council and Manager regarding the sign on Sandman Boulevard that directs traffic to the parkway. He suggested that the sign be moved to a location before the intersection to give adequate notice of lane change.

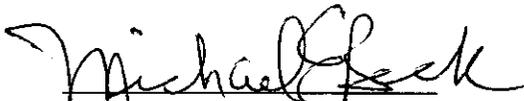
George Doherty, Seashore Road, addressed council regarding his continued problem with power outages during heavy rainfall and his frustration with Atlantic Electric in his failed efforts to have it fixed. Manager Mike Voll suggested that Mr. Doherty stop in his office and he will contact Ronnie Town to see if action can be taken. Mr. Doherty also inquired as to why the township bought the Manzoni building. Manager Voll explained that it was a good purchase for various reasons. Mr. Doherty inquired about the public safety building. Mayor Beck replied that the recommendation was made to eventually bring the police back over to this area. Mr. Doherty also addressed the problem with the light at Breakwater and Seashore during power outages and the danger it poses. Manager Voll reiterated that when Atlantic Electric is notified, they will be made aware of the problem with the light as well.

Tom Frisoli, Villas, addressed Council to wish them good luck in the election and remind everyone of the sacrifices our veterans and active service members have made that afford us the freedom to vote and we owe it to them to exercise that right.

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Steve Pertino, Villas, addressed Council regarding the fishing pier and suggested that platforms be built instead, to dress up the water pipes. Mayor Beck informed Mr. Pertino that there is a committee that holds public meetings for issues involving the fishing pier. Manager Voll interceded to inform that the outfall pipes are designed (by engineers) to be structurally sound and suggested that platforms may not be safe. Mr. Pertino also inquired about the bulldozers at Cox Hall Creek. Gary Douglass, Lower Township Public Works Director, explained that the machinery belongs to the County Mosquito Department and they are finishing up the watershed project. Mr. Pertino remarked about the welcome flags throughout Lower Township and suggested that Villas be better represented. Mayor Beck and Manager Voll advised that the flags are funded by the Chamber of Commerce and are placed throughout different sections of the Township. Mayor Beck added that the Bayshore Heritage Byway signage is being redirected to the Villas area. Mr. Pertino expressed his concern about Mike Donahue's absence and stated that he doesn't believe we are getting enough for our money.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Douglass, seconded by Councilmember Conrad. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m. by verbal "ayes".


Mayor


Township Clerk

Approved: 11/19/12