

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – April 4, 2016

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on April 4, 2016 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 Erik Simonsen
Deputy Mayor Clark
Mayor Michael Beck

Also present: James Ridgway, Township Manager, David Stefankiewicz, Township Solicitor and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk

Proclamation – Mayor's Recognition Day for National Service

Mayor Beck read the proclamation designating April 5, 2016 as Mayor's Recognition Day for National Service. He applauded the number of senior citizens in the Township for their commitment to volunteerism and made special mention of Frances Guinan, 92 year old foster grandparent who spends hours each day reading to school children and volunteering for Head Start.

Autism Awareness Month – Jacyn Pisieczko

Mayor Beck commended Lisa Bryant, mother of Erin, Eric and Jacyn Pisieczko, for an outstanding job raising her family. Ms. Bryant thanked Mayor Beck and Council for their continued support with Autism Awareness and for allowing them the opportunity to speak on behalf of Autism. She gave an update about Autism, talked about Jacyn's accomplishments and reminded that parents are their child's best advocates. She showed a trailer for the film "Normal People Scare Me Too", a documentary that highlights the realities of living with Autism. Jacyn Pisieczko, 15, student at LCMR, addressed Council and talked about his experience with Autism and being included in the film. He also thanked Mayor and Council and the residents of Lower Township for their continued support for Autism Awareness.

Mayor Beck read the proclamation designating April as Autism Awareness Month in Lower Township.

Work Session –

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes	March 21, 2016
Res. #2016-109	Payment of Vouchers \$1,101,894.74
Res. #2016-110	A Resolution Requesting Release of Performance Guarantee for Lighthouse Pointe Marina Condo Association of Cape May Inc; Block 806, Lot 4.01, Escrow #P09-05-06 (\$13,304.40)
Res. #2016-111	Authorization for Waiver of Fees for Calvary Chapel Cape May (Heating/Air Conditioning system)
Res. #2016-112	A Resolution Amending Resolution #2016-100; Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Real Property Located in the Township of Lower (4 Clearwater Dr) To Include Settlement Cost (\$1,570.57)
Res. #2016-113	Approval for Six (6) Concert Shows Series to be Held At Delaware River Bay Authority Ferry Terminal To Media Five LTD and Frank Kielb Entertainment (\$10,875)
Res. #2016-114	Authorizing Pay Out of Terminal Leave (R.Bailey \$58,907.62)
Res. #2016-115	Award of Professional Service Contract with Marsh & McLennan for Insurance Brokerage Services (\$20,000)
Res. #2016-116	Capital Budget Amendment
Res. #2016-117	Resolution Amending Resolution #2015-189; Approving A Professional Service Contract with Hatch Mott MacDonald for Proposed Lower/Middle Township Bike Path Improvements (\$12,318)
Res. #2016-118	Approval of Contract with Atlantic City Electric for Anchor (Poles) Relocations for Bike Path (\$20,000)

Ordinance #2016-04

Bond Ordinance Providing for Various 2016 Capital Improvements, By and In the Township of Lower, In the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey (The "Township"), Appropriating \$2,225,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,110,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Costs Thereof - This is the first reading of this Ordinance. The second reading and public hearing is scheduled for April 18th.

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD	X		X			
PERRY			X			
SIMONSEN		X	X			
CLARK			X			
BECK			X			

Regular Agenda

Ordinance #2016-03

Bond Ordinance Amending Bond Ordinance #2015-10 (Which Provides for Drainage and Storm Water Management Improvements and Associated Road Work to Roseann Avenue and Bayshore Estates) Heretofore Finally Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Lower, In the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, on October 19, 2015, to Amend the Description Set Forth therein to include the Acquisition of Real Property – This is the second reading and public hearing of this Ordinance. This Ordinance has posted, published and made available to the public.

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD			X			
PERRY	X		X			
SIMONSEN		X	X			
CLARK			X			
BECK			X			

Administrative Reports

Treasurer

Council Comments

Councilman Conrad welcomed spring, despite the cold weather. He also spoke kind words regarding Robert Bailey's retirement.

Councilman Perry alluded to recent issues with sand in the storm drains along Bay Drive and assured that Public Works is addressing them.

Councilman Simonsen acknowledged the passing of Township resident, Genevieve Robinson, 29, after her battle with cancer, and requested prayers for her family. He reported that LCMR schools raised over \$20,000 for St. Baldrick's Childhood Cancer Research and thanked all who participated in the head shaving event.

Deputy Mayor Clark thanked all Township taxpayers and vowed to make the best use of their money.

Councilman Conrad announced the upcoming Relay for Life event and information meeting for anyone interested in getting involved.

Mayor Beck announced the following: Little League Opening Day, Cop Stop Program, and Rabies Clinic.

Call to Public

Mary Litizio, 302 Pacific Avenue, addressed Council to report problems with animal control. She voiced disfavor with Shore Animal Control and stated her desire to bring Mr. Montgomery back. Mayor Beck advised Mrs. Litizio to give the information to Manger Ridgway for him to explore.

John Skowronski, 607 Arctic Avenue, suggested that Council drive along Beach Drive to observe the amount of sand on the street.

Ray Flickinger, 1700 Washington Boulevard, thanked the person responsible for posting the signs at Douglass Park. He also commented about the sand on the road along Beach Drive and believes the beach path improvement project may reduce the problem.

Kim Sorber, addressed Council to communicate her interest in establishing a community center for children with Autism and asked when she could present her ideas to Council. Mayor Beck advised her to put her request in writing to Manager Ridgway. Deputy Mayor Clark informed about his conversation with Ms. Sorber regarding the use of Fishing Creek School.

Closed Session

Res. #2016-119

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 Conveyance of Real Property / Contract Negotiations / Lease of Real Property**

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD			X			
PERRY	X		X			
SIMONSEN			X			
CLARK		X	X			
BECK			X			

Council adjourned to Executive Session at approximately 7:38 p.m.
Council returned to Regular Session at approximately 8:08 p.m.

Res. #2016-120

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Property Located in the Township of Lower to the County of Cape May (405 Breakwater Road – Public Safety Building)

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD			X			
PERRY		X	X			
SIMONSEN	X		X			
CLARK				X		
BECK				X		

Res. #2016-121

A Resolution Authorizing the Leasing of Certain Real Property Located in the Township of Lower from the County of Cape May (405 Breakwater Road – Public Safety Building)

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD	X		X			
PERRY			X			
SIMONSEN		X	X			
CLARK				X		
BECK				X		

Res. #2016-122

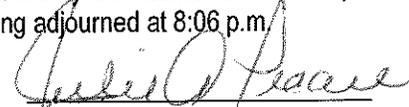
A Resolution Awarding the Lease of Public Land Located at the Intersection of Seaview and Rochester Avenues after the December 1, 2015 Open Public Auction (\$10,000 per yr to Achristavest)

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD			X			
PERRY		X	X			
SIMONSEN			X			
CLARK	X		X			
BECK			X			

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Councilmember Simonsen. Motion to adjourn unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.


Mayor


Township Clerk

Approved: *April 18, 2016*