

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – August 19, 2019

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on August 19, 2019 at 5:00 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

Proclamation – Supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2019 Statewide Crackdown – Mayor Erik Simonsen  
Mayor Simonsen read a proclamation declaring Lower Township's support for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2019 Statewide Crackdown from August 16<sup>th</sup> through September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, in an effort to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

### Consent Agenda

- Approval of N.J. State Fireman's Association Membership Applications: J. Anderson, K.Hewitt, D.Gery to the Erma Volunteer Fire Co  
Approval of Minutes - August 5, 2019  
Approval of Closed Session Minutes - August 5, 2019  
Res. #2019-256 - Payment of Vouchers \$ 241,798.85  
Res. #2019-257 - Certification to Local Finance Board of Receipt and Review of Audit Sections General Comments and Recommendations  
Res. #2019-258 - Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over \$5,500)  
Res. #2019-259 - Authorizing the Payout of Terminal Leave (L.Milbrandt \$30,230.78)  
Res. #2019-260 - A Resolution Amending Resolution #2018-364; Cops In Shops Summer Shore Initiative 2019 to Include the Grant Award Amount of \$2,640.00  
Res. #2019-261- A Resolution in Support of the Cape May County Sheriff's Office Commitment to Upholding Public Safety in Cape May County  
Res. #2019-262 - A Resolution Requesting Release of Revegetation and Restoration Guarantee for Dune Site Plan; Block 115, Lot 3; Escrow #P-11-06-01 (\$1,000)  
Res. #2019-263 - Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (S.Flintcroft \$2,907.13)  
Res. #2019-264 - A Resolution Requesting Release of A Demolition Bond for Block 91, Lot 65 (N.Howard \$500.)  
Res. #2019-265 - Authorization for Refund of Taxes (6 properties)  
Res. #2019-266 - A Resolution Approving An Agreement Between the Township of Lower and William Mastriana, Lower Township Chief of Police  
Res. #2019-267 - Approving a Professional Service Contract With DeBlasio and Associates for Professional Engineering Services for the 2019 Road Program; Section 1: Arizona Avenue, Capital Lane, Republic Lane, Union Lane, Federal Lane, States Avenue; and Section 2: Kechemeche Street, Pakahake Street, Pontaxit Avenue, Mathemek Street (\$90,000)  
Res. #2019-268 - Approving a Professional Service Contract with Mott MacDonald for Professional Engineering Services for Application Assistance on the Small Cities CDBG 2020 Grant Application; ADA Improvements at Rotary Park (3,800)  
Ordinance #2019-13; An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Financial Agreement Between the Township of Lower and the County of Cape May Pursuant to the New Jersey Long Term Tax Exemption Law for the Property Identified as Block 410.01, Lot 36.01, Also Known as the Cape May County Tech Village. This is the first reading of this Ordinance. The second reading and public hearing for this Ordinance has been scheduled for September 4<sup>th</sup>.

On the Consent:

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

**Regular Agenda**

Ordinance #2019-12; An Ordinance Authorizing the Township of Lower to Grant a Utility Easement to the Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority for the Purposes of Constructing a Vacuum Sewer Station in Furtherance of the Current Sewer Expansion Project Over A Portion of Cresse Lane. This is the second reading and public hearing of this Ordinance. This Ordinance has been posted, published and made available to the public.

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

**Manager's Report**

Manager Ridgway updated Council on several matters including: the status of contract negotiations, Shadeland Avenue beach access, road improvements, and cellular installation on Shunpike Road.

**Engineer's Report**

Manager Ridgway gave an update on several Township engineering projects including Schellenger's Landing, Village Road, Mitnick Park, Rotary Park, and Clem Mulligan Park.

**Administrative Reports**

Monthly Reports - Clerk, Construction, Dog, Fire, Tax, Vital Statistics

**Council Comments**

Councilmember Conrad reminded residents to be cautious of school buses and enjoy the remainder of the summer.

Councilmember Perry updated on the Roseann Avenue, Phase III project and informed that the County approved a resolution to reduce the speed limit on Town Bank Road.

Manager Ridgway added information regarding the Roseann Avenue project

Councilmember Roy informed that the County passed a resolution modifying the no-passing zone on Seashore Road from Canning House Lane to Canal Bridge.

Deputy Mayor Sippel encouraged residents to voice their opinion at the polls on November 5<sup>th</sup> regarding the aquatic center. He reminded about the last concert to support the Children's Trust Fund; and thanked Sheriff Nolan for his commitment to upholding public safety in Cape May County.

Mayor Simonsen informed about upcoming meetings regarding the aquatic center. He also announced the free lunch program at the Lower Library branch, the remainder of the Summer Concert Series, and the next Council meeting, Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Call to the Public**

Dan Anderson, 319 Town Bank Road, asked for an update on the County's plan for improvements to Bayshore Road from Ferry to Fishing Creek Roads.

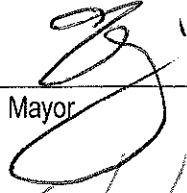
Manager Ridgway addressed Mr. Anderson's concern.

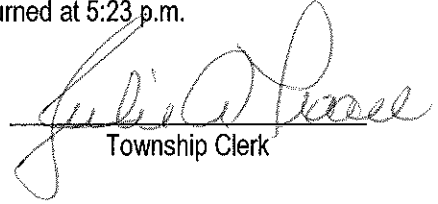
Bill Greenfield, Villas, asked about beach access improvements.

Councilmember Conrad responded.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Perry, seconded by Councilmember Roy. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Township Clerk

Approved: *September 4, 2019*