

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – January 17, 2018

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on January 17, 2018 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 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

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes January 3, 2018
- Res. #2018-48 Payment of Vouchers \$ \$182,995.71
- Res. #2018-49 Re-Appointment to the Recreation Advisory Board (M.DiDonato)
- Res. #2018-50 Re-Appointment to the Municipal Utilities Authority Board (J.Henderson)
- Res. #2018-51 Authorization to Cancel Uncashed Checks (Court Bail \$446 / General \$371.01)
- Res. #2018-52 A Resolution Approving Year Two of a Three Year Inter-local Service Agreement Between the Township of Lower and Lower Township Fire District #3 (\$13,750.)
- Res. #2018-53 Transfer of 2017 Appropriations (\$5,500 from collector/street lighting to collector/electric)
- Res. #2018-54 Authorization for Refund of Tax (1 property \$346.22)
- Res. #2018-55 Appointment to the Municipal Utilities Authority Board (M.Lambert - Replacing J.Young)
- Res. #2018-56 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Sick Time (J.Felsing \$904.94)
- Ordinance #2018-02 An Ordinance of the Township of Lower Amending Ordinance #2011-03; Amending Chapter 340, Fire Prevention of the Code of the Township of Lower – This Ordinance is at the request of the Fire Commissioners. This is the first reading of this Ordinance. The second reading and public hearing of this Ordinance has been scheduled for February 5, 2018.

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

Regular Agenda

Manager's Report

Manager Ridgway informed that a preliminary construction schedule is available for the Beach Drive Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project. He announced that the 2018 preliminary budget will be introduced on February 5th. He also informed that the Township has two warming centers in the event of a power outage and steps are being taken to provide backup assistance from outside contractors if necessary.

Engineer's Report

Steve Morey, Mott MacDonald, gave an engineer's report that included a timeline of the Roseann Avenue Roadway and Utility Improvement Project, and the Beach Drive Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project.

Administrative Reports

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

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work during the storm. He also thanked the MUA, Police, Fire and EMS for their assistance, and thanked residents for helping their neighbors.

Councilmember Perry commented on complaints he received regarding snow removal and commended Public Works for a great job. He spoke briefly about the pre-construction meeting for the Beach Drive Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project and reported that the project is underway and all emergency response services will be operable during construction phases.

Councilmember Roy reported a disruption in the leaf pick-up schedule due to the storm.

Deputy Mayor Sippel reminded Veterans about a State Income Tax Deduction opportunity. He applauded the Recreation Department on their holiday events and gave a brief update on the youth camp. He also commended the Public Works Department and Manager Ridgway for their efforts during the storm.

Mayor Simonsen reiterated appreciation to the Public Works Department and announced a fundraiser for the NJ Run for the Fallen.

Call to the Public

Lynn Heritage, Lower Township, addressed Council to make them aware of people walking on the ice near the sunken ship and suggested implementing an ordinance prohibiting it.

Closed Session

Res. #2018-57 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.
INDEMNIFICATION OF APPOINTEE and PERSONNEL ISSUE

COUNCIL MAY RETURN TO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION

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

Council adjourned to Closed Session at 7:16 p.m.

Council returned to Open Session at 7:48 p.m.

Res. #2018-58 A Resolution Authorizing Indemnification and Defense of a Lower Township Appointee In Accordance With Chapter 25 of the Code of the Township of Lower and N.J.S.A 59:10-4

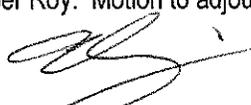
	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD		X	X			
PERRY			X			
ROY			X			
SIPPEL	X		X			
SIMONSEN					X	

Res. #2018-59 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Sick Time G.Playford \$1,537.11

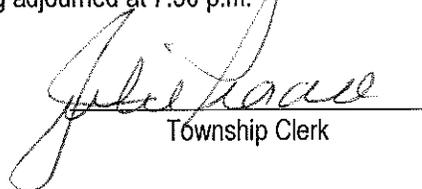
	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD	X		X			
PERRY		X	X			
ROY			X			
SIPPEL			X			
SIMONSEN			X			

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Mayor Simonsen, seconded by Councilmember Roy. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



 Mayor



 Township Clerk

Approved:  2/5/2018