

Regular & Work Session Meeting Minutes – January 2, 2013

The regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on January 2, 2013 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.

Presentation of the Colors: the following Cape May County Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol members presented the Colors: Senior Member – Second Lt Andrew Baron, Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Ben Conlin, Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Jonathon Clark, Cadet Technical Sergeant Patrick Vendetta, Cadet Airman Maddison Peteani and Cadet Airman Harrison Clark.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Scouts Jackson Von Savage and Jackson Sole

Invocation: Clinton Jones, Assistant Pastor of Seashore Community Church of the Nazarene gave the invocation and asked for God's guidance over our leaders.

Swearing in of Mayor Beck - Senator Jeff VanDrew. Mayor Beck invited his wife Brenda to hold the Bible and his family and the public to join in his swearing in.

Swearing in of Deputy Mayor Clark - Senator Jeff VanDrew. Deputy Mayor Clark invited his mother to hold the Bible and his family up to witness his swearing in.

Senator Jeff Van Drew addressed the audience and noted how this swearing in is symbolic of the American Way. He spoke of how this Council represents the people, you can be an underdog and work hard to represent people. He stated for three independents to win in the largest municipality in the County, speaks volumes. He reiterated that these men have the leadership needed and will do their best and work hard for all their constituents. Senator VanDrew wished a Happy and Healthy New Year to all.

The following members of Council were present for roll call taken by the Clerk:

Councilmember Thomas Conrad
Councilmember James Neville
Councilmember Glenn Douglass
Deputy Mayor Norris Clark
Mayor Michael Beck

Also present: Charles W. Sandman, III, Solicitor, Michael Voll, Manager and Karen Fournier, Clerk's Office

WORK SESSION

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes December 17, 2012

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- Membership Applic. NJ State Fireman's Association - Jeffrey S, Johnson; Victoria C. Betham & Zackery Muchler Townbank Volunteer Fire Co.
- Res. # 2013-01 Appointment of Municipal Solicitor for the year 2013 Without Public Bidding (Charles Sandman)
- Res. # 2013-02 Appointment of Municipal Auditor for the year 2013 Without Public Bidding (Ford, Scott & Associates, LLC not to exceed \$40,000.)
- Res. # 2013-03 Appointment of Bond Counsel for the year 2013 Without Public Bidding (Parker/McCay)
- Res. # 2013-04 Appointment of Municipal Prosecutor for the Year 2013(Ron Gelzunas \$20,500.)
- Res. # 2013-05 Appointment of Municipal Public Defender for the Year 2013(Victoria Roach \$11,200.)
- Res. # 2013-06 Annual Appointment of Emergency Management Council (annual required appointments)
- Res. # 2013-07 Appointment of Class III Member to the Planning Board (Deputy Mayor Norris Clark)
- Res. # 2013-08 Confirmation of Officials for Joint Insurance Fund and Municipal Excess Liability Fund (annual resolution required by Joint Insurance Fund)
- Res. # 2013-09 Confirmation of Appointment of Gary Douglass, Emergency Management Coordinator and Eileen Kreis, Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator
- Res. # 2013-10 Establishment of Council Meeting Dates and Times (1st & 3rd Mondays except holidays)
- Res. # 2013-11 Setting the Interest Rate for Delinquent Taxes (Statutorily regulated)
- Res. # 2013-12 Designation of Official Depositories (annual resolution listing authorized depositories & officials for signing)
- Res. # 2013-13 Designation of Official Newspapers for Legal Advertising for the Year 2013 (Star&Wave & Herald)
- Res. # 2013-14 Authorizing Payment of 2013 Debt Service (annual resolution authorizing required debt service payments for 2013)
- Res. # 2013-15 Annual approval of Petty Cash Funds (Police Dept. & Treasurer's Office)
- Res. # 2013-16 Adopting Cash Management Plan (annual required resolution)
- Res. # 2013-17 Resolution to Defer the Regional School Tax (annual resolution)
- Res. # 2013-18 Adopting 2013 Temporary Current Budget (annual resolution authorizing temporary budget to be used until final adopted budget)
- Res. # 2013-19 Approving 2013 Contract with Cape Assist (annual renewal of EAP Program)
- Res. # 2013-20 Authorizing Clerk to Issue Bingo & Raffle Licenses Throughout the Year to Qualified Organizations
- Res. # 2013-21 Designation of Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Township of Lower (annual resolution)
- Res. # 2013-22 Authorization for Public Bidding (annual resolution for bidding throughout the year)
- Res. # 2013-23 Authorization for Payout of Accumulated Sick Time (annual resolution pursuant to contract for qualifying employees- 31 employees \$30,685.06)
- Res. # 2013-24 Authorizing Pay Out of Terminal Leave (Gayle Crookston \$6,804.77)
- Res. # 2013-25 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (E.Edwards \$2,413.28)

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- Res. # 2013-26 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (M.Plenn \$600.06)
 Res. # 2013-27 Transfer of 2012 Appropriations (\$15,920.)
 Res. # 2013-28 Payment of 2012 Vouchers \$ 141,929.02
 Res. # 2013-29 Payment of 2013 Vouchers \$2,928,286.93

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD			X			
NEVILLE	X		X			
DOUGLASS			X*			
CLARK		X	X			
BECK			X			

*Councilmember Douglass Abstained on Resolution # 2013-09

Swearing in of Township Solicitor Charles W. Sandman III by Mayor Mike Beck

Regular Agenda

Ed Butler, Delaware Bay Drive addressed Council regarding Resolution # 2013-30 to ascertain contribution amounts and payment dates. He also thanked Senator VanDrew for a job well done.

Julie Picard, Municipal Clerk responded with contribution amounts and payment dates.

Mayor Beck and Manager Voll clarified why the taxpayers pay for this service.

- Res. # 2013-30 Designating the Lower Township Rescue Squad, Inc. as the Provider of Emergency Medical Services in Lower Township (annual resolution - sets contribution amounts and pymt dates)

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NEVILLE		X	X			
DOUGLASS	X		X			
CLARK			X			
BECK			X			

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad congratulated Mayor Beck and Norris Clark and looks forward to working with them this year.

Councilmember Neville thanked his voters again for their support and, on behalf of his wife and her art students, announced the art display to be held at the Mad Batter on the second Sunday of January.

Councilmember Douglass expressed his appreciation and enthusiasm in working with this new team for the good of the Township.

Deputy Mayor Clark expressed his gratitude to three groups of people for putting him in this seat: His wife and family, his political family, and the community. He pledged that every judgment made be filtered through one thing: what is best for the Township. He pledged to spend every dollar wisely, offer the most

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open form of government possible, and to make public safety, economic development and education a high priority.

Mayor Beck thanked the good Lord for the opportunity to serve. He also thanked his wife and family, and all of Council for their commitment, and offered his advice to love their town and the people in it. He looks forward to working with this team for the future of Lower Township.

Call to the Public

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Douglass, seconded by Councilmember Clark. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m. by verbal ayes.


Mayor


Township Clerk

Approved: Jan 23, 2013