

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – June 3, 2013

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on Monday, June 3, 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.

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

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

Also present: Michael Voll, Township Manager, Chuck Sandman, Township Solicitor and Karen Fournier, Clerk's Office

Work Session

Presentation - David Pacevich- Fishing Creek School - Lower Township Community Service Recognition Wall

Deputy Mayor Clark introduced Dave Pacevich, biology teacher and track coach at LCMR High School, who pursued a grant with the New Jersey Education Association in an effort to integrate the educational system with the community at large.

Mr. Pacevich presented the finished product of the community service recognition wall, a replica of the Fishing Creek School. The wall was made by R&R Specialties and designed to travel. It will be displayed in different locations including Township Hall, the Fishing Creek School, LCMR High School, Middle School and the Elementary Schools. The idea of the recognition wall is to create an exhibit of volunteers, hoping to motivate more people to participate in public service. The wall was made possible through a Pride Grant from the NJEA. The purpose of the Grant is to build pride within the community by linking the community with the schools.

Deputy Mayor Clark thanked Mr. Pacevich for his efforts and the idea of integrating the Pride Grant with the Fishing Creek School.

Councilmember Conrad stated he thinks the wall is a wonderful idea to recognize the unsung heroes in our community and suggested they also be recognized at a Council meeting.

Councilmember Douglass thinks the wall is a great idea and will benefit the community. He too thanked Mr. Pacevich for his efforts.

Mayor Beck commended Mr. Pacevich for his endeavor and affirmed that this fits right in with Council's vision.

Mr. Pacevich was accompanied by Kathy Parker, Union President at LCMR.

Consent Agenda

Frank Sarraco of Villas addressed Council to decipher between Resolution #2013-160 and Ordinance #2013-12. Mayor Beck explained that the resolution authorizes the reassessment; the ordinance authorizes payment of the reassessment. Mr. Sarraco asked what the difference is between a reassessment and a reevaluation. Mayor Beck explained that a reassessment is about 1/10 of the cost of a reevaluation, and is done in-house.

Ed Butler of Villas addressed Council to inquire how the reassessment will be handled and whether or not it will be advertised. Mayor Beck stated that the Township Tax Assessor will hire up to 5 part-time people to help him with the reassessment. A percentage of which will be done door-to-door so he will make sure that people are aware. Mr. Butler also inquired about Resolution #2013-162. Solicitor Sandman explained that this involves the historic district at the Cape May County Airport. The designation has been modified so that it has no effect on the Township, but is still advantageous for historic preservation.

- Approval of Minutes May 20, 2013
 Res. #2013-158 Payment of Vouchers \$ 216,451.82
 Res. #2013-159 Approval of Change Order #1for Electrical Upgrades and Miscellaneous Changes at Millman Community Center (net increase of \$1,289.01)
 Res. #2013-160 A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Additional Compensation to the Tax Assessor and Staff for the Performance of Services in Connection with a Township-Wide Reassessment of All Real Property Within the Township of Lower and Acknowledging Approval from the Cape May County Board of Taxation and State of New Jersey Division of Taxation
 Res. # 2013-161 Resolution Accepting Bids & Awarding the Contract to Supply Asphalt for 24 Months (Seashore Asphalt Company)
 Res. #2013-162 Memorandum of Understanding Between the County of Cape May; the Delaware River and Bay Authority; the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Historic Preservation Office; Naval Air Station Wildwood Foundation; Joseph E Salvatore; Joan Berkley; the Township of Lower and the Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority
 Res. #2013-163 Issuance of 2013 Limousine and Operator Licenses (Ace Sharper Limousine)
 Ord # 2013-11 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #2012-21 Entitled Salary and Benefit Ordinance for the Township of Lower (Park Attendant) – Introduction - 2nd reading and public hearing June 17th
 Ord #2013-12 An Ordinance Authorizing An Emergency Appropriation NJSA40A:4-53 for Completion of a Reassessment Program in the Township of Lower (\$185,000.) Introduction - 2nd reading and public hearing June 17th

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

Regular Agenda

Councilmember Conrad stated for the record that Council does not necessarily agree with the flood maps, however, Ordinance #2013-09 is necessary for residents to get flood insurance.

Janet Pitts of Villas addressed Council to inquire if changes will occur when the new maps come out in July. Mayor Beck replied, stating that he does not expect a huge change in our area.

Councilmember Conrad gave additional information he obtained from the League of Municipalities meeting that he and Councilmember Douglass attended regarding the flood maps. Ed Butler inquired whether residents will have the option to contest it. Discussion ensued as Mayor Beck explained the areas included in the flood maps.

Ord. #2013-09 An Ordinance of the Township Of Lower Amending and Restating Chapter 351 - Flood Damage Prevention 2nd reading - Public Hearing

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

Ord. #2013-10 Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment and the Completion of Various Capital Improvements in and for the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey; Appropriating the sum of \$1,139,000. Therefore: Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Township of Lower , County of Cape May, State of New Jersey in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$1,080,000.; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing. 2nd reading - Public Hearing

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CONRAD			X			
NEVILLE						X
DOUGLASS	X		X			
CLARK		X	X			
BECK			X			

Res. #2013-164 Supporting Sustainable State Funding for Preservation and Stewardship of Open Space, Parks, Farmland and Historic Sites in New Jersey

Councilmember Conrad argued against supporting a sustainable source of funding for Open Space because he believes the state will use it for other things.

Janet Pitts addressed Council stating her reasons for opposition to this resolution and other resolutions supported by the League of Municipalities.

Mayor Beck argued his point in support of the resolution.

Bill Greenfield of Villas addressed Council to offer his support of the resolution.

Fred Long of Cold Spring thanked Council for putting the resolution on the agenda and clarified how it will be financed, based on Senate Bill #2529.

Mayor Beck pointed out that Council can later refuse to support the bill if the State chooses the wrong source of funding.

Steve Sheftz addressed Council to support the bill and stated his reasons why.

John Skowronski, 607 Arctic Avenue, opposed the bill due to the financial crisis the state is in.

Mr. Butler agreed with Councilmember Conrad. He stated he would like to see this resolution tabled.

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NEVILLE						X
DOUGLASS	X		X			
CLARK		X	X			
BECK			X			

Administrative Reports

Personnel Action Report

Monthly Report - Construction

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad thanked everyone behind the scenes at the Triathlon including the Recreation Department, emergency service workers, the DRBA, the Prosecutor and all the volunteers.

Councilmember Douglass commented on the Triathlon being an outstanding event. He commended a list of people involved including Steve Del Monte, the Police Department, the Rescue Services, Captain Macomber and all the community volunteers. He was impressed with how well organized the event was and the impact it has had on the community. He also mentioned the YouTube video that Deputy Mayor Clark put together.

Deputy Mayor Clark was inspired to create a video dedicated to the Del Monte family and the Township of Lower as a result of their hard work and the success of the Triathlon. The video can be viewed on the Lower Township Facebook page. Deputy Mayor Clark also spoke about his recent experience shadowing Sergeant Pat Green, Lower Township Police Officer, through the night shift. Through his experience he gained a tremendous amount of respect for our police officers and praised them for their service.

Mayor Beck reminisced about his days being a police officer and admitted that it was not an easy job, but a job he loved nonetheless. He also spoke about the success of the Triathlon and gave high commendations to Steve Del Monte and everyone involved in safely executing the event. He also acknowledged the DRBA for their outstanding cooperation.

Mayor Beck announced the following: Community Day, June 8th, includes shredding at Town Hall and the Bike Rodeo and Auction at the Recreation Center; World Ocean Day, June 8th kayak with the Lenape

People from Higbee to Sunset Beach; Runway 5K at the Cape May County Airport, June 8th at 9:00 a.m.; Flag Day, June 14th, 6:00, patriotic music at the Fishing Creek School; and the filing deadline for the Senior Freeze Program has been extended to Sept 16, 2013.

Call to the Public

John Skowronski addressed Council regarding the triathlon. He was disappointed that there was no coverage of the event on ABC news.

Councilmember Douglass said that the news media was notified.

Kosette Gasser of North Cape May addressed Council to get an update on the time frame when the Millman Center will open.

Manager Voll informed that the sheet rock was dropped off today. He remains hopeful to have it completed by mid-July.

Closed Session

Res. #2013-165

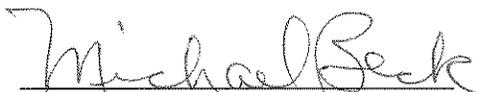
Resolution Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.
Employment Relationship - William Mastriana / Brian Marker; Personnel Issues

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NEVILLE						X
DOUGLASS	X		X			
CLARK		X	X			
BECK			X			

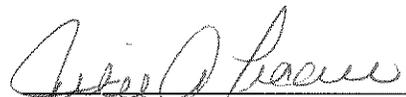
Adjournment

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There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Deputy Mayor Clark. Motion to adjourn unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



 Mayor



 Township Clerk

Approved: June 17, 2013