

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – MAY 2, 2016

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on May 2, 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 - Mrs. Francis Guinan – Mayor Beck

Mayor Beck applauded Francis Guinan for exemplifying volunteerism at age 92. Accompanying Ms. Guinan was Sheila Harris, Coordinator for NJ Foster Grandparents, who explained the foster grandparent program. Ms. Guinan spoke about her experience with the Head Start Program and accepted a proclamation from Mayor Beck and Council honoring her spirit of volunteerism.

Work Session

Kevin Maloney – Update on Maritime Museum/Monarch Habitat

Kevin Maloney, President of the Cape May Maritime Museum and Education Center, updated Council on projects going on at the museum, including a feeding habitat for migrating Monarch Butterflies. He also introduced Larry Hume, owner of Sunset Beach Gift Shop, and recognized other key people who have been instrumental in the project. See attached for more details about the project.

Consent Agenda

Approval of NJ State Firemen's Association Membership Application – Jennifer A. Long, Zachary A. Driscoll and Krystle A. Hill, Villas Vol Fire Co.

Approval of Minutes April 18, 2016

Res. #2016-138 Payment of Vouchers \$ 655,451.50

Res. #2016-139 Authorization for Refund of Taxes (1 property \$745.95)

Res. #2016-140 Resolution Approving Paving Contract Between Township of Lower and Ernest Winfield, LLC (paving contract – developer will pay Township \$30,800)

Res. #2016-141 Authorization for Waiver of Street Opening Permit Fees for Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority Villas East Water Main Improvements Phase 1 Project (waiving street opening fees)

Res. #2016-142 Authorization for Clothing Allowance (DPW - \$17,425)

Res. #2016-143 Approving a Professional Service Contract with Hatch Mott MacDonald for General Engineering Services (General Engineer Services with Manager's approval not to exceed \$5,000)

Res. #2016-144 Appointment of Cirkel Actuarial Consulting, LLC for Actuarial Consulting Services Required by the Local Finance Board Without Public Bidding (state requirement)

Res. #2016-145 Authorizing the Sale of Township of Lower Surplus no longer needed for Public Use on Govdeals Online Auction Website (office furniture)

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

Regular Agenda

Council Comments

Councilman Conrad talked about spring and traveling the East Coast, which made him appreciate our home town.

Councilman Perry gave an update on the Roseann Avenue project. He talked about helping with the Eagle Scout Project at Bethel Civil War Veterans Cemetery and attending Little League Opening Day.

Councilman Simonsen thanked Jack Moran and David Craig for the lifejacket station that will be installed at the boat ramp at Spicer Creek. He encouraged attendance and support at the Coast Guard Community Festival as well as Little League ballgames.

Deputy Mayor Clark told the story about the Fishing Creek School and gave an update on its progress. He thanked the people responsible for the renovations and looks forward to seeing it used for elementary school programs.

Manager Ridgway announced the temporary placement of Municipal Court at Town Hall starting May 17th, among other departmental moves. He also gave an update on the summer concert series and announced Matt Szczur's grand slam.

Mayor Beck announced the following upcoming events: Community Day, Relay for Life and Escape the Cape Triathlon.

Call to Public

Closed Session

Res. #2016-146

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. **Contract Negotiations UPDATE**

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CONRAD			X			
PERRY	X		X			
SIMONSEN			X			
CLARK		X	X			
BECK			X			

Council adjourned to Executive Session at approximately 7:32 p.m.

Council returned to Regular Session at approximately 8:41 p.m.

Adjournment

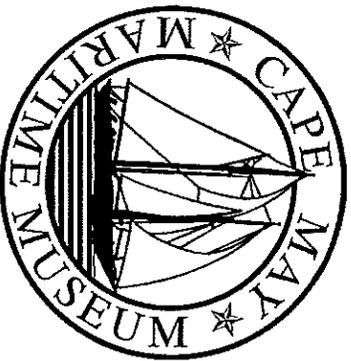
There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Simonsen, seconded by Councilmember Perry. Motion to adjourn unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.


Mayor


Township Clerk

Approved: 5-16-2016

Cape May Maritime Museum: Migratory Monarch Butterfly Habitat Project



May 2, 2016

Maritime Museum's Migratory Monarch Butterfly Habitat Project

The Cape May Maritime Museum is Partnering with the NJ DEP F&W, Rutgers's University Master Gardeners, Cape May County MUA, Local Boy Scout Troop #87, Cape May Audubon Society, Sunset Beach Gift Shop and other local support groups to create a Migratory Monarch Butterfly Habitat. The Habitat will be located just east of the new parking lot at Sunset Beach.

Migratory Monarch Butterfly Habitat: Vision

Vision:

“ ... If we are successful getting goldenrod established in this area it will create quite a wildlife spectacle during *the fall butterfly migration*. ”

Dave Golden, NJ DEP F&W Chief

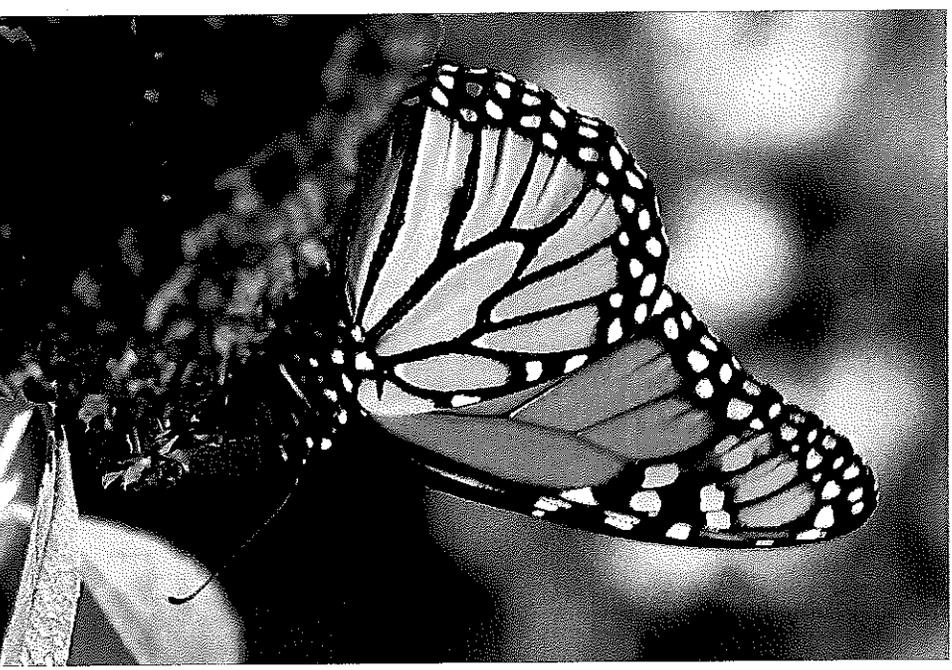


Photo by Sandy Maloney

Migratory Monarch Butterfly Habitat: Design

Design: The Rutgers's University Master Gardeners, headed by Evelyn Lovitz volunteered to design the gardens. They recommended the Habitat be developed in Phases to mitigate risk. **Phase I:** Mr. Joseph Rizzuto, Cape May County MUA Executive Director championed the successful donation of 120 cu yds the Terragro Topsoil recommended by the Master Gardeners. Mitchell Nichols Excavation delivered the topsoil. Jason Hearon, DEP F&W Superintendent provided the grading. Councilman Tom Conrad's Boy Scout Troop #87 will assist with the planting. Larry & Michelle Hume and the Sportsman's Club have volunteered to assist with the irrigation.

Migratory Monarch Butterfly Habitat: Benefit

Benefit: The Migratory Monarch Butterfly Habitat and Nature Trail will be open to all community members and visitors for current and future generations. It promises to help sustain the Monarch's on their 3,000 mile fall migration trek.

The population of Monarchs has been dwindling in what is believed to be in part by the reduced number of habitats along the gateway.

Education: The Cape May Point Bird Observatory's Monarch Monitoring Project, lead by Mark Garland, have been invited to set up kiosks during the fall migratory period. Field trips for local elementary students will be available to demonstrate tagging and explain the biology of the Monarch.