

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – June 17, 2019

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on June 17, 2019 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

Swearing In:

Mayor Simonsen administered the Oath of Office to Captain William Priole, Lower Township Police Department. Cpt. Priole's girlfriend, Virginia Nichols, held the Bible and Chief Mastriana pinned his badge.

Mayor Simonsen administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Kevin Lewis, Lower Township Police Dept. Lt. Lewis's wife, Christina Lewis, held the Bible and his son, Ryan Lewis, pinned his badge.

Mayor Simonsen administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Douglas Whitten, Lower Township Police Dept. Lt Whitten's wife, Sandy Whitten, held the Bible and pinned his badge.

Mayor Simonsen administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Brian McEwing, Lower Township Police Dept. Sgt McEwing's wife, Jodie McEwing, held the Bible and his father, Brian McEwing, Sr., pinned his badge.

Mayor Simonsen administered the Oath of Office to Officer Eric Campbell, Lower Township Police Dept. Officer Campbell's sister, Sarah Campbell, held the Bible and his father, Ed Campbell, pinned his badge.

Mayor Simonsen administered the Oath of Office to Officer Austin Parker, Lower Township Police Dept. Officer Parker's fiancé, Jess Nagel, held the Bible and his future father-in-law, Ted Nagel, pinned his badge.

Erma Volunteer Fire Company 25 Year Service Awards:

Mayor Simonsen and Council presented a certificate of appreciation to each of the following members of the Erma Volunteer Fire Company for 25 years of dedicated service to the residents of Lower Township.

Chief Dave Lepor, Erma Volunteer Fire Company, presented each member with a plaque and a gold ring from the Erma Volunteer Fire Company for 25 years of service.

Warner Muller  
Mike Marriner  
Eileen Jennings  
Floyd Hughes

Bill Jennings acknowledged his daughter as the first female to attain 25 years of service and the fifth generation of firefighters in their family.

### Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes June 3, 2019 & June 10, 2019

Approval of Closed Session Minutes June 3, 2019

Res. #2019-211 Payment of Vouchers \$ 300,336.92

Res. #2019-212 Authorization for Refund of Taxes (1 property \$847.48)

- Res. #2019-213 2019 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Statewide Labor Day Crackdown Grant (Aug 16, 2019 – Sept 2, 2019 \$5,500)
- Res. #2019-214 Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (B.Waterman)
- Res. #2019-215 Renewal of Commercial Excavation (Gravel Pit) License (Brodesser)
- Res. #2019-216 Approving a Partnership Agreement Between the County of Cape May and Strategic Partners for the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) Innovation Challenge Grant
- Res. #2019-217 A Resolution Supporting an Amendment Designating the Cape May County Airport as a New Jersey Economic Development Authority "Garden State Growth Zone"
- Res. #2019-218 Approving a Professional Service Contract With Phoenix Advisors for Assistance with the Bond Sale (Not to exceed \$15,000)
- Res. #2019-219 Approval of Change Order #1 For Ford Scott and Associates for Additional Services Associated with the Upcoming Bond Sale (Not to exceed \$10,000)
- Res. #2019-220 Approval for Whale of a Day Festival (July 6, 2019)
- Res. #2019-221 Approval for a Fireworks Display on the Beach at Diamond Beach Club, 600 E Raleigh Ave, Lower Township
- Res. #2019-222 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Cops in Shops \$2,740)

Cosette Gaser inquired about the date for the Diamond Beach Club fireworks display.

On the Consent:

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

**Regular Agenda**

Res. #2019- 223 Annual Renewal of Liquor Licenses for the Year 2019-2020

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

Res. #2019-224 Approval of an Alcoholic Beverage Control Plenary Retail Consumption License – With Broad C – Person To Person Transfer; License # 0505-32-001-012, From Renaissance Beverages III, LLC to Cooks Liquor, LLC – This transfer has been advertised by the applicant as required by law and no objections have been received

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

**Engineer's Report**

Mark Sray, Mott MacDonald, gave an update on the current engineering projects for the Township, including: Roseann Ave Roadway and Utility Improvements, Roseann Ave Phase 3, Recreation Center Restrooms Upgrade, and Mulligan Field Renovations Project.

Councilmember Perry inquired about the CAFRA permit for the Beach Access Improvements.

**Manager's Report**

Manager Ridgway gave an update on several items including: the Township pool, changes to Court personnel, cooperation and progress regarding the Roseann Ave project, changes to the proposed Schellenger's Landing project, Police presence along the Bayfront, and future relocation of the clerk's office in Town hall.

**Council Comments**

Councilmember Conrad commended the firefighters for their years of service and sacrifice to the community.

Councilmember Perry gave an update on Clubhouse Drive and commended Ronnie Towne, AC Electric, for her help to the Township.

Councilmember Roy commended the volunteers for their service and sacrifice to the community. He also commented on the paving in Ward 3.

Deputy Mayor Sippel – no comments

Mayor Simonsen reiterated appreciation to the volunteers in the Township and congratulated all graduates. He reminded about the time change for July and August Council meetings and reminded of the Independence Day Festival and Summer Concert Series.

**Call to the Public**

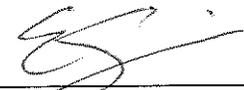
Ray Flickinger, 1700 Washington Blvd, commented on the beach access paths and suggested a beach cleanup after the Independence Day Festival. He also asked for an update on County road improvements.

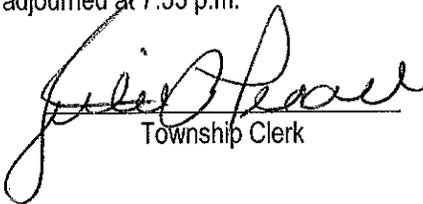
Mayor Simonsen gave an update on Seashore Road improvements.

Councilmember Perry communicated his numerous requests to the County regarding Bayshore Road improvements.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Councilmember Perry. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Township Clerk

Approved: *July 1, 2019*