

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – May 20, 2019

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on May 20, 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

Proclamation - Helen Eppehimer – Councilman Conrad

Councilmember Conrad recognized Helen Eppihimer for her service to the Lower Township Rescue Squad since 1978.

Mayor Simonsen, on behalf of Council, read a proclamation honoring and thanking Helen Eppihimer on 40 plus years of dedicated service to the Township as a CPR instructor. He also recognized Helen's daughter, Naomi Nichols, for carrying out the legacy.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes - May 6, 2019

Approval of Closed Session Minutes – May 6, 2019

Res. #2019- 174 Payment of Vouchers \$ 272,311.74

Res. #2019-175 Authorization for South Jersey Power Cooperative Natural Gas Supply Service Application

Res. #2019-176 Bid Acceptance and Contract Award to Supply Asphalt to the Township of Lower for 2019 and 2020 (24 Month) with an Option for 2021 (36 Month) (Seashore Asphalt)

Res. #2019-177 Authorizing Disposal of Broken Surplus (4 items)

Res. #2019-178 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Open Space – Beach Drive \$509,689.43)

Res. #2019-179 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Open Space – Foster House \$240,000)

Res. #2019-180 Approval of Change Order #1 Additional Services for Marcus Karavan Esq. (Increase of \$14,000)

Res. #2019-181 Authorizing Payment for 2019 Regional School Taxes (\$6,690,942. July through Nov)

Res. #2019-182 Authorizing Payment to Lower Township Board of Education (School Tax July through Nov \$8,920,386.50)

Res. #2019-183 Approval for Payment to the Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority for Joint Purchase of Color Video Pipe Inspection System Upgrade to the Existing Vehicle through the Inter Local Agreement (\$101,150)

Res. #2019-184 A Resolution Approving a Professional Service Contract with Wizards Festival of Fun Inc. for the Township of Lower's July 3, 2019 Celebration (\$14,500.)

Res. #2019-185 A Resolution Authorizing Endorsement of Preliminary Preferred Alternate 3 for the Local Concept Development of the Ocean Drive (CR621) Upgrades and Bridge Improvements

Res. #2019-186 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (D.Bohn \$3,618.85)

Res. #2019-187 A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Shared Service Agreement Between the Township of Lower and the County of Cape May for Law Enforcement Coverage at a Township Event

Res. #2019-188 Re-Appointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (D.Brand)

Res. #2019-189 Authorization for Refund of Taxes (2 properties \$1,630.82)

Res. #2019-190 Resolution Designating Block 410.01, Lots 82,83,84 & 87.01 in the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, as an Area in Need of Rehabilitation

Ordinance 2019-10 – An Ordinance Establishing Chapter 387 Entitled "Hawkers and Peddlers" In Order To Regulate the Vending, Sale and Distribution of Goods Within the Township of Lower – This is the first

reading of this Ordinance. The second reading and public hearing has been scheduled for June 3, 2019.

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

Regular Agenda

Res. #2019-191 – Payment of Voucher – L/T Rescue – (\$35,000)

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

Ordinance #2019-07 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #2013-01; Police Department, of the Code of the Township of Lower –1975, As Amended, Amending Article 1, Subsection 90-1 – This is the 2nd reading and public hearing of this Ordinance. This Ordinance has been published, posted and made available to the public.

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

Ordinance #2019-08 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 67, Municipal Utilities Authority of the Code of the Township of Lower. - This is the 2nd reading and public hearing of this Ordinance. This Ordinance has been published, posted and made available to the public.

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

Ordinance #2019-09 Bond Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Bond Ordinance #2015-10 (Drainage and Stormwater Management Improvements and Associated Road Work to Roseann Avenue and Bayshore Estates) Finally Adopted by the Township Council on October 19, 2015, as Previously Amended and Supplemented, to Amend the Description Therein, to Increase the Appropriation Therein by \$4,100,000, to Increase the Authorization of Bonds or Notes Therein by \$3,900,000 to Finance Part of the Costs Thereof and to Cancel and Declare Null and Void Bond Ordinance #2018-18 - This is the 2nd reading and public hearing of this Ordinance. This Ordinance has been published, posted and made available to the public.

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

Engineer's Report

Mark Sray, Mott MacDonald, gave an update on the current Township engineering projects including: Roseann Avenue Roadway and Utility Improvements; Roseann Avenue Phase III; Beach Access Improvements; Recreation Center Restrooms Upgrade; and Mulligan Field Renovation Project.

Manager's Report

Manager Ridgway gave an update on several items including restrooms at Lincoln Blvd.; Escape the Cape Triathlon; tax ratables and appeals; animal control; and repairs to the Township pool.

Administrative Reports

Monthly – Clerk, Construction, Dog, Fire, Tax, Vital Statistics

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad spoke briefly about Mulligan Field, Animal Control, Tech Village, and VFW's Memorial Day Service.

Councilmember Perry commented on the Roseann Avenue project , the NJDEP Permit, and wished everyone a safe Memorial Day weekend.

Councilmember Roy reminded residents to use extra caution while driving, and wished everyone a safe holiday weekend.

Deputy Mayor Sippel commented about Armed Forces Day and reminded about Shred Day and the Click it or Ticket Campaign.

Mayor Simonsen spoke briefly about Wayne Roop's award from the National Weather Service. He reminded about the time change for July and August meetings, traffic pattern changes for the Escape the Cape Triathlon, and the Concert Series.

Call to the Public

Andrew Axelsson, 755 Tabernacle Road, addressed Council about an ongoing problem with trapped storm water behind his home and requested Council's consideration for a culvert under Tabernacle Road. Manager Ridgway agreed to address the situation.

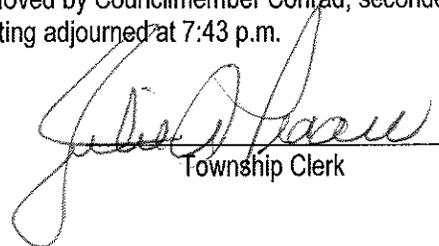
Dorsie Kerlin, 759 Tabernacle Road, addressed Council to reiterate the above stated problem on Tabernacle Road. Mayor Simonsen assured that the Township will look for a permanent solution.

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 7:43 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved: *June 3, 2019*