

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – November 16, 2015

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on November 16, 2015 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

Steve Selby, Coalition Coordinator, Lower Township Healthy Youth Coalition/Cape Assist  
Mr. Selby gave a brief introduction and thanked Council for their initiative with the grant to combat substance abuse. He communicated the goal of the coalition and informed that the first meeting will be held in January.  
Mayor Beck thanked Mr. Selby and Cape Assist for their efforts:

### Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes	November 2, 2015
Res. #2015-323	Payment of Vouchers \$ 460,627.90
Res. #2015-324	A Resolution Authorizing the Tax Assessor to File Cross Appeals and/or Municipal Appeals on Behalf of the Township of Lower for the Tax Year 2015
Res. #2015-325	A Resolution Cancelling the Contract with IHC Insurance Company for Stop Loss Coverage Insurance
Res. #2015-326	A Resolution Cancelling the Contract with Amerihealth for Medical Insurance
Res. #2015-327	A Resolution Cancelling the Contract with Health Insurance Solutions Inc (HISI) for Prescription Insurance
Res. #2015-328	A Resolution Appointing Lindemon, Winckelmann, Dupree, Martin, Russell & Associates as a Professional Service Contract; Architect to Prepare A General Scope of Work for the Nathaniel Foster House (not to exceed \$750)
Res. #2015-329	Resolution Approving Contract with Delta Dental As Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services (1/1/16-12/31/16)
Res. #2015-330	Resolution Approving Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey Medicare Part D Renewal as Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services
Res. #2015-331	A Resolution to Authorize Participation in the State Health Benefits Program of the State of New Jersey (effective 2/1/2016)
Res. #2015-332	A Resolution to Adopt the Provisions of Chapter 48 (N.J.S.A. 52:14, 17.38) (effective 2/1/2016)
Res. #2015-333	Resolution Authorizing the Donation of Bleachers No Longer Needed For Public Use to the David C Douglass Memorial School
Res. #2015-334	Resolution Amending Resolution #2015-247; Appointment of Municipal Prosecutor for the Year 2015 (F.Guaracini, Blaney & Karavan)

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

### **Regular Agenda**

Res. #2015-335

A Resolution to Memorialize and Clarify the Existing Lease Between the Lower Township Bureau of Fire Safety and the Township of Lower (explaining health benefit budgeting for self-insurance)

Mayor Beck asked for clarification of the resolution.

Manager Ridgway explained the need to adjust the language to protect both parties. Clerk Picard informed that it is for budgetary reasons for the Fire Safety Bureau.

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

### **Administrative Reports**

Monthly Reports: Clerk, Construction, Dog, Fire Safety, Vital, Tax

### **Council Comments**

Councilman Conrad wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Perry gave an update on the painting of crosswalks and the anticipated start of the Bayshore Estates Project. He also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Simonsen updated on the Exit Zero Interchange Project and the anticipated completion date. He reflected on the many things we have to be thankful for and extended his wishes for a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Deputy Mayor Clark thanked Steve Selby and Mayor Beck for their dedication to addressing the drug epidemic. He echoed the sentiments about thanksgiving and expressed gratitude for the many freedoms we enjoy in this country.

Mayor Beck spoke briefly about the initiative in pursuing the grant for a Healthy Youth Coalition and expressed gratitude to the many people involved. He announced the following upcoming events: Tree Lighting Ceremony, Hospitality Day, and Christmas Parade. In addition, he echoed Council's sentiments about thanksgiving and expressed appreciation to the township employees and residents.

### **Call to Public**

Bill Greenfield, Villas, requested an update from Deputy Mayor Clark regarding beach fill along the bay.

Helen Thompson, Villas, commented in accord with the newspaper article regarding rude behavior at Council meetings and suggested it be addressed. She also requested a press release reminding pet owners to keep their animals inside in extreme weather.

Jacqueline Henderson, Mickel's Run, announced the passage of the LTMUA budget with no rate increases. She also confirmed that no complaints were made to DEP regarding hydrant flushing. She encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming fall play at LCMR High School, Twelve Angry Men.

Daniel Morley, 134 Sunset Drive, inquired about Resolution #2015-331 and the projected savings. He also questioned Mr. Selby's stipend as the Healthy Youth Coalition Coordinator and the plan upon expiration of the five year grant.

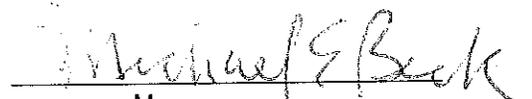
Helen Thompson, Villas, addressed the drug situation and expressed concern for rehabilitation.

George Doherty, Erma, asked for an update on the bike path.

Betty Somers, W Atlantic Avenue, voiced concern about people riding bikes in the dark.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilman Conrad, seconded by Deputy Mayor Clark. Motion to adjourn unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Township Clerk

Approved: Dec. 7. 2013