

## Regular & Work Session Meeting Minutes - October 1, 2012

The regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on October 1, 2012 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 Walt Craig  
Councilmember Glenn Douglass  
Deputy Mayor Kevin Lare  
Mayor Michael Beck

Also present: Michael Donohue, Solicitor, Michael Voll, Manager and Karen Fournier, Clerk's Office

Mayor Beck read a Proclamation- Proclaiming October 10, 2012 "Putting the Breaks on Fatalities" day in Lower Township.

### Work Session

#### Review of Consent & Regular Agenda Items

John Swaronsky addressed council regarding Res. #2012-246, requesting an explanation. Mayor Beck explained that the Township Engineer recommended a rebate to the Amusement Partnership, USA. Councilmember Conrad verified the location as the solar field next to the LCMR High School.

Ed Butler expanded on the subject of the solar field and proposed the idea of incorporating into the savings for the ball fields at Bennett's crossing. Manager Mike Voll stated that council has a good rapport with the school board and that someone will reach out to them to explore these options.

### Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes	September 17, 2012
Membership Applic.	NJ State Fireman's Assoc. - Zachery E Muchler & Brian S Mounts for Townbank Volunteer Fire Co.
Res. #2012-242	Payment of Vouchers, \$ 1,651,672.10.
Res. #2012-243	Cancellation of Lot Clearing Charges (Cancel lien 155 E. Delaware Pkwy \$250.)
Res. #2012-244	Resolution Authorizing An Inter-District Transfer of a Blue & White 1991 GMC Sierra C/K 3500 No Longer Needed For Public Use to the Lower Township Elementary School District
Res. #2012-245	A Resolution of the Township of Lower Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property No Longer Needed For Public Use on an Online Auction Website (schedule attached)
Res. #2012-246	A Resolution Requesting Reduction of a Performance Guarantee For Amusement

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- Partnership, USA, Block 510, Lots 18 & 18.01, Escrow #Z10-09-03 (Bond reduced to \$54,733.68)
- Res. # 2012-247 Authorization for Refund of Taxes ( 2 properties- Disabled Vet & Homestead Credit )
- Res. # 2012-248 Resolution Urging the Department of Transportation to Make the Following Proposed Changes (turn arrows/turn lanes/removal of "no turn on red" signs at Breakwater & Tabernacle roads)
- Res. # 2012-249 Resolution of the Township of Lower to Support the Passage of Bill S180/A640 by the Legislature (amend Megan's Law - require prosecutors to determine the risk of re-offenders prior to release from incarceration)

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD			X			
CRAIG		X	X			
DOUGLASS	X		X			
LARE			X			
BECK			X			

**Regular Agenda**

- Res. # 2012- 250 Authorizing Payment of Vouchers (Douglass Landscaping \$1,500 Lot Clearing)

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD		X	X			
CRAIG	X		X			
DOUGLASS					X	
LARE			X			
BECK			X			

**Administrative Reports**

- Personnel Action Report  
 Department Monthly Reports - Police Department, Treasurer's Office

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### **Council Comments**

Councilmember Conrad expressed his appreciation to all that came out for the "Run for the Fallen", especially Eileen Kreis for the wonderful job she did.

Councilmember Douglass also thanked Eileen Kreis for an outstanding job and stated it was a moving event and he was glad to have been there.

Mayor Beck agreed and also thanked Eileen on behalf of Lower Township for a great job.

Mayor Beck announced the following: Dune shrub planting at Cox Hall Creek, Thursday, October 4 at 10:00 a.m., Genesis Health Fair at Recreation Center, October 10 from 2:00-6:00 p.m., 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades Teen Dances, Fridays Oct 5 - Nov 16 from 7:00-9:00 p.m., Wrestling Registration, October 6- Oct 21 at the Recreation Center, Townbank Oktoberfest, October 12-14 at Cape May County Airport, Cape May County Flu Shot Clinics at various locations., Youth Basketball Registration, October 20 - November 4, Lower Township leaf pick up begins November 18 in the first zone.

### **Call to the Public**

Bill Greenfield addressed council regarding the proposed fishing pier and stated he believed it would be good for the Township. He stated he recently heard that two councilmembers are now against the pier. Mayor Beck replied that council voted 5 to 0 twice for a feasibility study and a committee was formed. He recommended that anyone can go to a committee meeting and address their concerns.

Joe Link addressed council regarding previous closed session minutes. Since the situation has not been resolved, this cannot be discussed at this time.

Steve Sheftz addressed council and reiterated his qualifications to be on the MUA board.

Brian McEwing addressed council and questioned the official minutes of council meetings. He suggested the minutes either be verbatim or simply state name and subject matter.

Anna Mae Coombs addressed council regarding animals on the beach and the lack of owner responsibility. Manager Voll replied that he would look into the signage and speak to the police department about stronger enforcement.

Ed Butler addressed council and questioned the Resolution that was tabled from the September 17 meeting, inquiring if and when the position will be filled. Mayor Beck replied that at this time he has no plans to move forward on this, however any councilmember can request to have it placed on the agenda.

Ray Flickenger addressed council regarding dogs on the beach, suggesting we limit the time that dogs be allowed on the beach.

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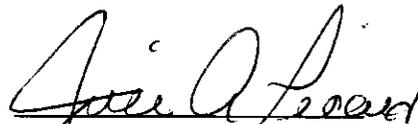
George Dougherty addressed council, suggesting we post the fine on the sign.

Bill Greenfield addressed council, suggesting in lieu of a fine, violators receive community service.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Councilmember Douglass. Motion unanimous by verbal "ayes". Council adjourned at 6:49pm.

  
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Mayor

  
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Township Clerk

Approved: 10/15/12