

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – November 21, 2016

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on November 21, 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
- Mayor Michael Beck

Also present: James Ridgway, Township Manager, Robert Belasco, Township Solicitor and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes November 7, 2016
- Res. #2016-317 Payment of Vouchers \$670,783.30
- Res. #2016-318 A Resolution Awarding A National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) to Granturk Equipment Company for a Vactor 2100 Plus Sewer Cleaner (\$369,000)
- Res. #2016-319 A Resolution Awarding A National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Contract with National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) to NAPA Genuine Parts Company
- Res. #2016-320 Transfer of 2016 Appropriations (\$30,000)
- Res. #2016-321 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (M. Imaes \$1,583.65)
- Res. #2016-322 A Resolution Amending the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual of Lower Township (correcting a typographical error on page 47 – Paid Holiday Policy)

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

Administrative Reports

Monthly Reports – Clerk, Construction, Dog, Fire, Police, Tax Collector, Vital Statistics

Council Comments

Councilman Conrad wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and made favorable comments about the information he gained at the League of Municipalities. He also thanked DPW for their work on the beach access paths.

Councilman Perry commended DPW for an excellent job on the beach access paths and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Simonsen agreed that the beach access paths are a major upgrade to the Township. He also informed about Law Enforcement United and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Beck announced the following upcoming events: Tree Lighting Ceremony, Chamber of Commerce Hospitality Day, Rotary Christmas Parade, Ferry Merry Christmas, and Police Appreciation Month. He also informed that the Lower Township Chamber of Commerce has support our police signs available for purchase at several locations throughout the Township. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and offered his gratitude to all Township employees in addition to fire and rescue personnel. He shared a story of sacrifice and his pursuit of data for Edward N. Hunter, a U.S. soldier who died in France in 1944.

Call to the Public

Robert Rizzo, Mickel's Run, former member of the Environmental Commission, made favorable remarks about the beach access paths and thanked Gary Douglass for overseeing the project. He also thanked Manager Ridgway for the flag at Douglass Park and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

George Doherty, Seashore Road, asked for an update on the bike path. Manager Ridgway updated about signatures needed and extension wires that need to be moved.

Ray Flickenger, 1700 Washington Blvd., complimented the work of the DPW on the beach access paths and expressed appreciation for the flag at Douglass Park.

Closed Session

Res. #2016- 323

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 NEGOTIATION UPDATE – TEAMSTERS; POSSIBLE LITIGATION – FEMA; PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT DISCUSSION**

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

COUNCIL MAY RETURN TO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION

Council adjourned to Closed Session at 7:22 p.m.

Council returned to Open Session at 8:07 p.m.

Res. #2016-324

A Resolution to Ratify a Four (4) Year Contract Agreement By and Between the Township of Lower and Teamsters Local Union No. 676

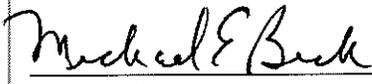
	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD	X		X			
PERRY		X	X			
SIMONSEN			X			
CLARK						X
BECK			X			

Council adjourned to resume Closed Session at approximately 8:12 p.m.

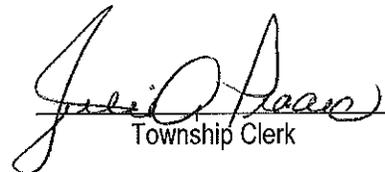
Council returned to Open Session at 8:40 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Councilmember Simonsen. Motion to adjourn unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved: December 5, 2016