

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – October 7, 2019

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on October 7, 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 - Put the Brakes on Fatalities – Mayor Erik Simonsen

Mayor Simonsen read a proclamation declaring October 10, 2019 as "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day" in Lower Township, in an effort to increase awareness and improve safe driving behaviors on the roadways.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes/Approval of Closed Session Minutes – September 16, 2019

Res. #2019-292 - Payment of Vouchers \$ 901,851.65

Res. #2019-293 - A Resolution Requesting Release of Performance Guarantee for Villas Wawa Trash Enclosure & Fence; Block 216, Lot 5, Escrow #Z15-01-03

Res. #2019-294 - A Resolution Acknowledging the Award of a Thirty-Six (36) Month Contract to South Jersey Energy for Natural Gas Supply Service Under the South Jersey Power Cooperative for the Township of Lower

Res. #2019-295 - Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Bulletproof Vest Partnership \$6,130.58)

Res. #2019-296 - Bid Acceptance and Contract Award to Install Service Body, Scissor Hi Lift, Post Puller and Lighting on Existing New Cab and Chassis (Intercon Truck Equipment Inc. \$68,868.)

Res. #2019-297- Capital Budget Amendment

Res. #2019-298 - Approval for Jumpin' Joe's Party in the Park on October 13, 2019 Benefit at Clem Mulligan Field

Res. #2019-299 - Bid Acceptance and Contract Award for the Recreation Center Restrooms Upgrade (Capri Construction Center Inc \$79,007)

Res. #2019-300 - Approval of Change Order #3 to Agate Construction Company for the Roseann Avenue Roadway and Utility Improvements Project; Authorizing Additional Costs for Importing Fill and a Credit for the Elimination of a Cofferdam (net increase of \$31,981.99)

Res. #2019-301- Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Body Armor \$2,565.22)

Res. #2019-302- Authorization for Refund of Taxes (2 properties)

Res. #2019-303- Approval for Lower Township Veterans Day Parade (Nov 9, 2019)

Res. #2019-304 -Approval of AMVETS Post 21 Request to Host a Fall Bazaar at their Post Home located at 1519 Bayshore Road on October 25 & 26, 2019

Res. #2019-305 -Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund \$7,547.93)

Res. #2019-306 -Approval of Change Order #2 to Mott MacDonald for the Beach Access Improvement Project – to Provide Professional Environmental Services to Respond to Special Condition Number Eleven (11) of the NJDEP CAFRA Permit (\$2,200)

Res. #2019-307- Unclaimed Redemption Monies (\$677.73)

Res. #2019-308- Lower Cape Alliance (July 1,2020 to June 30, 2021)

Ordinance # 2019-14 - Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Safety and Identification Improvements to challenger's Landing, By and In The Township of Lower, in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$1,000,000 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$950,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof. This is the first reading of this Ordinance. The second reading and public hearing for this Ordinance has been scheduled for October 21, 2019.

On the Consent:

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

Regular Agenda

Ordinance #2019-15 - An Ordinance of the Township of Lower Amending Chapter 340, Fire Prevention, Subsection 340-13 (B) (14) Through (16) Fire Prevention, of the Code of the Township of Lower. This is the first reading of this Ordinance. The second reading and public hearing for this Ordinance has been scheduled for October 21, 2019.

Councilmember Perry commented in favor of the ordinance to enhance the safety of Township residents.

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

Res. #2019-309 - A Resolution Approving a Salary Increase per Article XIII, Section D of the Lower Township Office Workers Association AFSCME Union Contract (K.Crecca \$2,500)

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

Res. #2019-310 - A Resolution Approving a Salary Increase per Article XIII, Section D of the Lower Township Office Workers Association AFSCME Union Contract (W.Fiore \$2,500)

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

Res. #2019-311 - A Resolution Approving a Salary Increase per Article XIII, Section D of the Lower Township Office Workers Association AFSCME Union Contract (L.Schubert \$2,500)

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

Res. #2019-312 - A Resolution Approving A Salary Increase Per Article XI, Section H of the Lower Township Supervisors Union Contract (H.Bailey \$3,500)

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

Res. #2019-313 - A Resolution Approving A Salary Increase Per Article XI, Section H of the Lower Township Supervisors Union Contract (C.Crippen \$3,500)

Lauren Read, Treasurer, spoke in favor of the increase for C. Crippen and requested Council's support.

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

Res. #2019-314 - A Resolution Approving A Salary Increase Per Article XI, Section H of the Lower Township Supervisors Union Contract (J.Dowe \$3,500)

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

Res. #2019-315 - A Resolution Approving a Salary Increase for a Non-Union Employee (S.Wilson \$3,000)

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

Engineer's Report – Shawn Carr

Shawn Carr, Mott MacDonald, gave Council an update on the following engineering project in the Township: Roseann Avenue Phases 1, 2, and 3; Rec Center Restrooms Upgrades; Emergency Pipeline Repair on Clubhouse; Mulligan Field Renovations; Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan; Rotary Park; and Beach Access Improvements.

Councilmember Perry asked about a timeframe for street lights on the 300 block of Roseann Avenue. Shawn Carr ensured that he will find out.

Councilmember Conrad asked about Beach Access for Village Road. Shawn Carr informed of Mott MacDonald's involvement with that project.

Manager's Report – Manager Jim Ridgway

Manager Ridgway informed Council of his meeting with the County about a culvert on Tabernacle Road. He gave an update on Roseann Avenue and his plan for Lincoln Boulevard.

Mayor Simonsen communicated positive feedback from residents on Roseann Avenue.

Councilmember Perry reiterated the same with only one concern about lighting.

Administrative Reports
Monthly Report – Treasurer

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad gave an update on the Nathaniel Foster House.

Councilmember Perry voiced favor with the progress on Roseann Avenue.

Councilmember Roy expressed approval with the Schellenger's Landing Project.

Deputy Mayor Sippel reminded about the Veteran's Day Parade.

Mayor Simonsen announced the following upcoming events: Free Flu Shots at the Rec Center, Halloween Parade at HCSV, Autumn Fest and Trunk-or-Treat at DRBA.

Call to the Public

William Chason, 1248 Wilson Drive, expressed discontent with the road condition and flooding on Wilson Drive. Manager Ridgway agreed that the area needs improvement. Mayor Simonsen agreed to address his concerns.

Sally Yerk, Roseann Avenue, thanked Council for the progress on Roseann Ave and requested street lighting prior to Halloween.

Closed Session

Res. #2019-316 - 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. **Attorney/Client Privilege**

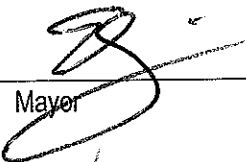
	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD			X			
PERRY	X		X			
ROY			X			
SIPPEL			X			
SIMONSEN		X	X			

Council adjourned to closed session at approximately 7:34 p.m.

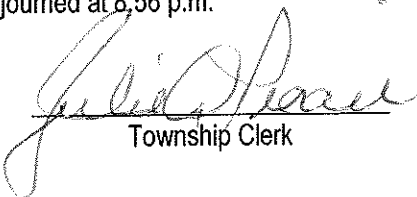
Council returned to open session at approximately 8:55 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Councilmember Roy. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved: 10/21/2019