

## Regular & Work Session Meeting Minutes - September 5, 2012

The regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on Wednesday, September 5, at 6:00 p.m. at the Villas Fire Company, 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, Clerks Office

### **Proclamation - Clarence J. "Bud" Howard, Jr.**

Mayor Beck and Council presented certificates to the family of Clarence J. Howard, Jr. in appreciation for all he had done in his 68 years of active service in the Villas Fire Company and throughout the community. Mr. Howard was a lifelong resident of Lower Township and a charter member of the Villas Fire Company as well as the Lower Township Rescue Squad. A proclamation designating Saturday, September 8, 2012 as Clarence J. "Bud" Howard, Jr. Day was also presented in honor of his memory.

### **Proclamation - Constitution Week**

Mayor Beck read the proclamation commemorating the 223<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America designating September 17 – September 23 as Constitution Week.

### **Work Session**

Discussion Bayshore Estates Stormwater Investigation, Robert Mainberger, Hatch Mott MacDonald  
Township Engineers Mark Sray and Robert Mainberger of Hatch Mott Macdonald addressed Council with an update on the Bayshore Estates Stormwater Investigation Project. They submitted a proposed cost estimate of \$63,100.00 which will include mapping, hydraulic studies and testing to determine the best options for the township relating to cost and technology for a solution from drainage issues in connection with the Roseann Ave Outfalls, including Bayshore Estates and Schooner Landing Developments.

Review of Consent & Regular Agenda Items

### **Consent Agenda**

Approval of Minutes	August 20, 2012
Res. #2012-217	Payment of Vouchers, \$1,665,693.28
Res. #2012-218	Resolution Requesting the Release of a Demolition Bond for Block 259 Lots 9 & 10, 3 East Drumbed Road
Res. #2012-219	Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Application \$6,248.96

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- Res. #2012-220 Authorization for Refund of Taxes ( 2 properties disabled veterans)  
 Res. # 2012-221 Cancellation and Refund of Tax Sale Certificate #12-00057 (Block 324 Lot 1 \$3,444.97)  
 Res. #2012-222 A Resolution Urging the New Jersey Legislature to Support Bills ACR89 and S1490 Providing Relief for Senior and Disabled Citizens' Property Tax (raising income limit to \$15,000. and raising deduction to \$500.00)  
 Res. #2012-223 Awarding An Economic Development Loan to O'Doyles's Inc (Villas Liquors \$35,000.00)  
 Res. #2012-224 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

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

**Regular Agenda**

- Res. # 2012-225 Authorizing the Payment of Vouchers - Rescue \$9,027.04

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

- Res. #2012-226 Authorizing the Payment of Vouchers - Douglass Landscaping \$6,490.63

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

**Res. # 2012-227** Approving Project Proposal Between Hatch Mott Macdonald and the Township of Lower For Engineering Services Related to Bayshore Estates Stormwater Investigations (\$63,100.)

Mayor Beck opened public comment regarding Res. #2012-227 upon no Council comment.

A Resident of Linda Anne Drive addressed Council regarding the water level on her street and requested that Linda Ann be added to this project. Mayor Beck assured her that Linda Ann Drive has already been included in the project.

Fred Long questioned council regarding whether or not the Army Corp of Engineers work at Cox Hall Creek has to be completed first, and if a pump station would alleviate the problem on Roseann Avenue. Mark Sray replied that the Army Corp work does not need to be completed first, and yes, a pump station would alleviate the problem on Roseann Avenue unless Cox Hall Creek is fully flooded.

Frank Seracco questioned the efficiency of the proposed pumping station, referencing the pumping station in Fishing Creek.

Public Works Director Gary Douglass explained that unlike Fishing Creek, Cox Hall Creek has free flow.

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

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Res. # 2012-228

Authorizing the Manual Payment of Vouchers - CAFRA Permit & Tideland License (\$31,650)

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

**Administrative Reports**

Personnel Action Report

**Council Comments**

Councilmember Tom Conrad commended Julie Picard on her first "away" meeting as Township Clerk.

Councilmember Walt Craig reminded everyone that school is back in session, to be mindful of kids crossing streets.

Councilmember Glenn Douglass announced the upcoming 9/11 ceremony at Sunset Beach at 6:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Kevin Lare thanked the Villas Volunteer Fire Company for hosting the council meeting as well as their continued strength in the community, with special mention of Mr. Clarence J. "Bud" Howard, Jr.

Mayor Mike Beck thanked the Villas Fire Company for their hospitality and service, and announced the upcoming Health Fair on October 10, 2012 from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

**Call to the Public**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Douglass, seconded by Councilmember Conrad. Motion to adjourn unanimous by verbal "ayes" Meeting adjourned at 6:38p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Township Clerk

Approved: September 17, 2012