

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY January 20, 2016

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on January 20, 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  
Deputy Mayor Clark  
Mayor Michael Beck

Also present: James Ridgway, Township Manager, David Stefankiewicz, Township Solicitor and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk

Swear In new Officers: Kyle Boyle and Adam Hegarty

Patrolman Kyle Boyle, 24 years of age, graduate of LCMR Class of 2009, was sworn into office by Mayor Beck while his mother, Donna Boyle, held his Bible and his father, Kevin Boyle Sr., retired LT Police Officer, pinned on his badge. Prior to being hired as a full-time Police Officer with the Lower Township Police Department, Ptlm Boyle served as a Senior Corrections Officer with Bayside State Prison from 2013 until 2015.

Patrolman Adam Hegarty, 29 years of age, graduate of LCMR Class of 2004, was sworn into office by Mayor Beck. His father, Tom Hegarty, Cape May County Sheriff's Department, pinned on his badge and his girlfriend, Amanda Reiser, Police Officer at Stockton University, held the Bible. Prior to being hired as a full-time Police Officer with the Lower Township Police Department, Ptlm Hegarty served as a Class II Officer with the Cape May City Police Department from 2009-2011. Ptlm Hegarty also worked as a Class II Officer with the Lower Township Police Department from 2011 until being hired full-time in 2015.

Chief Mastriana offered words of encouragement to the new officers and reminded them of their core values: honor, loyalty, integrity and respect. He congratulated each of them and wished them a successful career.

### Consent Agenda

Approval of NJ State Firemen's Membership Application - Kenneth H Hill & Carlos L Mora – Villas Volunteer Fire Company; Stephen D Schaffer – Erma Volunteer Fire Company

Approval of Minutes January 4, 2016

Res. #2016-40 Payment of Vouchers \$ 283,879.52

Res. #2016-41 Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Cape May for Animal Sheltering Services (annual)

Res. #2016-42 Authorization for Waiver of Fees for St. John Neumann Parish (church entrance reconstruction)

Res. #2016-43 Approval of 2016 Rotary Towing License (Cape May Exxon & John's Auto Body)

Res. #2016-44 Renewal of Junk Yard License for Cape May Used Auto Parts for the year 2016

Res. #2016-45 Renewal of Trailer Park Licenses for the year 2016 (Broadway Mobile Park/Cape May Landing/Shawcrest Mobile Home Park/Cape May Crossing/Cape Meadows)

Res. #2016-46 Issuance of 2016 Limousine, Taxi and Operator Licenses (Aarts Transportation/High Roller Limousine/G-Taxi and G Transportation)

Res. #2016-47 Appointment of Class II Member to the Planning Board (J.Dowe, Assessor)

Res. #2016-48 Re-Appointment to the Municipal Utilities Authority Board (H.Bitting)

Res. #2016-49 Award of Extraordinary Unspecified Service Contract Without Public Bidding for an Event and Promotional Coordinator of the Lower Township Millman Center

Res. #2016-50 Transfer of 2015 Appropriations (\$11,000)

Ordinance #2016-01 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #2014-12; An Ordinance Amending Chapter 475 of the Parks and Recreation Areas Ordinance of the Township of Lower (Millman Rental – extending rental of room from 4 to 6 hours) 1<sup>st</sup> reading of this Ordinance. Second reading and Public Hearing will be scheduled for Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Ordinance # 2016-02 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 175, Parks and Recreation Areas, of the Code of the Township of Lower to Amend the Fee Schedule (add classes) 1<sup>st</sup> reading of this Ordinance. Second reading and Public Hearing will be scheduled for Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Beck requested Resolution #2016-48 be moved to the regular agenda.

On the Consent Agenda:

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

Ed Butler, Villas, commented on the consent agenda. Mayor Beck advised him to hold comments for Call to the Public because the vote already took place.

Res. #2016-48 Re-Appointment to the Municipal Utilities Authority Board (H. Bitting)

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

**Administrative Reports**

Monthly Reports - Clerk, Construction, Dog, Fire, Tax Collector, Vital Statistics

**Council Comments**

Councilman Conrad commented on the upcoming storm and advised residents to check on their neighbors. He also encouraged people to vote at the Special School Election next Tuesday.

Councilman Perry spoke about his experience swearing in the administrative officers at Town Bank Volunteer Fire Company and is happy to see volunteerism staying alive in Lower Township.

Councilman Simonsen was pleased to witness Councilman Perry administering the oaths of office at Town Bank Volunteer Fire Company and was happy to see the younger generation stepping up to volunteer. He thanked them for their service and wished them well.

Deputy Mayor Clark gave a report on the Delaware Bayshore Council Meeting. He reminded that Hatch Mott MacDonald will be giving their presentation on beach access at the next Township Council meeting on February 1st. He talked about the importance of the DEP educating municipalities on the changing requirements of the state relating to beach access.

Mayor Beck reminded of the Healthy Youth Coalition Meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and encouraged parents to attend.

**Call to Public**

Thomas Ross, 3 Shawmont Ave., addressed Council to request an additional street light on Shawmont Avenue.

Mary Reader, Drumbed Rd., suggested someone bring a tape measure to the next meeting for the discussion of beach access.

**Closed Session**

Res. #2016-51

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. **Investigation Update / Possible Sale/Acquisition of Property**

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

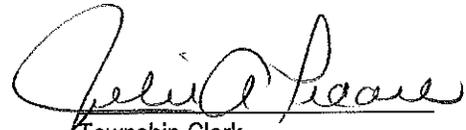
Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:28 pm.

Council returned to Open Session at 8:46 pm.

**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 8:47 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Township Clerk

Approved: Feb 1, 2016