

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – March 16, 2020

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on March 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Township Hall, 2600 Bayshore Road, las, 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 Kevin Coombs
- Councilmember Roland Roy, Jr.
- Deputy Mayor David Perry
- Mayor Frank Sippel

Also present: James Ridgway, Township Manager, and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk. David Stefankiewicz, Township Solicitor, joined the meeting via conference call.

Work Session

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – March 2, 2020

- Res. #2020-107 Payment of Vouchers \$ 1,048,332.21
- Res. #2020-108 Approval of Change Order #1 to South State, Inc. for Reconstruction of Miramar Avenue, Foster Avenue, Idell Road, Woolson Road and Crescent Drive (2018 Road Program) (\$31,408.61)
- Res. #2020-109 A Resolution Authorizing the Eighth Annual Escape the Cape Triathlon Scheduled for June 13 & 14, 2020
- Res. #2020-110 Public Facilities Grant Application for \$400,000, Rotary Park, ADA Improvements (new Mayor's signature)
- Res. #2020-111 Bid Acceptance and Award for Landscaping Services for various Locations for 2020 (Final Year) of Contract (Bayshore Landscaping \$39,400)
- Res. #2020-112 Bid Acceptance and Award for Fertilizing Services for Various Locations in 2020 (Final Year) of Contract (Bayshore Landscaping \$13,200)
- Res. #2020-113 A Resolution of the Township of Lower Canceling Certain Taxes per Agreement/Resolution #2013-271 (DRBA - Surfside Custom \$243.52)
- Res. #2020-114 Renewal of 2020 Campground Licenses (Beachcomber, Holly Shores, Cape May KOA & Seashore
- Res. #2020-115 Authorizing the Sale of Township of Lower Surplus No Longer Needed for Public Use on GOVDEALS On-Line Auction Website
- Res. #2020-116 Approval of Change Order #2 for DeBlasio & Associates for Engineering Services for Construction Administration on the 2019 Road Program Phase 1, Section 2; Kechemech Street, Pakahake Street, Pontaxit Avenue and Mathemek Street (\$18,000)
- Res. #2020-117 Transfer of 2019 Appropriations
- Res. #2020-118 Amendment to the 2020 Budget
- Res. #2020-119 Adoption of 2020 Budget
- Res. #2020-120 Bid Acceptance and Contract Award of 2019 Road Program Phase 1 for Kechemech Street, Pakahake Street, Pontaxit Avenue and Mathemek Street (South State \$274,580.)
- Res. #2020-121 Approval of Change Order #2 to Charles Marandino, LLC for the Schellengers Landing Safety Improvements and Identification Program for Additional Work Including Excavation of a Test Pit and Reconstruction/Relocation of Existing Stormwater Inlets (\$18,190)

Mayor Sippel commented on Resolution #2020-109

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD	X		X				
COOMBS			X				
ROY		X	X				
PERRY			X				
SIPPEL			X				

Regular Agenda

Res. #2020-122 Approval of an Alcoholic Beverage Control Plenary Retail Consumption License – Person to Person Transfer – License #0505-33-011-005, From Five P's Inc to Spyglass of Cape May, LLC

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD			X				
COOMBS		X	X				
ROY	X		X				
PERRY			X				
SIPPEL			X				

Ord #2020-03 Amending Chapter 419, Littering of the Code of the Township of Lower

Councilmember Conrad commented on the amendments satisfying State requirements.

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD			X				
COOMBS			X				
ROY			X				
PERRY		X	X				
SIPPEL	X		X				

Ord #2020-04 An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township of Lower, Adding Chapter 167; Pet Waste

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD			X				
COOMBS		X	X				
ROY			X				
PERRY	X		X				
SIPPEL			X				

Ord #2020-05 An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township of Lower; Adding Chapter 576; Improper Disposal of Waste

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD	X		X				
COOMBS			X				
ROY		X	X				
PERRY			X				
SIPPEL			X				

Ord #2020-06 An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township of Lower, Adding Chapter 420; Yard Waste Collection Program

Bill Greenfield questioned how this amendment will effect collections.
Clerk Picard explained.

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD		X	X				
COOMBS	X		X				
ROY			X				
PERRY			X				
SIPPEL			X				

Ord #2020-07 An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township of Lower; Adding Chapter 10; Illicit Connection

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD			X				
COOMBS		X	X				
ROY			X				
PERRY			X				
SIPPEL	X		X				

Ord #2020-08 An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township of Lower; Adding Chapter 577; Private Storm Drain Inlet Retrofitting

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD			X				
COOMBS		X	X				
ROY			X				
PERRY	X		X				
SIPPEL			X				

Ord #2020-09 An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township of Lower; Adding Chapter 571; Refuse Containers/Dumpster

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD	X		X				
COOMBS			X				
ROY		X	X				
PERRY			X				
SIPPEL			X				

Ord #2020-10 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 400, Land Development, of the Code of the Township of Lower

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD			X				
COOMBS		X	X				
ROY			X				
PERRY			X				
SIPPEL	X		X				

Manager's Report

Manager Ridgway gave Council an update on several matter including beach access improvements, Star Avenue, incentives for the Township, Schellenger's Landing, and strategies moving forward.

Engineer's Report – Shawn Carr, Mott MacDonald

Shawn Carr gave Council an update on Township engineering projects being handled by Mott MacDonald and fielded questions from Manager Ridgway.

Administrative Reports

Clerk, Construction, Dog, Tax, Vital

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad commented on EMS protocol regarding COVID-19 and reminded to practice good hygiene.

Councilmember Coombs commented on the 200 Club and congratulated Officer Kocis on receiving a Valor Award.

Councilmember Roy commented on the Schellenger's Landing Project.

Deputy Mayor Perry commented on the Roseann Avenue Project.

Mayor Sippel announced changes in Township protocol due to COVID-19 and thanked Emergency Management and staff for their diligence. He announced NJ Run for the Fallen fundraiser being postponed and commented on the Schellenger's Landing Project and grand opening of a local hair salon.

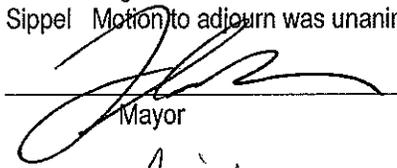
Call to the Public

Tom LaRosa, 250 E Florida Ave, addressed Council to voice complaints about non-compliant dog owners. Manager Ridgway asked for Mr. LaRosa's contact information and agreed to contact animal control.

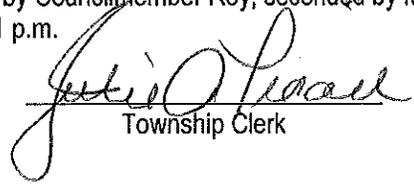
Ray Flickinger, Washington Blvd, commented in favor of the beach access paths and inquired about path widenings. Manager Ridgway gave Mr. Flickinger an update. Councilmember Perry shared additional information about the beach paths. Mayor Sippel added comments about benches and beach accesses and the challenges that lie ahead with staffing.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Roy, seconded by Mayor Sippel Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved: *April 6, 2020*