

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – January 22, 2020

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on January 22, 2020 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

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

Work Session

Res. #2020-55 A Resolution Confirming the Appointment to Fill the Vacancy of Mayor for the Remainder of the Term

Solicitor Stefankiewicz explained the procedure to fill a vacancy on Council and pointed out the letter received from the Republican Organization.

Motion to appoint Frank Sippel as Mayor:

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

Deputy Mayor Sippel resigned his position as Deputy Mayor and accepted the nomination for Mayor.

Swearing In of Mayor Frank Sippel

Sheriff Robert Nolan administered the Oath of Office of Mayor of the Township of Lower to Frank Sippel.

Mayor Sippel's grandchildren, Colin and Ava Belle, held the Bible.

Mayor Sippel thanked everyone in attendance and the Lower Township Republican Organization for their endorsement. He thanked Sherriff Nolan for swearing him in, his family and friends, and his military brothers and sisters for their support. He closed by vowing his commitment to the residents of Lower Township as well as the soldiers.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes/Closed Session Minutes – January 6, 2020

Res. #2020-56 Payment of Vouchers \$ 216,589.34

Res. #2020-57 A Resolution Awarding a Professional Service Contract Without Public Bidding to Rutala Associates Consulting Services for Grants Consulting Services (NTE \$25,000)

Res. #2020-58 Re-Appointment to the Municipal Utilities Authority Board (K.Rechner)

Res. #2020-59 Approval of Secondhand Merchant and Dealer of Precious Metals License (Adele's & Lucky 7)

Res. #2020-60 Transfer of 2019 Appropriations

Res. #2020-61 Re-appointment to the Recreation Advisory Board (R.Lamoreux)

Res. #2020-62 Appointment of Health Insurance Brokerage Consultant for the Year 2020 as a Professional Service Contract Without Public Bidding (Marsh & McLennan \$25,000)

Res. #2020-63 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Sick Time (2 employees \$3,633.67)

Res. #2020-64 Appointment to the Recreation Advisory Board – Replacing a Member Who Has Resigned (L .Bedell)

Ordinance #2020-02 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Township of Lower to Covey a Deed of Easement to the Property Owners of Block 796, Lots 45 & 46 In Order to Afford Said Owner Access to Use and Maintain An Existing Wooden Pier/Walkway Constructed on Township Owned Property. This is

the first reading of this Ordinance. The second reading and Public Hearing has been scheduled for February 19, 2020.

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

Regular Agenda

Ordinance #2020-01 - An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A.40A:4-15.14) This is the second reading and public hearing for this Ordinance. This Ordinance has been posted, published and made available to the public.

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

Res. #2020-65 - Payment of Vouchers (D.Perry \$624.30 Contractual Reimb)

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

Manager's Report

Manager Ridgway congratulated Mayor Sippel on his appointment, and voiced anticipation of many more accomplishments in 2020. He thanked Clerk Picard, Karen Fournier and Eileen Kreis for their work behind the scenes. He gave Council a report of DPW projections for 2020 and shared news about grant funding for Rotary Park. He also gave a brief update on the Roseann Avenue project and informed Council about the budget.

Engineer's Report

Shawn Carr gave Council a report on all current engineering projects being handled by Mott MacDonald.

Administrative Reports

2019 Annual Tax Collector's Report

2019 Variance Report

Monthly Reports: Clerk, Construction, Dog, Fire, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Vital Statistics

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad congratulated Mayor Sippel.

Councilmember Perry congratulated Mayor Sippel.

Councilmember Roy congratulated Mayor Sippel and thanked his family and friends for their support.

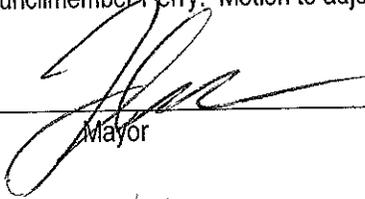
Mayor Sippel expressed appreciation for everyone's support and attendance.

Call to the Public

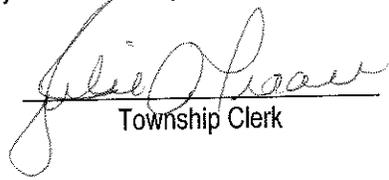
No comments

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Roy, seconded by Councilmember Perry. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved: 2/3/2020