

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – February 19, 2020**

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on February 19, 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 Roland Roy, Jr.
- Deputy Mayor David Perry
- Mayor Frank Sippel

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

**Work Session**

Res. #2020-81 A Resolution Confirming the Appointment to Fill the Vacancy of Ward Two (2) Councilmember until the General Election

Clerk Picard read the three (3) candidates' names provided by the Lower Township Regular Republican Organization to fill the vacancy on Council, Ward 2. Deputy Mayor Perry motioned to appoint Kevin Coombs, seconded by Councilmember Conrad.

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

Mayor Sippel administered the Oath of Office to Kevin Coombs for Councilmember, Ward 2, while his daughters, Gabriella and Keva Coombs, held the Bible.

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of Minutes – February 3, 2020

- Res. #2020-82 Payment of Vouchers \$ 329,604.02
- Res. #2020-83 Recycling Tonnage Grant Certification of Taxes Paid
- Res. #2020-84 Transfer of 2019 Appropriations
- Res. #2020-85 Recycling Tonnage Grant Resolution
- Res. #2020-86 Authorization for Refund of Taxes (6 properties)
- Res. #2020-87 Approval of Contribution to the Coast Guard Community Festival (\$1,000)
- Res. #2020-88 A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Cape Mining and Recycling, LLC for the Removal and Disposal of Wood Chips Located at the Municipal Utilities Authority on an As Needed Basis
- Res. #2020-89 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Sick Time (T.Shough & E.Campbell)
- Res. #2020-93 Resolution Supporting the City of Cape May and Cape May County's Application to the United States Coast Guard for Official Designation of Cape May County as a "Coast Guard Community"
- Ord #2020-03 Amending Chapter 419, Littering of the Code of the Township of Lower
- Ord #2020-04 An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township of Lower, Adding Chapter 167; Pet Waste
- Ord #2020-05 An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township of Lower; Adding Chapter 576; Improper Disposal of Waste
- Ord #2020-06 An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township of Lower, Adding Chapter 420; Yard Waste Collection Program
- Ord #2020-07 An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township of Lower; Adding Chapter 10; Illicit Connection
- Ord #2020-08 An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township of Lower; Adding Chapter 577; Private Storm Drain Inlet Retrofitting

- Ord #2020-09 An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township of Lower; Adding Chapter 571; Refuse Containers/Dumpster
- Ord #2020-10 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 400, Land Development, of the Code of the Township of Lower This is the first reading of Ordinances #2020-03 through 2020-10. Public hearings for these Ordinances have been scheduled for March 16, 2020.

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

**Regular Agenda**

Res. #2020-90 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

Mayor Sippel motioned to **Table Resolution #2020-90**, seconded by Councilmember Roy.

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

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 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				
COOMBS						X	
ROY	X		X				
PERRY			X				
SIPPEL		X	X				

**Engineer's Report – Mott MacDonald**

Shawn Carr gave Council a report on all current engineering projects being handled by Mott MacDonald. Councilmember Roy asked about the pilings on the beach access improvements. Mr. Carr responded.

**Manager's Report**

Manager Ridgway updated Council on several matters including the beach access improvements, the Roseann Avenue project, the 2020 Budget, Diamond Beach, Code Blue Warming Center, and the Nathaniel Foster House. He also pointed out the Township's induction into FEMA's CRS Program.

**Administrative Reports**

Monthly Reports - Clerk, Construction, Dog, Tax, Vital

**Council Comments**

Councilmember Conrad commented on the CRS program and the Nathaniel Foster House. He also congratulated and welcomed Councilmember Kevin Coombs.

Councilmember Coombs thanked the Republican Organization and Council for their votes and thanked his family and girlfriend for their support.

Councilmember Roy welcomed Councilmember Coombs and gave an update on the Schellenger's Landing Project.

Deputy Mayor Perry welcomed Councilmember Coombs and gave an update on the Roseann Avenue Project. He inquired about lighting on Roseann Ave, security cameras in the parks, and progress on the beach paths. Shawn Carr and Manager Ridgway addressed his concerns.

Mayor Sippel welcomed Councilmember Coombs and announced the following upcoming events: Cops and Shops, the Summer Concert Series, and the NJ Run for the Fallen.

**Call to the Public**

Jean Whalen, Shunpike Road, asked for an update on the aquatic center. Mayor Sippel informed that the numbers are still being configured.

Ray Flickinger, 1700 Washington Blvd, welcomed Councilmember Coombs and voiced concern about the safety of the outfall pipe on the bay at Washington Blvd. He also commented on the work session with the DRBA and suggested it be done more often.

Manager Ridgway commented on the DRBA's proposed work to Douglass Park.

**Closed Session**

Res. #2020-91

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 – Contract negotiations**

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

**COUNCIL MAY RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION TO TAKE FORMAL ACTION**

Council adjourned to Closed Session at approximately 7:35 p.m.

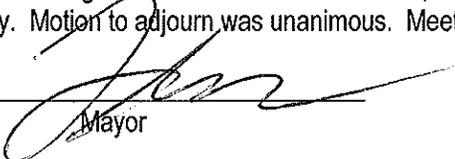
Council returned to Open Session at approximately 8:11 p.m.

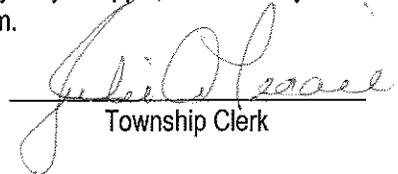
Res. #2020-92 Approving Change Order #1 to Resolution #2018-383; A Professional Service Contract with Mott MacDonald for Professional Landscape Architecture and Engineering Services for Clem Mulligan Sports Complex Renovations (\$116,900)

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CONRAD			X				
COOMBS			X				
ROY	X		X				
PERRY		X	X				
SIPPEL			X				

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Mayor Sippel, seconded by Councilmember Roy. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

  
Mayor

  
Township Clerk

Approved: 