

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – December 16, 2019

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on December 16, 2019 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
Mayor Erik Simonsen

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

Work Session

Shared Services Presentation - Manager Jim Ridgway

Manager Ridgway shared a video presentation, created with assistance from LCMR's TV media class, honoring Mayor Simonsen and wishing him well on his new role as Assemblyman.

Mayor Simonsen shared words of gratitude to the entire team at Lower Township. He also offered his condolences to the Police Department, family and friends on the loss of Captain Marty Biersbach.

Proclamation – Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2019 Year End Holiday Crackdown

Mayor Simonsen read a proclamation declaring support of the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2019 Year End Holiday Crackdown from December 6, 2019 through January 1, 2020.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – December 2, 2019

Res. #2019-370 - Payment of Vouchers \$887,279.94

Res. #2019-371 - Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (A.Micciche \$7,033.43)

Res. #2019-372- Transfer of 2019 Appropriations

Res. #2019-373 - Bid Acceptance and Contract Award for Split Rails and Posts for Beach Access Program (\$19,539.52)

Res. #2019-374 - Renewal of Trailer Park Licenses for the Year 2020 (Broadway Mobile Park/Cape May Landings/Shawcrest Mobile Home Park/Cape May Crossing & Cape Meadows)

Res. #2019-375- Authorizing Increase in Change Fund for the Construction Office (\$250)

Res. #2019-376- Authorization to Cancel General Ledger Balances

Res. #2019-377 - Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (E.Coombs \$14,277.84)

Res. #2019-378 - Authorization to Cancel Resolution #2019-238; Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (DEDR \$31,409)

Res. #2019-379 - Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over \$5,500)

Res. #2019-382 - Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Sick Time (K.Palek \$12,217.92 to Def Comp)

Res. #2019-383 - Approval of Change Order #1 to Capri Construction Company to Remove, Dispose of, Prepare and Install New Wetbed in the Lower Township Recreation Center Restrooms (\$5,322.49)

Res. #2019-384 - A Resolution Approving the Acceptance of and Participation in the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) and Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMAA) Subaward #FY19-EMPG-EMAA-0505

Res. #2019-385 - Authorizing the Sale of Township of Lower Surplus No Longer Needed for Public Use on Govdeals Online Auction Website

Res. #2019-386 - Authorizing Competitive Contracting for On-site Subcode Official Inspections Company for the Township of Lower

Res. #2019-387 - Approval of Change Order #4 (Final) to Agate Construction Company for the Roseann Avenue Roadway and Utility Improvements Project; Authorizing Additional Costs during Bypass Operations: To Reflect As-built Quantities: and to Reflect an Extension to the Contract Period Resulting in a Net Reduction (Net Reduction, \$556,015.53)

Motion to move Resolutions # 2019-380 & 381 to the Regular Agenda

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

On the Consent Agenda:

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

Regular Agenda

Res. #2019-380 - Approval of a Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Lower and the Lower Cape May Regional School District for the District to provide Web Design, Hosting and Maintenance Service to the Township of Lower

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

Res. #2019-381 - Resolution Approving an Interlocal Services Agreement Between the Township of Lower and Lower Cape May Regional School District (SRO)

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

Ordinance #2019-17 - Salary and Benefit Ordinance for the Township of Lower - This is the second reading and public hearing of this Ordinance. This Ordinance has been posted, published and made available to the public.

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

Manager's Report

Manager Ridgway gave an update on the Roseann Avenue Project and shared news about Recreation Department programs.

Administrative Reports

Monthly Reports – Clerk, Construction, Dog, Fire, Tax, Vital Statistics

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad commented on the Townhall Meeting and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilmember Perry commented on the Roseann Avenue project; he thanked the Public Works Department for their work on the beach access improvements, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Councilmember Roy thanked the Public Works Department; he wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and expressed condolences to the Biersbach family.

Deputy Mayor Sippel wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Mayor Simonsen shared favorable comments from residents regarding Township services and wished everyone a Happy Holiday. He also requested prayers for the Biersbach family.

Call to the Public

George Doherty, Erma, congratulated Mayor Simonsen on his new venture and wished him luck in Trenton.

Ray Flickinger, Washington Blvd, congratulated Mayor Simonsen and thanked him for the work he's done for Lower Township.

Mayor Simonsen expressed appreciation for the well wishes.

Mike Szemcsak, President, PBA Local 59, thanked Mayor and Council for their support of the Police and congratulated Mayor Simonsen on his Assembly seat.

Closed Session

Res. #2019-388 - 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. **Contract Negotiations/Possible Litigation/Attorney/Client Privilege**

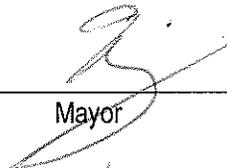
	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD			X			
PERRY		X	X			
ROY	X		X			
SIPPEL			X			
SIMONSEN			X			

Council adjourned to Closed Session at 7:39 p.m.

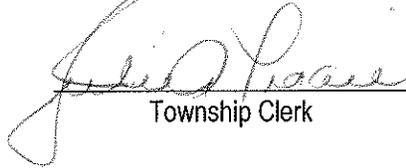
Council returned to Open Session at 8:29 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Councilmember Roy. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved: *1/10/2020*