

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – December 2, 2019**

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on December 2, 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: David Stefankiewicz, Township Solicitor and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk

**Work Session**

Alexander Bland – President of CMC Chapter of NAACP  
 Mayor Simonsen introduced Alexander Bland to speak about the NAACP.  
 Alexander Bland spoke briefly about the NAACP's mission to educate and provide resources to the community. He invited Mayor and Council to their upcoming meeting and provided applications for anyone interested in joining.  
 Mayor Simonsen pledged his support and shared his membership history.

**Consent Agenda**

- Approval of Minutes/Closed Session Minutes - November 18, 2019
- Res. #2019-354 - Payment of Vouchers \$ 432,430.89
- Res. #2019-355- A Resolution Requesting Release of A Demolition Bond for Block 53, Lots 1-3, 504 East St. Johns Ave
- Res. #2019-356 - Authorization for Refund of Taxes (2 properties)
- Res. #2019-357 - A Resolution Approving an Interlocal Services Agreement Between the Township of Lower and Lower Township Fire District #3 (renewal)
- Res. #2019-358 - A Resolution Affirming the Execution of an Interlocal Services Agreement for Fire Suppression Services (Borough of WW Crest, WWC Fire Co #1, Twp of Lower & Erma Vol Fire Co)
- Res. #2019-359 - Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Vacation Time (W.Mastriana \$5,994.32)
- Res. #2019-360 - Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Vacation Time (J.Ridgway \$4,826.92)
- Res. #2019-361 - Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (B.McEwing \$2,529.93)
- Res. #2019-362 - Approval for 2019 Christmas Parade (annual)
- Res. #2019-363 - Approval of Contribution to the Coast Guard Community Festival (\$1,000 annual)
- Res. #2019-364 - Amending Resolution #2019-32, Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors to Add Richard E. Pierson Materials Contract #87741 for Contracting Units Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a
- Res. #2019-365 - Authorization: Determination of Municipal Service Fes for 2020 (annual)
- Res. #2019-366 - Renewal of Junk Yard License for Cape May Used Auto Parts for the Year 2020
- Res. #2019-367 - Transfer of 2019 Appropriations (\$5,000)
- Res. #2019-368 - Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Sick Time (L.Read \$24,427.57 to Def Comp)
- Res. #2019-369 – Appointments to the Recreation Advisory Board (B.McGinn & D. Golden)
- Ordinance #2019-17 - Salary and Benefit Ordinance for the Township of Lower - This is the first reading of this Ordinance. The second reading and public hearing has been scheduled for December 16, 2019

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

**Regular Agenda**

Ordinance #2019-16 - Bond Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Bond Ordinance Number 2019-14 (Which Provides for Various Safety and Identification Improvements to Schellengers Landing) Heretofore Finally Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Lower, in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey on October 21, 2019, to Increase the Appropriation by \$500,000 and to Increase the Authorization of Bonds or Notes by \$475,000. This is the second reading and public hearing of this Ordinance. This Ordinance has been published, posted and made available to the public.

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CONRAD			X			
PERRY			X			
ROY	X		X			
SIPPEL		X	X			
SIMONSEN			X			

**Engineer's Report**

Shawn Carr, Mott MacDonald, gave an update on the following engineering projects: Roseann Ave Phase 1 and 2, Roseann Ave Phase 3, Rec Center Restrooms Upgrade, Emergency Repair to Pipeline on Clubhouse Dr., Mulligan Field Renovations, Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, Beach Access Improvements, and Jonathan Hoffman Park.

Councilmember Perry asked about the timeline for lighting on Roseann Avenue. Mr. Carr explained.

**Administrative Reports**

Monthly – Finance

**Council Comments**

Councilmember Conrad thanked the LT Rotary and Rec Dept. for the Tree Lighting Ceremony and complimented Seashore Church of the Nazarene for the refreshments.

Councilmember Perry – no comments

Councilmember Roy – no comments

Deputy Mayor Sippel echoed comments about the Tree Lighting Ceremony and gave an update on Code Blue.

Mayor Simonsen thanked Seashore Church of the Nazarene and announced the following upcoming events: Rotary Christmas Parade, Ferry Merry Christmas, New Year's Eve Party, Townhall Meeting and Township Council Reorganization Meeting.

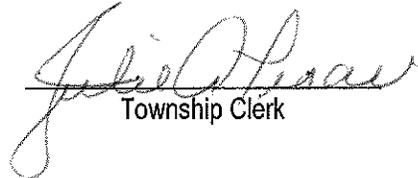
**Call to the Public**

**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 7:18 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved: Dec 16, 2019