

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – April 15, 2019

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on April 15, 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
 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

Proclamation - Alcohol Awareness Month

Mayor Simonsen read a proclamation proclaiming April as Alcohol Awareness Month in Lower Township.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – April 1, 2019

- Res. #2019-145 Payment of Vouchers \$477,198.72
- Res. #2019-146 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. #2019-147 A Resolution Requesting Release of a Performance Guarantee for North Cape May WAWA; Block 499.02, Lot 33.01; Escrow #Z08-06-01 (\$5,000)
- Res. #2019-148 A Resolution Approving the Submittal of an Application with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust
- Res. #2019-149 Issuance of Ice Cream Salesman License for the Year 2019 (D.Montgomery – Mr. Softee)
- Res. #2019-150 A Resolution Referring A Proposed Rehabilitation Area Designation of Block 410.01, Lots 82,83,84 & 87.01 in the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, to the Lower Township Planning Board
- Res. #2019-151 Authorization for Refund of Taxes (4 properties)
- Res. #2019-152 Approval of Change Order #1 to Resolution #2018-115; Rutala Associates Consulting Services for Grants Consulting Services (\$5,000)
- Res. #2019-153 A Resolution of the Township of Lower Consenting to the Vacation of Fish Dock Road, A County Road, Located Within the Township of Lower
- Res. #2019-154 Issuance of 2019 Taxi and Operator Licenses (Aarts Trans)
- Res. #2019-155 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (New Jersey Historic Trust, \$38,850.00)
- Res. #2019-156 Approval of Change Order #1 to Resolution #2018-197; Mott MacDonald, for Roseann Avenue/Bayshore Estate Drainage and Stormwater Management Improvements Project – Phase III (\$2,700)
- Res. #2019-157 Approving a Professional Service Contract with Mott MacDonald for Coordination of Services of a NJDOT Grant (\$160,000) for the Roseann Avenue Roadway and Utility Improvement Project Phase III (\$6,700)

Councilmember Conrad noted that Resolution #2019-155 is the first step to the Foster House remediation.

On the Consent:

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

Regular Agenda

Res. #2019-158 Payment of Voucher – Lower Township Rescue Squad \$1200.00

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

Ordinance #2019-06 Bond Ordinance Providing for Various 2019 Capital Improvements By and In the Township of Lower, in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey (the Township) Appropriating \$1,705,000.00 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,520,000.00 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Costs Thereof – This is the 2nd reading and public hearing of this Ordinance. This Ordinance has been published, posted and made available to the public.

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

Manager's Report

Manager Ridgway gave an update on the Spring Recreation programs.

Engineer's Report

Mark Sray gave an update on the current engineering projects in the Township including the Roseann Ave. Roadway and Utility Improvements, Roseann Ave. Phase 3, Beach Access Improvements, Recreation Center Restrooms Upgrade, Emergency Repair to Pipeline on Clubhouse Drive, Mulligan Field Renovations, and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.

Manager Ridgway communicated interest in signage for the smoking ban on the beach.

Administrative Reports

Monthly Reports – Clerk, Construction, Dog, Tax, Vital
Zoning Board Variance Report

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad – no comments

Councilmember Perry expressed favor with the progress on Roseann Avenue.

Mark Sray added a brief update about millings on Roseann Avenue.

Deputy Mayor Sippel – no comments

Mayor Simonsen commented in favor of the work on Roseann Avenue. He announced upcoming events including: the Easter Egg Hunt, Arbor Day, and Township Shred Day. He also reminded about dog licenses and leash laws. He spoke of the success of Little League Opening Day.

Call to the Public

Eileen Kreis, Villas, shared about the loss of Dr. Derek Nelson and Nicholas Dimona III and requested that they be kept in memory and prayer.

Closed Session

Res. #2019-159 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**

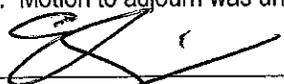
	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD			X			
PERRY	X		X			
ROY						X
SIPPEL		X	X			
SIMONSEN			X			

Council adjourned to Closed Session at 7:21 p.m.

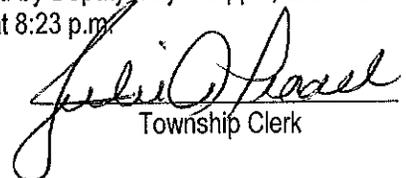
Council returned to Open Session at 8:22 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Deputy Mayor Sippel, seconded by Mayor Simonsen. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved: 