

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – April 1, 2019

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on April 1, 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

Proclamation - 2019 UDrive. UText. UPay.

Mayor Simonsen read a proclamation supporting the 2019 UDrive. UText. UPay., national distracted driving crackdown.

Proclamation - Autism Awareness Month – Jacyn Pisieczko

Eileen Kreis introduced Jacyn Pisieczko and his brother Eric Pisieczko to speak about living with Autism.

Eric Pisieczko shared his experience growing up with a brother with Autism.

Jacyn Pisieczko, 12th grade student at LCMR, shared his speech about living with Autism and thanked Mayor and Council for their continued support.

Mayor Simonsen read a proclamation recognizing April, 2019, as Autism Awareness Month.

Swearing In of New Officer - Austin Craig

Mayor Simonsen administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Austin Craig. Austin's father, Walt Craig, held the Bible and Sheriff Robert Nolan pinned his badge.

Swearing In of Sergeant Ryan Hansberry – Mayor Simonsen

Mayor Simonsen administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Ryan Hansberry. Ryan's wife, Diana Hansberry, held the Bible and Chief Mastriana pinned his badge.

Proclamation - Retirement of Cprl Shaun Whittington

Mayor Simonsen read a proclamation honoring Corporal Shaun Whittington and congratulating him on his retirement.

Chief Mastriana congratulated Officer Craig and Sergeant Hansberry and thanked Cprl Whittington for his 25 years of service.

Presentation – Potential Fulling Mill Rehabilitation Zone Project – K2 Consulting Engineers Inc

Manager Ridgway introduced John Kornick, K2 Consulting Engineers, Inc.

John Kornick, K2 Consulting Engineers, Inc., addressed Council on behalf of the property owners of Fulling Mill Properties to propose a Rehabilitation Zone Project, a mixed residential use, age restricted community.

Tiffany Morrissey, project planner, gave a brief presentation on the rehabilitation process, according to the NJ Housing and Redevelopment Law, and the relevance to the proposed project.

Mr. Kornick fielded questions from Council, Manager Ridgway and Solicitor Stefankiewicz.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes March 18, 2019

Res. #2019-128 Payment of Vouchers \$953,656.46

Res. #2019-129 Capital Budget Amendment

Res. #2019-130 Issuance of Ice Cream Peddling and Ice Cream Salesman License for the Year 2019 (A&T Ice)

Res. #2019-131 Authorization to Cancel Uncashed Checks (Municipal Court)

Res. #2019-132 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (A. Hegarty, \$2,446.03)

- Res. #2019-133 Approval of Change Order #1 to Engineering Design Associates, PA for Schellengers Landing Safety Improvements & Identification Program – Extending the New Sidewalk (\$2,000.00)
- Res. #2019-134 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Distracted Driving Crackdown \$5,500.)
- Res. #2019-135 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (JIF Optional Safety Award \$2,000.)
- Res. #2019-136 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (JIF Cyber Risk Award \$725.)
- Res. #2019-137 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (JIF Safety Incentive Award \$2,750.)
- Res. #2019-138 Issuance of 2019 Limousine and Operator Licenses (Cape May Limousine)
- Res. #2019-139 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (JIF Wellness Incentive Award (\$1,000.)
- Res. #2019-140 Issuance of Ice Cream Peddling and Ice Cream Salesman License for the Year 2019 (Mister Softee)
- Res. #2019-141 Approval of Change Order #1 for Additional Work under Task 3 for Professional Engineering Services for the Beach Access Improvement Project
- Res. #2019-143 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (NJDOT Municipal Aid \$160,000.)

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 1st reading of this Ordinance. The 2nd reading and public hearing is scheduled for April 15, 2019.

Councilmember Perry commented on Resolution #2019-141 regarding additional pedestrian beach access.

Mayor Simonsen requested to move Resolution #2019-142 to the Regular Agenda.

On the Consent Agenda:

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

Res. #2019-142 Approval of Change Order #1 for KC Sign & Awnings to Add a Decorative Stone Base to Double Sided LED Township Sign (\$4,195.)

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

Regular Agenda

Ordinance #2019-05 Bond Ordinance Providing For Various Roadway and Drainage Improvements, By and In the Township of Lower, in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey (The Township); Appropriating \$650,000 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$615,000 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		X			
PERRY		X	X			
ROY			X			
SIPPEL			X			
SIMONSEN			X			

Res. #2019-144 Approval of a Shared Service Agreement Between the Township of Lower and the Lower Cape May Regional School District to Permit the Lower Cape May Regional School District to Oversee and Manage the Township of Lower Recreation Department's Seventh and Eighth Grade Recreation Department Football Team

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

Manager's Report

Manager Ridgway gave an update on several issues including funding for the Roseann Avenue project, financial planning for employees, and going out to bid for asphalt.

Administrative Reports

Personnel Action Report
Treasurer's Report

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad commented on personnel actions in the Police Department and applauded Jacyn Pisieczko on his progress.

Councilmember Perry thanked residents for their patience and commented on the progress with the Roseann Avenue project.

Mayor Simonsen applauded Manager Ridgway and Councilmember Perry for their attentiveness with the Roseann Avenue project.

Councilmember Roy- no comments

Deputy Mayor Sippel announced upcoming events including the Honor Flight of Southern NJ for veterans, the Easter Egg Hunt at Freeman Douglass Park, and Little League Opening Day. He also reminded about Public Works Spring leaf and branch schedule and the Court Advocate.

Mayor Simonsen announced the following: Community Shred Day; Free Rabies Clinic; Little League Opening Day; and the Summer Concert Series.

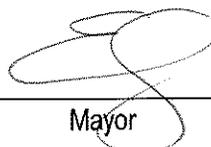
Call to the Public

Bill Tirrell, 105 Beach Drive, commented in favor of the Beach Drive improvements and offered suggestions about making accommodations for viewing plans. He also made brief comments about taxation, capital purchases, the comprehensive plan, and cooperative purchasing.

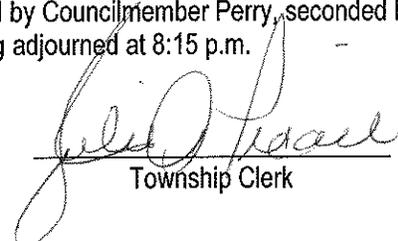
Manager Ridgway commended the Police Department for their support of fellow officers.
Mayor Simonsen added favorable comments about the Police Department.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Perry, seconded by Councilmember Conrad. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved: *April 15, 2019*