

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – April 6, 2020

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on April 6, 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 (via conference call)
- Councilmember Kevin Coombs (via conference call)
- Councilmember Roland Roy, Jr. (via conference call)
- Deputy Mayor David Perry (via conference call)
- Mayor Frank Sippel

Also present: James Ridgway (via conference call), Township Manager, David Stefankiewicz (via conference call), Township Solicitor, Robert Belasco (via conference call), Township Solicitor, and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk

Work Session

Emergency Proclamation – Prohibition on Acceptance of Transient Guests or Seasonal Tenants by Hotels, Motels, Guest Houses or Private Residences in the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey
Mayor Sippel summarized the emergency proclamation.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – March 16, 2020

- Res. #2020-123 Payment of Vouchers \$ 708,678.84
- Res. #2020-124 Issuance of Ice Cream Peddling and Ice Cream Salesman License for the Year 2020 (Mister Softee)
- Res. #2020-125 A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Cops In Shops Funding Summer Shore Initiative 2020 (\$3,520)
- Res. #2020-126 Approval of Change Order #1 to Mount Construction Company for Roseann Avenue Roadway and Utility Improvements – Phase 3 (\$48,039.05 plus 141 day extension)
- Res. #2020-127 A Resolution Authorizing the Indemnification and Defense of a Lower Township Employee in Accordance With Chapter 25, Defense and Indemnification, of the Code of the Township of Lower (Chief Mastriana)
- Res. #2020-128 A Resolution Approving a Professional Service Contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers for Engineering Services for the Reconstruction of Star Avenue From Caroline Avenue to Greenwood Avenue (NTE \$73,770.)
- Res. #2020-129 A Resolution To Amend the 2020 Budget
- Res. #2020-130 Adoption of 2020 Budget
- Res. #2020-131 A Resolution Prohibiting Hotels, Motels, Guest Houses ND Private Residences From Accepting New Transient Guests or Seasonal Tenants, and Urging Second Homeowners and Out-Of-County Residents to Refrain From Traveling to the Township of Lower in Light of the Ongoing Coronavirus Public Health Emergency
- Res. #2020-132 A Resolution Declaring a Local State of Emergency ND A Public Health Emergency Within the Township of Lower in Response to the Ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic

Mayor Sippel commented on Resolution #2020-131, instructing residents to report illegal property rentals to Township Code Enforcement.

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

Regular Agenda

Manager's Report

Manager Ridgway applauded all Township departments for keeping the Township operating and advised everyone to continue social distancing.

Administrative Reports

Monthly Reports – Construction, Treasurer

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad commended all Township employees and residents for their cooperation with keeping our Township safe during this unique situation.

Councilmember Coombs agreed with Councilmember Conrad and encouraged everyone to stay safe.

Councilmember Roy agreed with previous comments and reminded everyone to stay safe and check on neighbors.

Deputy Mayor also agreed with previous comments and encouraged everyone to assist elderly neighbors and remain safe.

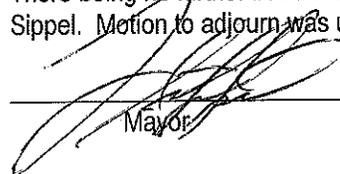
Mayor Sippel announced the new tentative date for Escape the Cape Triathlon, he informed of holiday trash pick-up, and reassured that the Township is taking proper measures to keep everyone safe. He wished everyone a safe and blessed Easter.

Call to the Public

No comments

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Roy, seconded by Mayor Sippel. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved: *April 20, 2020*