

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – August 3, 2020

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on August 3, 2020 at 5:00 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 Kevin Coombs  
Councilmember Roland Roy, Jr.  
Deputy Mayor David Perry  
Mayor Frank Sippel

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

### Work Session

#### Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – July 20, 2020

Res. #2020-208 Payment of Vouchers \$ 1,350,241.01

Res. #2020-209 Authorization for Refund of Taxes (5 properties)

Res. #2020-210 Approval of Change Order #1 to Shore Animal Control for Additional Beach Patrol Services (\$4,000)

Res. #2020-211 Contract Award and Amending Approved State Contract Vendors to MPH Industries, Vendor #V00003203 Under Contract #17-FLEET-00755 to Purchase Sixteen (16) MPH BEE III KA-BAND Radar with Two Antennas for the Police Department Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-12a (\$36,784.00)

Res. #2020-212 Approving a Professional Service Contract with DeBlasio & Associates for the Reconstruction of Wilson Drive, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue (\$57,000)

Res. #2020-213 Approval of Change Order #3 to Mount Construction Company to Reduce the Contract amount to Reflect the Final As-Built Quantities for Roseann Avenue Roadway and Utility Improvements Phase 3 (reduction of \$604,307.32)

Res. #2020-214 Approval of Contribution to Lower Township Chamber of Commerce (\$3,500.)

Res. #2020-215 Approving a Professional Service Contract with Marc Blauer for Labor Standard Services for the Judge Nathaniel Foster House (\$4,500)

Res. #2020-216 Approval of Change Order #4 to Charles Marandino LLC for the Schellengers Landing Safety Improvements and Identification Program for Additional Work Including Final Quantity Adjustments for Material (\$33,351.39)

Res. #2020-217 Award National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcewell to Hunter Jersey Peterbilt for One (1) 2021 Peterbilt 348 Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis (\$113,767.)

Res. #2020-218 Award National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcewell to Granturk Equipment Company for One (1) New 2020 Leach 29 Cu. Yd. 2R-III Rear Loader to be Mounted on Existing 2021 Peterbilt 348 Cab and Chassis (\$93,577)

Res. #2020-219 A Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application to the Cape May County Open Space Program for the Improvements to the Clem Mulligan Sports Complex

Res. #2020-220 Bid Acceptance and Contract Award of Judge Nathaniel Foster House Renovation to Dell-Tech Inc (\$394,700)

James Sanford, Raleigh Ave., inquired about Res. #2019-357 and 358 regarding fire services to Diamond Beach. Manager Ridgway and Councilmember Conrad explained the inter-local agreements.

Mr. Sanford expressed concern about response time for emergencies in Diamond Beach.

Solicitor Stefankiewicz reminded about meeting order. This discussion should be reserved for call to public. Discussion continued.

Mayor Sippel reiterated meeting order and suggested Mr. Sanford contact the manager to discuss further.

On the Consent:

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

**Regular Agenda**

Res. #2020-221 Authorizing the Payment of Vouchers (L/T Rescue Squad \$15,000)

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

**Reports**

Finance – 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr & June, 2020

**Manager's Report**

Manager Ridgway offered condolences to former Councilmember Lare and Rose Moore on the passing of their loved ones. He gave an update on several items including the Foster House bid award, expanded animal control services, recreation program registrations and pool passes, and Schellenger's Landing. He also thanked Township employees and Council for being receptive to changes during the pandemic.

**Council Comments**

Councilmember Conrad commended Township employees and commented on the recent concert, the Foster House contract, Clem Mulligan and the RT line.

Councilmember Coombs thanked Township employees and offered condolences to the Lare and McCarthy families.

Councilmember Roy echoed previous Council comments and voiced favor with the letter regarding Schellenger's Landing.

Deputy Mayor Perry echoed previous Council comments and advised everyone to be careful during the storm. Manager Ridgway noted the reduction in payment for the Roseann Ave project. Deputy Mayor Perry thanked everyone involved on the Roseann Ave project and stated that residents are pleased with the results.

Mayor Sippel shared positive comments from residents about the Township pool.

**Call to the Public**

Ray Flickinger, Washington Blvd., made favorable comments about the concert and beach access paths.

**Closed Session**

Res. #2020-222 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 & Personnel**

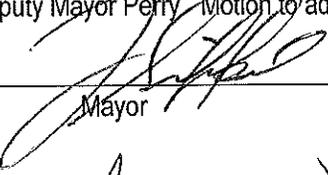
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COOMBS			X				
ROY		X	X				
PERRY			X				
SIPPEL	X		X				

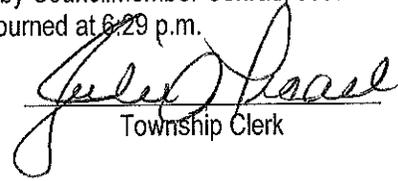
Council adjourned to Closed Session at 5:34 p.m.

Council returned to open session at 6:28 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Deputy Mayor Perry. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Township Clerk

Approved: *Aug. 17, 2020*