

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – February 21, 2018

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on February 21, 2018 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

Mayor Simonsen read Resolution #2018-80 into the record and invited Christopher Kobik, Superintendent of LCMR School District, to give insight into the ACES program. Mr. Kobik, member of the Cape Regional Wellness Alliance Committee (CRWA), spoke briefly about the program's leadership, background, and core objectives, and thanked Council for their continued support. See program outline attached

Vicki Clark, CRWA member, spoke of the program's grant process and the importance of raising community awareness. She also thanked Council for the opportunity to speak about the ACES program.

Mayor Simonsen vowed Council's support, and he and Mr. Kobik commended each other for their commitment. Manager Ridgway voiced his appreciation and shared his vision for new programs. Deputy Mayor Sippel also thanked Mr. Kobik and Ms. Clark for their efforts on behalf of the kids.

Res. #2018-80 A Resolution Pledging Lower Township's Commitment to Raise Awareness to Adverse Childhood Experiences - Chris Kobik, LCMR Superintendent

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

Mayor Simonsen read Resolution #2018-81 into the record, and invited Vicki Clark, President of the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce, to talk about the resolution.

Vicky Clark thanked Council for their support and stressed the importance of banning together to protect New Jersey's coast by opposing offshore drilling. She informed of a press conference on February 26 at Ocean City Music Pier.

Res. #2018-81 Resolution Opposing Offshore Oil and Gas Activities – CMC Chamber of Commerce Vicky Clark

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

Consent Agenda

- Approval of NJ Firemen's Assoc Membership Application – H.Bailey& C.Four- Erma Volunteer Fire Co.
- Approval of Minutes February 5, 2018

- Res. #2018-82 Payment of Vouchers \$ 226,114.14
 Res. #2018-83 Authorizing Payout of Terminal Leave (G.Barger \$5,114.29)
 Res. #2018-84 Bid Acceptance and Award for Electrical Services for Various Locations for the year 2018 with an Option for 2019 (Megonigal Electric, LLC(\$85 per hr)
 Res. #2018-85 Authorization for Refund of Taxes (3 properties \$3,420.52)
 Res. #2018-86 Approval of Contribution to the Coast Guard Community Festival (\$1,000)
 Res. #2018-87 Approval of 2018 Rotary Towing License (Eddie's Auto Body)
 Res. #2018-88 2018 Distracted Driving Crackdown U Drive. U Text. U Pay. (grant application \$6,600)
 Res. #2018-89 Approval of Change Order #3 for Additional Work – Additional Pre-Construction Groundwater Sampling Services & Rebid Services For Roseann Avenue/Bayshore Estates Drainage and Stormwater Management Improvements Project (\$33,475.)
 Res. #2018-90 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Sick Time (2017 J.Sani \$978.41)
 Res. #2018-91 Authorizing an Agreement Between the County of Cape May and the Township of Lower for the Purchase of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel through the Commodity Resale System
 Res. #2018-92 Authorizing the sale of Township of Lower Surplus No Longer Needed for Public Use on GOVDEALS online Auction Website (F250 Animal Control Unit)

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

Regular Agenda

- Res. #2018-93 Approval of an Alcoholic Beverage Control License Place-to-Place Transfer – Including Expansion of Licensed Premises – License #0505-44-013-006, Mattera's Liquor t/a Joe Canal's Discount Liquors (Cape Liquors) - The applicant has advertised this transfer as required by statute and no objections have been received

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

Manager's Report

Manager Ridgway gave a brief update on progress with the Public Safety Building, including an estimated timetable for Fire Safety, Rescue and Municipal Court to move back. He communicated his expectation for increased productivity with the addition of a full-time secretary in the Construction Office.

Engineer's Report

Mark Sray, Mott MacDonald, gave an update on the current projects including the Roseann Avenue Roadway and Utility Improvements Project, the Beach Drive Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project, and Roadway Evaluation Project.

Manager Ridgway informed Council of correspondence from the Townbank Property Owner's Association.

Councilmember Perry addressed Mr. Sray to confirm DEP approval for vegetation included in the Beach Drive Project.

Administrative Reports

Monthly Reports - Clerk, Construction, Dog, Fire, Police, Tax, Vital Statistics
 Tax Collector's Annual Report

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad stated that he is awaiting news regarding County road repairs and wished everyone a safe week.

Councilmember Perry reassured that the Roseann Avenue Project will move forward despite the setbacks. He also commented on the progress of Beach Drive, and voiced discontent about rumors circulating on social media regarding dune vegetation. He also advised to report potholes to Public Works and check the Township website for a weekly schedule of contractors working on Beach Drive.

Councilmember Conrad informed that there is a link on the Township website to report potholes. He also announced a cleanup at Union Bethel Cemetery.

Councilmember Roy voiced his support of the above mentioned projects and thanked Councilmember Perry for the information.

Deputy Mayor Sippel informed that the county awarded the contract to demolish the Everlon building.

Mayor Simonsen addressed the importance of school safety and communicated his plan for a future work session.

Call to the Public

Ray Flickinger, Washington Blvd, voiced favor with the progress on the Beach Drive Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project.

Closed Session

Res. #2018-94 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.

PERSONNEL ISSUE

Council MAY return to open session to take action

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

Council adjourned to Closed Session at 7:53 p.m.

Council returned to Open Session at 8:37 p.m.


Clerk Picard read Resolution #2018-95 into the record.

Res. # 2018-95 A Resolution Appointing a Municipal Tax Collector

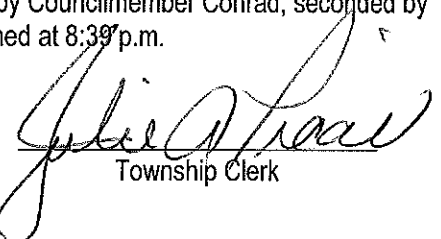
	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD			X			
PERRY					X	
ROY			X			
SIPPEL	X		X			
SIMONSEN		X	X			

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Mayor Simonsen. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.



 Mayor



 Township Clerk

Approved: 3/5/2018

CAPE REGIONAL WELLNESS ALLIANCE (CRWA)

I. BACKGROUND

- Funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Administered through the N.J. Health Initiative for the goal of “Building a Culture of Health” in Cape May County - \$200,000 grant over four years.
- Alliance comprised of community members representing health, behavioral health, education, business and law enforcement.
- CRWA works in partnership with the Cape Regional Medical Center Health Needs Coalition.
- Goal: Develop and implement strategies to reduce the impact of ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences Syndrome) in communities of Wildwood, Woodbine, Lower Township and Middle Township.
- Developed a Blue Print For Action with three objectives:

II. BLUE PRINT FOR ACTION OBJECTIVES

1st Objective -- establish baseline data on the prevalence of data in the four communities.

- Data to correlate with known trauma occurrences for children from infants to 18, such as parental abuse, neglect, housing instability, mental illness, substance abuse in the home, domestic violence, hunger, parental separation (parents in jail).
- Data gathered from a variety of sources: NJ County Health Rankings, Kids Count 2017, Law Enforcement, surveys, etc.

2nd Objective – develop and implement a comprehensive community education program about ACES.

- Provide staff development to teachers, counselors, administrators.
- Develop and implement PSAs, flyers, resources, videos about ACES – focus on resiliency, path to a decent life.
- Develop Board resolutions for Freeholders, School Boards and Town Councils committing them to raise awareness of ACES in their communities and need to focus on protective factors.
 - County Freeholders passed a Resolution in November 2017
 - Lower Township passed a Resolution on February 21, 2018

3rd Objective – develop and implement four projects to promote resiliency among youth.

- Include law enforcement youth camps
- Participation with Cape Assist in Public Policy PSAs encouraging youth resiliency
- Expansion of Big Brothers Big Sisters via engagement with the Business Community
- Expanding inter-agency agreements to provide additional onsite counseling, clinical services and support services to children

Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) Questionnaire

Finding your ACE Score ra.hbr 10/24/06

While you were growing up, during your first 18 years of life:

1. Did a parent or other adult in the household often ...
Swear at you, insult you, put you down, or humiliate you?
or
Act in a way that made you afraid that you might be physically hurt?
Yes No If yes enter 1 _____
2. Did a parent or other adult in the household often ...
Push, grab, slap, or throw something at you?
or
Ever hit you so hard that you had marks or were injured?
Yes No If yes enter 1 _____
3. Did an adult or person at least 5 years older than you ever...
Touch or fondle you or have you touch their body in a sexual way?
or
Try to or actually have oral, anal, or vaginal sex with you?
Yes No If yes enter 1 _____
4. Did you often feel that ...
No one in your family loved you or thought you were important or special?
or
Your family didn't look out for each other, feel close to each other, or support each other?
Yes No If yes enter 1 _____
5. Did you often feel that ...
You didn't have enough to eat, had to wear dirty clothes, and had no one to protect you?
or
Your parents were too drunk or high to take care of you or take you to the doctor if you needed it?
Yes No If yes enter 1 _____
6. Were your parents ever separated or divorced?
Yes No If yes enter 1 _____
7. Was your mother or stepmother:
Often pushed, grabbed, slapped, or had something thrown at her?
or
Sometimes or often kicked, bitten, hit with a fist, or hit with something hard?
or
Ever repeatedly hit over at least a few minutes or threatened with a gun or knife?
Yes No If yes enter 1 _____
8. Did you live with anyone who was a problem drinker or alcoholic or who used street drugs?
Yes No If yes enter 1 _____
9. Was a household member depressed or mentally ill or did a household member attempt suicide?
Yes No If yes enter 1 _____
10. Did a household member go to prison?
Yes No If yes enter 1 _____

Now add up your "Yes" answers: _____ This is your ACE Score