

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – July 1, 2019

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on July 1, 2019 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 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

Schellenger's Landing Project Update – Joe Maffei, Engineering Design Associates

Joe Maffei presented the proposed Schellenger's Landing Pedestrian Safety Project, inclusive of the area at the foot of the large bridge and continuing to Wilson Drive. He highlighted the plan for ADA accessible sidewalks and crosswalks, as well as signage and materials to be used. He also informed of the process, contingent upon NJDOT approval.

Mayor Simonsen pointed out how the plan came to inception through a grant from NJDOT.

David Craig, Lucky Bones, inquired about sidewalk maintenance and snow removal.

Manager Ridgway communicated his thoughts regarding sidewalk maintenance. He also thanked Atlantic City Electric for their assistance with removal of poles.

Councilmember Conrad informed that snow removal is the responsibility of the business owner, while public sidewalks should be maintained by the Township.

Keith Laudeman, Lobster House, inquired about street lighting.

Joe Maffei informed that lighting is not included in this phase; however he welcomes suggestions.

Discussion ensued about a lighted sign and possible speed limit reduction.

Ernie Utsch, Utsch's Marina, voiced concern about the ingress and egress to his parking lot.

Manager Ridgway communicated that the problem the boat ramp at Spicer's Creek has created is being addressed.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes June 17, 2019

Res. #2019-225 Payment of Vouchers \$ 1,692,764.27

Res. #2019-226 Renewal of Commercial Excavation (Gravel Pit) License (Cape Mining)

Res. #2019-227 A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Application and the Execution of a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Star Avenue

Res. #2019-228 Award National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcewell, Formerly National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) to Hunter Jersey Peterbilt for One (1) 2020 Peterbilt 348 Tandem Axel Cab and Chassis (\$113,767.)

Res. #2019-229 Award National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcewell, Formerly National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) to Granturk Equipment Company for One (1) 2020 Leach 29 Cu Yd. 2 R-III Rear Loader to be Mounted on new 2020 Peterbilt Chassis (\$91,330.80)

Res. #2019-230 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (K.Lewis \$21,239.26)

Res. #2019-231 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (D.Whitten \$20,117.40)

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

Regular Agenda

Manager's Report

Manager Ridgway gave an update on Township infrastructure on Miramar, Foster, Clubhouse, Woolson and Idell, as well as Roseann Avenue. He talked about the preparation for the Independence Day Festival and anticipation of the Bond Sale and the Summer Concert Series.

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad said he is awaiting an update on Mulligan Field Improvements and Beach Accesses and wished everyone an enjoyable holiday.

Councilmember Perry voiced disappointment with the delay on Roseann Avenue and wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July.

Councilmember Roy reiterated the safety advice for the holiday and voiced favor with the infrastructure improvements in Ward 3. He also wished everyone a safe and enjoyable 4th of July.

Deputy Mayor Sippel gave an update on the Police Youth Camp.

Mayor Simonsen wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July and reminded about upcoming National Night Out.

Call to the Public

Closed Session

Res. #2019-232 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. **Contract Negotiations Update / Attorney/Client Privilege**

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PERRY			X			
ROY			X			
SIPPEL		X	X			
SIMONSEN	X		X			

Council adjourned to Closed Session at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Council returned to Open Session at approximately 6:25 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Mayor Simonsen, seconded by Councilmember Roy. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Mayor

Township Clerk

Approved: 7/15/2019