

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – July 15, 2019**

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on July 15, 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**

**Consent Agenda**

- Approval of Minutes – July 1, 2019
- Approval of Closed Session Minutes – July 1, 2019
- Res. #2019-233 Payment of Vouchers \$ 289,269.45
- Res. #2019-234 Requesting Change in Title, Text or Amount of Appropriation; N.J.S.A. 40A:4-85 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948)
- Res. #2019-235 A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of a Firearm No Longer Needed, to a Licensed Firearms Dealer for Private Sale (J.Boyle \$200.)
- Res. #2019-236 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (W.Kocis, \$3,393.54)
- Res. #2019-237 Resolution Providing For the Combination of Certain Issues and Determining the Form and Other Details of the Offering of \$7,450,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019 of the Township of Lower in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey and Providing for the Sale of Such Bonds
- Res. #2019-238 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (DEDR \$31,409.)
- Res. #2019-239 Re-Appointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (R.Basco)
- Res. #2019-240 A Resolution Approving Schellenger's Landing Sidewalk Project Maintenance Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (responsibility for brick pavers)
- Res. #2019-241 Resolution Amending the Appropriation Number on Resolution #2019-205 for Mott MacDonald, Change Order #2 Construction Phase of Roseanne Avenue Roadway and Utility Improvements Project Phase III (correct appropriation 55-417-000)
- Ordinance #2019-11; An Ordinance of the Township of Lower Vacating, Surrendering and Extinguishing the Public Rights of a Portion of Cedar Avenue - This is the first reading of this Ordinance, the second reading and public hearing has been scheduled for August 5, 2019.

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

**Regular Agenda**

**Manager's Report**

Manager Ridgway commented on the Summer Concert Series and informed of an upcoming meeting with DRBA representatives to discuss improvements to the area of Douglass Park. He also announced Mark Sray's transfer and thanked him for his service to the Township.

### Engineer's Report

Mark Sray voiced appreciation for the kind words and informed of his availability while continuing his work with Mott MacDonald in Pittsburgh. He gave an update on the current engineering projects in the Township, including: Roseann Avenue Phase 1 and Phase 3, Beach Access Improvements, Recreation Center Restrooms Upgrades, and Mulligan Field Renovations.

Manager Ridgway commented about landscaping on Roseann Avenue and communicated the Township's plan to pursue a grant for improvements to Rotary Park.

Mr. Sray informed of the time frame that the contractor is responsible to maintain the sod.

Councilmember Perry made favorable comments about the transformation on Roseann Avenue.

### Administrative Reports

Personnel Action Report

Monthly Reports: Clerk, Construction, Dog, Fire Safety, Tax Collector, Vital Statistics

### Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad made a request to Manager Ridgway regarding his meeting with the DRBA. He gave an update from the County regarding flooding in Fishing Creek, and updated on the MUA's progress in Villas East. He also communicated changes to Cape Assist and the Healthy Youth Coalition.

Councilmember Perry commended and thanked Mark Sray for his work for the Township.

Councilmember Roy made favorable comments regarding paving in Erma Park.

Deputy Mayor Sippel thanked all parties involved with the Independence Day Festival and Fireworks and reminded of the upcoming Police Youth Camp.

Mayor Simonsen congratulated Coach Frank Simonsen on his induction into the CAL Youth Football League Hall of Fame and congratulated Joseph Magee, scholarship recipient. He commented on the success of the Independence Day Festival and announced the following upcoming events: Coombs/Douglass Memorial Sunset Bay Run, National Night Out, and the continuation of the Summer Concert Series.

### Call to the Public

Cosette Gasser, Bayshore Rd, addressed Council with questions and concerns regarding the community pool. Manager Ridgway agreed to address Ms. Gasser's concerns.

Amy Einhaus, Roseann Ave, thanked Mr. Sray for his work on Roseann Ave. and inquired about street lights and additional paving.

Mr. Sray addressed Ms. Einhaus's concerns.

Levente Peter, Bayshore Rd, addressed Council with suggestions for improvements to bike path infrastructure.

Mayor Simonsen shared information regarding plans for improvements favorable to bikers.

Manager Ridgway pointed out an area of concern and shared his observation of the number of bikers increasing.

Lois Thorn, 128 W Tampa, commented about the bike path and the pool, and inquired about beach access on Tampa Ave, and the missing street sign on W.Tampa and Bayshore Rd.

Councilmember Conrad addressed her concerns.

Bill Greenfield, Villas, inquired about a topic discussed at the last meeting concerning Spicer's Creek.

Manager Ridgway informed Mr. Greenfield that the discussion was concerning the road leading to Utsch's Marina.

Mr. Greenfield also asked about beach access improvements and trash cans.

Councilmember Conrad addressed his questions.

### Closed Session

Res. #2019-242 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 Negotiation Update & Attorney/Client Privilege**

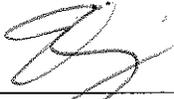
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CONRAD			X			
PERRY	X		X			
ROY			X			
SIPPEL		X	X			
SIMONSEN			X			

Council adjourned to closed session at 5:36 pm.

Council returned to open session at 6:38 pm.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Roy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sippel. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

  
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 Mayor

  
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 Township Clerk

Approved: August 5, 2019