

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – July 16, 2018

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on July 16, 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

#### Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes - July 2, 2018

- Res. #2018-230 Payment of Vouchers \$ 352,210.27
- Res. #2018-231 Public Facilities Grant Application for \$400,000; Roseann Avenue Improvements
- Res. #2018-232 Submission of a Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Application \$200,000
- Res. #2018-233 Identifying Small Cities Fair Housing Officer
- Res. #2018-234 A Resolution Requesting Release of Demolition Bond For Block 17, Lot 15, 106 West Miami Avenue, Villas
- Res. #2018-235 Authorizing a Professional Service Contract with Blauer Associates, Inc (CDBG )
- Res. #2018-236 A Resolution of the Township of Lower Removing Certain Properties owned by the County of Cape May and Leased to the Delaware River and Bay Authority Located at the Cape May County Airport from the Township of Lower's Upcoming Tax Sale Scheduled for September 12, 2018
- Res. #2018-237 Approval of Change Order #2; Net Deduction to the Contract Price for the Beach Drive Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project (net decrease of \$16,760.15)
- Res. #2018-238 Amend Resolution #2018-222 to Correct a Typographical Error (Ford Scott \$810)
- Res. #2018-239 Authorization for Refund of Taxes (\$220.38)
- Res. #2018-240 Award National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcewell Formerly National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) to Granturk Equipment Company for a Leach 29 Cu Yd. 2 R-III Rear Loader to be Mounted on a New 2019 Peterbilt Chassis (\$83,136.20)
- Res. #2018-241 Authorizing the Payout of Terminal Leave (N.Bedell \$1,474.19)
- Res. #2018-242 Approval of Change Order #1 to DeBlasio & Associates Contract for the FY2018 NJDOT Municipal Aid Reconstruction of Georgia Avenue, Alabama Avenue and Main Street – Sanitary Sewer Replacement (\$21,000)
- Res. #2018-243 Award National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcewell Formerly National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) to Hunter Jersey Peterbilt for One (1) 2019 Peterbilt 348 Tandem Axel Cab and Chassis (\$111,532.)
- Res. #2018-244 A Resolution of the Township of Lower Opposing the Implementation of Assembly Bill A-2 and Senate Bill S-2 Reducing School Funding to the Township of Lower
- Res. #2018-245 A Resolution Authorizing A Shared Service Agreement with the Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority for Equal Cost Sharing of a Sanitary Sewer Line Replacement

Councilmember Conrad referred to Res. #2018-244 and commented on the negative impact Bills A-2 and S-2 may have on taxes if implemented.

Mayor Simonsen shared his communications with both Lower Township Elementary School and LCMR Schools Superintendents regarding Bills A-2 and S-2 and their concerns on how they will impact the schools.

Manager Ridgway gave an update on the tax bills to be mailed next week.

Tom Poussart, Shawmount Ave., inquired about the contract price for the Beach Drive Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project, Res. #2018-237. Mayor Simonsen gave an estimated breakdown of the project. Manager Ridgway informed of additional expenses that will be reimbursed.

On the Consent:

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

**Regular Agenda**

Ordinance #2018-12 An Ordinance Adopting A Redevelopment Plan for the Cape May County Airport Tech Village Area In Need of Redevelopment Identified as Block 410.01, Part of Lot 36, In the Township of Lower, New Jersey, and Amending the Zoning Map Accordingly. This is the second reading and public hearing for this Ordinance. This Ordinance has been published, posted and made available to the public.

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

**Manager's Report**

Manager Ridgway informed of a grant opportunity for revitalization of the Mulligan Park area. He commented on the attendance at the concert and gave an update on the Schellenger's Landing Project.

**Engineer's Report**

Mark Sray, Mott MacDonald, gave an update on current projects including the Roseann Avenue Roadway and Utility Improvements, the Beach Drive Pedestrian Safety Improvements, and the Beach Access Improvements. Mr. Sray fielded questions from Manager Ridgway regarding the de-watering process.

**Administrative Reports**

Monthly Reports – Clerk, Construction, Dog, Police Tax, Vital Statistics  
Personnel Action Report

**Council Comments**

Councilmember Conrad informed about an upcoming Townhall meeting concerning opioid abuse. He gave an update on road improvements in Villas, announced the Run for the Fallen, and commented on the Summer Concert Series.

Councilmember Perry expressed appreciation to all responsible departments for the success of the fireworks and Independence Day Festival and thanked Public Works for a great job on Beach Drive.

Councilmember Roy encouraged everyone to enjoy the summer and be safe.

Manager Ridgway updated Councilmember Roy on the Army Corps of Engineers Hereford Inlet Project and informed that they will not be borrowing sand from Diamond Beach.

Deputy Mayor Sippel spoke briefly about the Youth Camp, the accomplishments of the Court Advocate, and shared information about Safe Surrender Day.

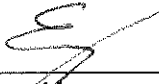
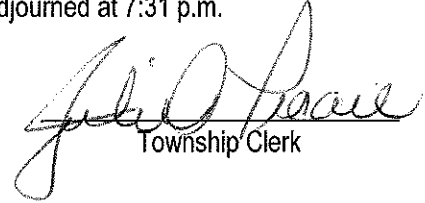
Mayor Simonsen commented on the success of the fireworks and the first of the summer concert series. He announced upcoming events including National Night Out and the Summer Concert Series and reminded about renewing dog licenses and mercantile licenses.

**Call to the Public**

Ray Flickinger, Washington Blvd., commended the Township for another successful Independence Day Festival and thanked the parties responsible for addressing the problem with a telephone wire.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Councilmember Roy. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

  
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Mayor  
Township Clerk

Approved: *August 6, 2018*