

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – July 20, 2020

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on July 20, 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 6, 2020

- Res. #2020-199 Payment of Vouchers \$ 143,575.87
- Res. #2020-200 Authorization for Refund of Taxes (1 property \$1,162.68)
- Res. #2020-201 Approval of Change Order #1 for Additional Services Associated with the Small Cities CDBG 2020 Grant Application (Mott MacDonald \$2,500)
- Res. #2020-202 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Sick Leave (W.Galestok \$28,721.61)
- Res. #2020-203 A Resolution Approving A Partnership with the Delaware River Bay Authority for Three (3) Drive-In Movie Nights to be Held at the DRBA Ferry Terminal (Not to exceed \$6,000)
- Res. #2020-204 A Resolution Amending Resolution #2020-99; Scheduling Summer Concerts to be Held at the DRBA Ferry Terminal and Awarding Contracts to: Media Five LTD, Frank Kielb, Stellar Mojo, Legacy Band and Adoleo Inc. (Not to exceed \$20,500)
- Res. #2020-205 Bid Acceptance and Award of (1) One New Leaf Machine Monster MPE – 30 Yard Including Remounting and Trade In Allowance for (2) Two Leach 2R11 Refuse Bodies and (1) One 2008 Peterbuilt 340 Chassis (Granturk Equipment Company Inc \$68,293.)
- Res. #2020-206 Bid Rejection for the Judge Nathaniel Foster House Improvement Project
- Res. #2020-207 Amending Resolution #2020-207; Authorizing Certain Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors to Wireless Communication & Electronics Contract #89980 to Purchase Mobile Data Terminals for the Police Department Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

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

Regular Agenda

Engineer's Report

Shawn Carr gave an update on the current engineering projects being handled by Mott MacDonald including: Roseann Avenue, Clubhouse Drive, Mulligan Field and Jonathan Hoffman Park.

Mayor Sippel inquired about the Mulligan Field Project.

Manager Ridgway explained that the full project cost will be applied through Open Space.

Manager's Report

Manager Ridgway gave an update on several matters including beach access improvements; benches; park sanitation; youth sports registrations; summer concerts; public works equipment; purchasing procedures; bid rejection for the Foster House; and Capital Budget expenditures for public works and the police department. He informed that a closed session will be needed for the next Council meeting.

Administrative Reports

Monthly – Clerk, Construction, Dog, Tax, Vital
Certification – Mailing of Estimated Tax Bills

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad asked Manager Ridgway for a list of beach access improvements. He commented on the Foster House and the summer concert series and thanked Township residents and employees for their assistance during Covid-19.

Councilmember Coombs expressed gratitude for in-person meetings and reminded everyone to stay cool in the heat.

Councilmember Roy advised everyone to stay hydrated and check on seniors and pets during excessive heat.

Deputy Mayor Perry voiced pleasure to be completing the Roseann Avenue Project.

Mayor Sippel thanked Township staff and the DRBA for movie nights and upcoming concerts and gave an update on youth basketball and benches along the bay.

Call to the Public

Ray Flickinger, Washington Blvd., addressed Council with concern regarding overgrown vegetation and signage near Douglass Park. He also inquired about the Coombs/Douglass Run.
Manager Ridgway gave Mr. Flickinger an update on the run.

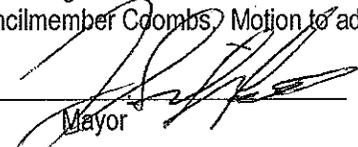
Jeff Hodgson, 403 Washington Blvd., addressed Council regarding the solar speed limit sign on Washington Blvd.
Manager Ridgway agreed to look into Mr. Hodgson's concern.

Bill Greenfield, Villas, inquired about the beach access on New Jersey Avenue. He also informed of a missing boot on the outfall pipe between Ohio and New York Avenues.
Councilmember Conrad addressed Mr. Greenfield's concerns.

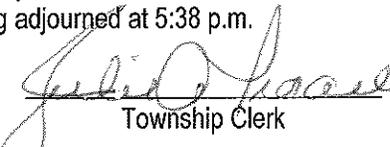
Judy Gillis, Villas, addressed Council regarding Animal Control patrolling the bayfront during the week. She also voiced concern about enforcing the speed limit on Beach Drive.
Manager Ridgway and Mayor Sippel addressed Ms. Gillis's concerns.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Councilmember Coombs, Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved: August 3, 2020