

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – July 6, 2020

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on July 6, 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 – via GoToMeetings  
 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 – June 15, 2020 & June 24, 2020

Res. #2020-189 Payment of Vouchers \$ 565,170.07

Res. #2020-190 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Clean Communities \$74,254.08)

Res. #2020-191 Certification to Local Finance Board of Receipt and Review of Audit Sections General Comments & Recommendations

Res. #2020-192 Authorizing the Sale of Township of Lower Surplus No Longer Needed for Public Use on Govdeals Online Auction Website

Res. #2020-193 Renewal of Commercial Excavation (Gravel Pit) Licenses – (Cape Mining & T.Brodesser)

Res. #2020-194 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (J.Scheck \$4,501.39)

Res. #2020-195 Authorizing Payout of Terminal Leave (V.Kline \$717.10)

Res. #2020-196 A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with David Schultz Airshows, LLC and the City of Cape May Pertaining to a July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Independence Day Flyover and Payment in the amount of \$500 to the City of Cape May in Connection with Said Agreement (\$500.00)

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

#### Regular Agenda

Res. #2020-197 Approval of an Alcoholic Beverage Control License Place to Place Transfer – EXPANSION OF LICENSED PREMISES – License #0505-33-020-004; Marco Vokes, Inc, t/a Crest Tavern  
 This Transfer has been publish according to law and no objections have been received

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

Res. #2020-198 Payment of Vouchers – Lower Township Rescue \$10,000.00

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

**Manager's Report**

Manager Ridgway gave Council a favorable mid-year report from the Township's financial team, including the CFO, Tax Assessor and Tax Collector. He acknowledged Kathy Brown for an outstanding tax collection rate despite Covid-19. He also gave an update on recreational events including concerts and drive-in movies and new protocols for Township parks.

**Council Comments**

Councilmember Conrad voiced favor with news about the concert series and asked for an update on Mulligan Field. He also gave an update on the Foster House and commented on the success of the fireworks. Manager Ridgway gave an update on Mulligan Field.

Councilmember Coombs voiced favor with the success of the fireworks and in-person Council meetings.

Councilmember Roy echoed Councilmember Conrad's comments and expressed appreciation to the Township team for continued operations during these difficult times.

Deputy Mayor Perry thanked all parties for the success of the fireworks, including the Police Dept., Recreation, Public Works, Fire Safety, Townbank Fire Company, LCMR and Eileen Kreis, as well as the residents for their cooperation with social distancing.

Mayor Sippel informed about Covid-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program available to residents. He echoed comments about the fireworks and reminded about the Election.

**Call to the Public**

Ray Flickinger, 1700 Washington Blvd., made favorable comments about improvements to the beach paths and the success of the fireworks, as well as news of the concert series. He also inquired about a beach cleanup. Councilmember Roy agreed to look into a beach cleanup.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Mayor Sippel, seconded by Councilmember Roy. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

  
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 Mayor

  
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 Township Clerk

Approved: *July 20, 2020*