

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 20, 2016

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on June 20, 2016 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 Erik Simonsen  
 Deputy Mayor Clark  
 Mayor Michael Beck

Also present: James Ridgway, Township Manager, David Stefankiewicz, Township Solicitor and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk

**Consent Agenda**

- Approval of Minutes June 6, 2016
- Res. #2016-183 Payment of Vouchers \$711,452.38
- Res. #2016-184 Cancellation of Taxes on County Property (per DRBA memorandum of agreement \$2,768.69 - 3 properties)
- Res. #2016-185 Authorization for Refund of Taxes ( 7 properties \$11,177.36 )
- Res. #2016-186 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (M.Szemcsak \$3,951.06)
- Res. #2016-187 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Alcohol Education & Rehabilitation \$1,027.39)
- Res. #2016-188 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (FEMA Storm Reimbursement \$6,393.73)
- Res. #2016-189 Annual Renewal of Liquor Licenses for the Year 2016-2017 (final 4 licenses)
- Res. #2016-190 Issuance of 2016 Limousine, Taxi and Operator License (one driver/2 taxi vehicles - Easy Rider)
- Res. #2016-191 Certification to the Local Finance Board of Receipt and Review of Audit Sections General Comments & Recommendations
- Res. #2016-192 Adoption of 2016 Cape May County Hazard Mitigation Plan (requirement of OEM)
- Ordinance #2016-05 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 529, Secondhand Merchants and Dealers of Precious Metals of the Code of the Township of Lower – 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance. 2nd reading and public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>)

Frank Saracco, addressed Council for clarification on Resolution #2016-192. Gary Douglass, Director of Public Works, explained that it is a county emergency management mitigation plan that municipalities must opt into to be eligible for grant funding if it becomes available.

John Skowronski, asked how the mitigation plan will affect the flood plain. Mr. Douglass explained that it would only affect repetitive losses. Mr. Skowronski inquired about the V zone. Mr. Douglass said it would not affect the V zone. Councilman Conrad informed that we may be eligible for help with future bulkheads or berms.

On the consent agenda:

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD			X			
PERRY	X		X			
SIMONSEN		X	X			
CLARK			X			
BECK			X			

**Regular Agenda**

Res. #2016-193

Authorizing the Payment of Vouchers (L/T Rescue \$10,000 Expenses)

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD					X	
PERRY	X		X			
SIMONSEN		X	X			
CLARK			X			
BECK			X			

**Administrative Reports**

Monthly Reports – Clerk, Dog, Fire, Tax, Treasurer, Vital Statistics

**Council Comments**

Councilman Conrad pointed out the changes that have come with the arrival of the municipal court. He informed of an upcoming Healthy Youth Coalition Seminar to help combat the drug problem.

Councilman Perry spoke of the positive feedback he received during his walk on the bay. He also made favorable commented about the Escape the Cape Triathlon.

Mayor Beck announced the Independence Day Festival and the Concert Series.

**Call to Public**

Cozette Gasser, North Cape May, asked for an update on the pedestrian walkways on Bayshore Road. Councilman Perry assured that he and Manager Ridgway have been in touch with the county to try to get it done.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Deputy Mayor Clark. Motion to adjourn unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Michael E Beck  
Mayor

Juni O'Leary  
Township Clerk

Approved: July 6, 2016