

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – May 18, 2020

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on May 18, 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 via Video Conference 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: via video were James Ridgway, Township Manager, David Stefankiewicz, Township Solicitor and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk

Work Session

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – May 4, 2020

- Res. #2020-145 Payment of Vouchers \$ 810,627.84
- Res. #2020-146 A Resolution Supporting an Open Space/Historic Preservation Grant Application for the Naval Air Station Wildwood Aviation Museum
- Res. #2020-147 A Resolution Supporting a Grant Application to the New Jersey Historic Trust for the Naval Air Station Wildwood Aviation Museum
- Res. #2020-148 Authorizing Payment to Lower Township Board of Education (School Tax July thru Nov)
- Res. #2020-149 Authorizing Payment for 2020 Regional School Taxes (July thru Nov)
- Res. #2020-150 Authorizing the Payout of Terminal Leave (S.Lonergan \$17,865.36)
- Res. #2020-151 Renewal of 2020 Campground License (Cape Island Campground)
- Res. #2020-152 Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (M.Kennedy)
- Res. #2020-153 Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (J.Hanson)
- Res. #2020-154 Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (R.Sweeten)
- Res. #2020-155 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Small Cities \$400,000)
- Res. #2020-156 Bulletproof Vests Partnership Program Application
- Res. #2020-157 Approval of Change Order #2 to Mount Construction Company for Roseann Avenue Roadway and Utility Improvements – Phase 3 (\$7,937.08)
- Res. #2020-158 A Resolution Requesting Release of Performance Guarantee for Chewies, LLC, Castaway Cove Restaurant, 301 Bayshore Road; Block 18, Lot 27.01 Escrow #P17-01-03

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

Regular Agenda

Ordinance #2020-11- An Ordinance Amending Chapter 166, Article XII, Wildlife Feeding, of the Code of the Township of Lower, to Prohibit the Feeding of Wildlife on Private Property Within the Township of Lower - This is the second reading and Public Hearing for this Ordinance. This Ordinance has been posted, published and made available to the public.

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COOMBS			X				
ROY		X	X				
PERRY			X				
SIPPEL	X		X				

Manager's Report

Manager Ridgway informed about an upcoming meeting regarding procedures to reopen businesses and thanked all departments for their work during this unusual time.

Administrative Reports

Monthly Reports – Clerk, Construction, Tax, Vital Statistics

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad thanked employees and residents for their cooperation during this time and reminded that we continue to follow the governor's directive.

Councilmember Coombs agreed with Councilmember Conrad and thanked employees and residents alike.

Councilmember Roy reminded that we're in this together and extended wishes for a safe and happy Memorial Day.

Deputy Mayor Perry echoed the above comments and thanked residents for their donations to the food bank.

Mayor Sippel stressed the importance of patience and cooperation during this difficult time and reminded that safety is priority.

Solicitor Stefankiewicz reiterated the guidelines for public comment.

Call to the Public

Bob Corsi, Diamond Beach, spoke on behalf of the property owners in Diamond Beach with concern about Council's decisions regarding short term rentals.

Mayor Sippel ensured that Council will take their concerns under advisement.

Angelo Samo, Diamond Beach, commented about the inconsistency with neighboring municipalities regarding short term rentals and urged Council to reconsider their decisions.

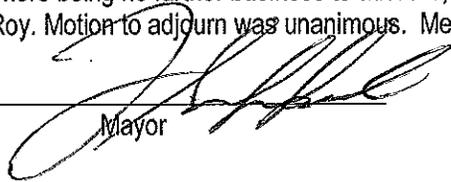
Sheri Hemmingway asked about the format for the upcoming special meeting to address short term rentals.

She also inquired about the Township's support of a graduation ceremony for LCMR.

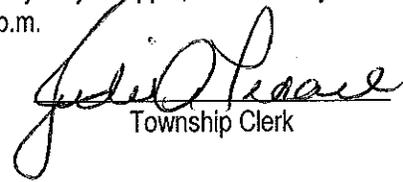
Manager Ridgway communicated the Township's initiative regarding this matter.

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 5:22 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved: June 1, 2020