

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – May 21, 2018

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on May 21, 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

Proclamation - Supporting the Click It or Ticket Mobilization – Mayor Erik Simonsen

Mayor Simonsen read a proclamation declaring Lower Township's support of the Click It or Ticket Mobilization Program effective May 21 through June 3, 2018, a nation-wide effort to raise awareness and increase seat belt usage. Detective Perry accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Lower Township Police Department.

Proclamation - Joshua Kampmeier – Mayor Simonsen, Councilman Conrad

Councilmember Conrad introduced Joshua Kampmeier, Scout Troop 87, and congratulated him on his Eagle Scout achievement. Mayor Simonsen read a proclamation on behalf of Council congratulating Joshua on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Joshua presented a collage to Councilmember Conrad to thank him for his encouragement and support.

### Work Session

#### Consent Agenda

Approval of NJ Firemen's Assoc. Membership Application – P Klingele – Erma Volunteer Fire Co.  
Approval of Minutes May 7, 2018  
Res. #2018-176 Payment of Vouchers \$ 202,727.53  
Res. #2018-177 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Click It or Ticket \$5,500)  
Res. #2018-178 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Distracted Driving Crackdown \$6,600)  
Res. #2018-179 A Resolution Authorizing High Roller Limousine, Inc to Transfer a Limousine License  
Res #2018-180 Authorization for Refund of Taxes (8 properties)  
Res. #2018-181 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (R.Hansberry \$4,456.70)  
Res. #2018-182 Authorization for South Jersey Power Cooperative Electric Bid (Cape May County Cooperative as lead agency)  
Res. #2018-183 Certification to Local Finance Board of Receipt and Review of Audit; Sections General Comments & Recommendations  
Res. #2018-184 Appointment of Marcus Karavan, Esq. as Special Counsel to the Tax Assessors Office for Tax Related and Land Use Matters as a Professional Service Contract without Public Bidding (not to exceed \$10,000)  
Res. #2018-185 Appointment to the Planning Board (J.Hemingway)  
Ordinance #2018-09 An Ordinance Revising and Restating Chapter 400 – Land Development; Article X, Sub-section 400-81; Guarantees and Inspections; of the Code of the Township of Lower. This is the first reading of this Ordinance. The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing has been scheduled for June 4, 2018.

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

**Regular Agenda**

Res. #2018-186

Authorizing the Payment of Vouchers -- Rescue \$35,000 Contribution

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

Res. #2018-188

A Resolution Amending Res. #2018-174; Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement between the Township of Lower and the County of Cape May for Law Enforcement Coverage at a Township Event (changing the hourly rate for Sheriff Officers to \$70.)

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

**Manager's Report**

Manager Ridgway briefed Council on his meeting with the MUA about updating the Township's water quality plan. He informed of the Planning Board's approval for a brewery in North Cape May, and informed that the Department of Transportation has extended the permit to June 8<sup>th</sup> for work on Seashore Road. Lastly, he communicated the plan for increased public safety patrol over Memorial Day weekend.

**Engineer's Report**

Mark Sray, Mott MacDonald, gave an update on the Roseann Avenue Roadway and Utility Improvements Project and the Beach Drive Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project.

**Administrative Reports**

Personnel Action Report

Monthly Reports - Clerk, Construction, Dog, Fire Safety, Police, Tax Collector, Vital Statistics

**Council Comments**

Councilmember Conrad reminded everyone to use caution as schools are recessing for summer. He also reminded about road closures due to Escape the Cape events, and informed about future changes with Verizon phone service.

Councilmember Perry commented on the progress along Beach Drive. He also shared good news about the Lower Township Youth Boys Lacrosse League winning the championship.

Deputy Mayor Sippel spoke about the Armed Forces Day Ceremony and encouraged attendance at the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Villas VFW.

Mayor Simonsen shared a complimentary letter from an Upper Township coach congratulating Lower Township on their victory and sportsmanship. He also announced upcoming events including the Art Show at Fishing Creek School, Battle of the Badges Blood Drive, and the Summer Concert Series.

**Call to the Public**

Trish Donahue, 203 Beach Drive, addressed Council to inform of damages to her house as a result of Verizon removing a telephone pole. Manager Ridgway took Ms. Donahue's information and agreed to look into the situation.

Ray Flickinger, Washington Blvd., attested to the above situation and cautioned the wires may pose a danger.

**Closed Session**

Res. #2018-187

Resolution Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.  
**Attorney/Client Privilege/Possible Litigation**

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

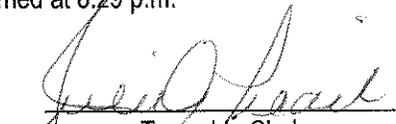
Council adjourned to Closed Session at 7:34 p.m.

Council returned to Open Session at approximately 8:28 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Mayor Simonsen. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Township Clerk

Approved: *June 4, 2018*