

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – May 4, 2020

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on May 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via video conference from 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 or 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 via video conference, David Stefankiewicz, Township Solicitor via video conference and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk was physically present.

### Work Session

#### Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes - April 20, 2020

Res. #2020-138 Payment of Vouchers \$ 405,031.14

Res. #2020-139 Approval of Change Order #3 to Charles Marandino LLC for the Schellengers Landing Safety Improvements and Identification Program for Additional Work Including: Additional Concrete Driveway, Demolition of An Existing Storm Inlet, and Code Compliant Railing (\$18,565.20)

Res. #2020-140 A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Refunds and/or Deferments of Youth Sport Recreation Fees Received in Connection with the Township of Lower Recreation Department's Spring Youth Sports Programs

Res. #2020-141 Authorization for South Jersey Power Cooperative Electric Bid

Res. #2020-142 Authorizing Pay Out of Terminal Leave (G.Finnegan \$35,120.17)

Res. #2020-143 Approving a Professional Service Contract with DeBlasio & Associates to Prepare and Submit an Application for the FY2021 NJDOT State Aid Program (\$2,000)

Res. #2020-144 A Resolution Authorizing an Extension of the Grace Period for the Payment of 2020 Second Quarter Property Tax

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

### Regular Agenda

#### Manager's Report

Manager Ridgway gave Council an update on several matters including: Capital Road Improvements, Public Works Leaf and Branch Schedule, Capital Budget, and Contract Negotiations.

#### Administrative Reports

Clerk, Dog, Treasurer – Quarterly & Monthly

#### Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad thanked residents for their continued cooperation. He also sent farewell wishes to Miranda Fisher as she leaves for the Air Force.

Councilmember Coombs informed about the upcoming food drive.

Councilmember Roy applauded DPW for their work along the Bayfront as well as the leaf and branch schedule. He also complimented the progress at Schellenger's Landing.

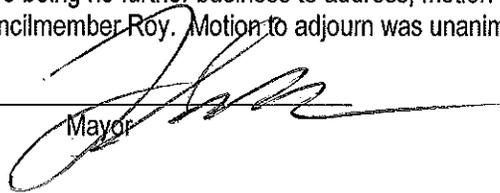
Deputy Mayor Perry encouraged support with the upcoming food drive.

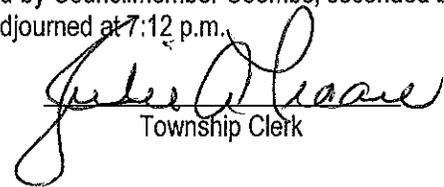
Mayor Sippel thanked residents for their compliance with social distancing rules, and thanked Deputy Mayor Perry and Councilmember Coombs for organizing the upcoming food drive.

**Call to the Public**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Coombs, seconded by Councilmember Roy. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Township Clerk

Approved: *May 18, 2020*