

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – November 19, 2018

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on November 19, 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, Robert Belasco, Township Solicitor and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk

Work Session

Lauren Read, CFO, gave a brief report on the RFP results for banking services and recommended the Township switch to OceanFirst . She also explained the positive pay option which reduces the occurrence of check fraud.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – November 5, 2018

- Res. #2018-348 Payment of Vouchers \$ 170,569.08
- Res. #2018-349 Renewal of Junk Yard License for Cape May Used Auto Parts for the Year 2019
- Res. #2018-350 A Resolution Requesting Release of Demolition Bond for Block 639, Lot 12, 500 Atlantic Ave
- Res #2018-351 Authorization for Refund of Taxes (5 properties)
- Res. #2018-352 Transfer of 2018 Appropriations (\$63,000)
- Res. #2018-353 Appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission (G.Donaghy)
- Res. #2018-354 A Resolution of the Township of Lower Canceling Certain Taxes per Agreement and Resolution #2013-271 (DRBA)
- Res. #2018-355 A Resolution Awarding a Competitive Contract to OceanFirst Bank for Banking Services for the Township of Lower (1/1/2019 through 12/31/2021)
- Res. #2018-356 Appointment to the Recreation Advisory Board (K.Jackson)

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

Regular Agenda

Res. #2018-357 Approval of an Alcoholic Beverage Control License Person-to-Person Transfer – License #0505-33-015-009, From Marie Nicole, Inc to HC Farm, LLC

MOTION TO TABLE Res. #2018-357 made by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sippel.

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CONRAD	X		X			
PERRY			X			
ROY			X			
SIPPEL		X	X			
SIMONSEN			X			

Manager's Report

Manager Ridgway reported on the Rabbit Run Water and Sewer Project, the Schellenger's Landing Project, and consideration for grant funding for the Aquatic Center and Mulligan Field.

Mayor Simonsen informed that the Small Cities Grant checklist for Roseann Avenue is in good standing.

Engineer's Report

Manager Ridgway gave a report on the current engineering projects in the Township including: Roseann Avenue Roadway and Utility Improvements, Roseann Avenue Phase 3, Beach Access Improvements, and Recreation Center Restrooms Upgrade.

Administrative Reports

Monthly Reports - Clerk, Construction, Dog, Fire, Police, Vital Statistics

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad, in the spirit of Thanksgiving, shared his gratitude and wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Perry congratulated Mark Sray on his award for the Beach Drive Project. He gave a brief report on the Roseann Avenue Project and wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Roy echoed the comments of gratitude; he reminded about leaf and branch pickup, and wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Deputy Mayor Sippel thanked all those previously mentioned and thanked everyone for their support and participation in the Veterans' Parade.

Mayor Simonsen congratulated Councilmembers on their re-election and Deputy Mayor Sippel for a successful Veterans' Parade. He announced upcoming events including LCMR Anchor Bowl, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Hospitality Night, and Christmas Parade. He also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and reminded to help the less fortunate.

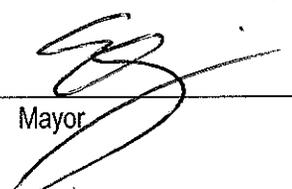
Manager Ridgway announced the Turkey Trot.

Councilmember Conrad thanked members of all Lower Township boards and commissions for their commitment and volunteerism.

Call to the Public – no comments

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Councilmember Roy. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved:  12/3/2018