

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – November 4, 2019

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on November 4, 2019 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

Work Session

Proclamation – Detective Joe Boyle Retirement – Mayor Erik Simonsen

Mayor Simonsen read a proclamation honoring Detective Joe Boyle for dedicating 25 years of service to the residents of Lower Township, and, on behalf of Council, congratulated him on his retirement.

Chief Mastriana, on behalf of the Lower Township Police Department, congratulated Joe on his retirement.

Valor Award Presentation to Officer William Kocis – 200 Club of Atlantic and Cape May Counties – Kevin Dixon
Kevin Dixon, Chair of the Valor Awards Committee for the 200 Club of Atlantic & Cape May Counties, presented a certificate of appreciation to Officer William Kocis in recognition of his contribution to public safety.

Mayor Simonsen shared words of appreciation for the Lower Township Police Department.

CARA Presentation to Officer Eric Coombs

Koren, representative from the Coalition against Rape and Abuse, Inc. (C.A.R.A.), presented the purple ribbon award to Officer Eric Coombs for going above and beyond the call of duty during a domestic violence incident.

Officer Coombs thanked the C.A.R.A. team for the wonderful work they do.

Chief Mastriana thanked representatives from the 200 Club of Atlantic and Cape May Counties for recognizing Officer Kocis.

Presentation of Certificates and Mini Grants from New Jersey Clean Communities International Coastal Clean-up:
Presented to: Bryson Corea /Harper Corea /James Jones /Liam Van Dorn /Colin Beckman /Pat Furey /Bryan Cossaboon Jr /Bryan Cossaboon Sr / Noel Cossaboon /Emma Cossaboon

Mayor Simonsen presented certificates to Colin Beckman and Liam Van Dorn of Cub Scout Pack 87 for their volunteer service during the state-wide clean-up. Linda Thomas, Clean Communities Coordinator, presented a check for the mini-grant from the NJ Clean Communities International Coastal Clean-up to Cub Scout Pack 87.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes - October 21, 2019

Res. #2019-329 - Payment of Vouchers \$ 841,591.92

Res. #2019-330 - Transfer of 2019 Appropriations

Res. #2019-331- A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Lower Township Planning Board to Conduct an "Area In Need of Redevelopment" Study for the Cape May County Airport (Block 410.01, Lot 36)
Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, Et Seq.

Res. #2019-332 - A Resolution Requesting a Duplicate Tax Certificate Pursuant to Chapter 99 of the Public Laws of 1997 and Waiving the Duplication Fee

Res. #2019-333 - A Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Cape May County Health Department and the Township of Lower

- Res. #2019-334 - Approving a Professional Service Contract with Mott MacDonald for Professional Landscape Architecture and Engineering Services for Jonathan Hoffman Park Playground Renovations (\$35,900)
- Res. #2019-335 - Certification of Lot Clearing Charges to the Tax Collector (\$1,085)
- Res. #2019-336 - Authorization for Refund of Taxes (1 property \$2,223.79)
- Res. #2019-337 - A Resolution Authorizing a Request for Funds from the Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority (\$150,000)
- Res. #2019-338 - Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (K.Boyle \$5,259.40)

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

Regular Agenda

- Res. #2019 - 339 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (M.Perry \$6,853.36)

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

- Res. #2019 - 340 Payment of Voucher – \$35,000 L/T Rescue - Expenses

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

Manager's Report

Manager Ridgway gave an update on several matters including sewer and water in Rabbit Run, Autumn Fest and Trunk or Treat, Beach Access Improvements, Roseann Avenue, Shared Services with LCMR and Cape May County, Union Contracts, and the Summer Concert Series.

Engineer's Report

Shawn Carr, Mott MacDonald, gave an update on the following engineering projects: Roseann Avenue Phase 1 and 2, Roseann Avenue Phase 3, Rec Center Restrooms Upgrade, Emergency Repair to Pipeline on Clubhouse Drive, Mulligan Field Renovations Project, Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, and Beach Access Improvements. Councilmember Perry asked about the grit chamber on Roseann Avenue. Mr. Carr explained. Manager Ridgway added comments about the Roseann Avenue Project.

Administrative Reports

Treasurer – Sept monthly and 3rd Quarter report

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad thanked Linda Thomas, Recycling Coordinator, for a job well done and commended the Recreation Department on a successful Trunk or Treat. He reminded residents to check their chimneys and exercise their right to vote. He also informed about the Toys for Tots drop-off location and the upcoming Town Hall Meeting.

Councilmember Perry reminded residents to change batteries in carbon monoxide and smoke detectors.

Councilmember Roy informed that the leaf and branch schedule is posted and available at Townhall.

Deputy Mayor Sippel reminded about the Veteran's Day Parade and Election Day.

Mayor Simonsen shared LCMR news; he commented on the Autumn Fest, and he reminded residents to vote.

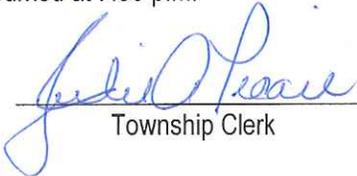
Call to the Public

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 7:36 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved: *November 18, 2019*