

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – October 15, 2018

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on October 15, 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

Work Session

Presentation of Certificates – Mayor Simonsen/Councilman Perry

Mayor Simonsen invited the Recreation Advisory Board (RAB) members to receive recognition.

Manager Ridgway offered his appreciation to the board members for their volunteerism and accomplishments.

Mayor Simonsen, on behalf of Council, presented certificates of appreciation to each board member for their dedication and commitment, and congratulated them on the award winning bayfront project.

Manager Ridgway presented the 2018 Year in Review video, highlighting many of the projects and programs that took place in the Township over the past year.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes - October 1, 2018

Approval of Closed Session Minutes - October 1, 2018

Res. #2018-315 Payment of Vouchers \$ 548,153.33

Res. #2018-316 A Resolution Approving the Release of a Cash Site Plan Performance Guarantee and Replacement of Same with Site Plan Improvement Bond for WAWA, Inc, Block 499.02, Lot 33.01

Res. #2018-317 Approving a Professional Service Contract with Engineering Design Associates, PA, for Rabbit Run Site Specific Water Quality Management Plan Amendment (Not to exceed \$11,000)

Res. #2018-318 Approval for 2018 Christmas Parade

Res. #2018-319 A Resolution Authorizing a Lease Agreement Payment for the Joint Public Safety Facility (\$165,611.26)

Res. #2018-320 Approval of Contribution to Lower Township Rotary (\$800)

Res. #2018-321 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (E.Coombs \$9,205.48)

Res. #2018-322 A Resolution Re-establishing a Green Team

Res. #2018-323 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (M. Szemcsak \$4,602.74)

Res. #2018-324 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Bulletproof Vest \$5,587.50)

Res. #2018-325 A Resolution Authorizing Cape May Limousine to Add an Additional Vehicle to their Limousine License

Res. #2018-326 Approving a Professional Service Contract with Engineering Design Associates, PA for Schellengers Landing Safety Improvements & Identification Program (Not to exceed \$52,000)

Cozette Gaser, Bayshore Road, inquired about Res. #2018-319, the length of the lease agreement.

Manager Ridgway explained the term of the bond as well as the lease agreement and the option to extend.

On the Consent:

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

Regular Agenda

Res. #2018-327 Payment of Vouchers \$5,000 – Lower Twp Rescue

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

Manager's Report

The Township of Lower 2018 Year in Review video was shown during the Work Session.

Engineer's Report

Manager Ridgway gave an update on the current engineering projects in the Township including the Roseann Avenue Roadway and Utility Improvements Project, the Beach Access Improvements, the Recreation Center Restrooms Upgrade and the NJDOT Municipal Aid Application.

Administrative Reports

Monthly Reports – Clerk, Dog, Police, Tax, Vital Statistics
2018 Tax Sale Summary

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad gave a brief report on the Substance Abuse Information Panel Meeting and provided contact information for anyone in need of special resources.

Councilmember Perry commented on the need for additional dune vegetation along sections of Beach Drive and informed that existing vegetation was provided by the USDA.

Manager Ridgway informed that fencing will be installed in specific areas to prevent foot traffic on the dunes.

Councilmember Roy reminded about upcoming events including the Free Family Flu Clinic at the Rec Center, the ribbon cutting at the Public Safety Building, Autumn Fest, and the Veterans' Parade.

Deputy Mayor Sippel informed about Veterans' events including the Veterans' Parade, the Veterans' Art Exhibit, and the Veteran's Day Ceremony.

Mayor Simonsen communicated the efforts within the community to combat the opioid epidemic. He also announced upcoming events including the annual Costume Parade, Lower Township Elementary School's annual 5k and Fun Run, and Seashore Community Church's celebration of National First Responders Day.

Call to the Public

Tom Poussart, Shawmount Ave, inquired about construction activity at the end of his street.

Manager Ridgway shared what he believes to be a parcel being surveyed for possible development.

Bill Galestok, Planning Director, communicated that there have not been any recent applications for the area in question.

Ellen Seward, Shawmount Ave, expressed interest in the geotechnical dewatering report from Roseann Avenue. Manager Ridgway agreed to connect her with the engineer.

Mayor Simonsen informed that any updates will be included in the next engineer's report.

Bill Greenfield, Villas, asked for clarification about payment on the Public Safety Building. Manager Ridgway explained.
 Bill Greenfield asked if New Jersey Avenue is on the list for beach access path upgrades. Councilmember Conrad explained the permit process and agreed to look into the matter.

Denise South, Lower Twp, inquired about Code Blue procedures for warming centers and informed about Cape Hope, a service for people experiencing homelessness.
 Manager Ridgway communicated changes in store regarding emergency management procedures and responsibilities.

Closed Session

Res. #2018-328

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; Possible Personnel Issue**

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

Council adjourned to closed session at 7:47 p.m.

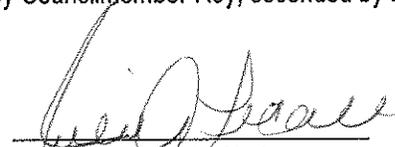
Council returned to open session at 8:53 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Roy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sippel. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.



 Mayor



 Township Clerk

Approved: 