

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – October 3, 2016

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on October 3, 2016 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 Erik Simonsen
- Deputy Mayor Clark
- Mayor Michael Beck

Also present: James Ridgway, Township Manager, David Stefankiewicz, Township Solicitor and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk

**Work Session**

Proclamation - Put the Brakes on Fatalities

Mayor Beck read a proclamation declaring October 10, 2016 as "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day" in Lower Township. This national initiative was designed to increase awareness about safe driving behaviors and keep the state's roadways fatality-free for one day.

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of NJ State Firemen's Association Membership Application – B. McCloskey, Villas Vol. Fire Co

Approval of Minutes September 19, 2016

Res. #2016-274 Payment of Vouchers \$532,976.15

Res. #2016-275 A Resolution Requesting Release of Demolition Bond for Block 433, Lot 15, 631 Breakwater Road (\$5,000)

Res. #2016-276 A Resolution Formally Requesting Congressman Frank LoBiondo Advocate on Lower Township's Behalf to FEMA Regarding the V Zone Maps

Res. #2016-277 A Resolution Amending Resolution #2015-219; A Resolution Adopting Financial Policies (adding annual report from Assessor)

Res. #2016-278 A Resolution in Support of the New Jersey Department of Transportation Regarding Route NJ 47 in the Township of Lower, County of Cape May (lane use reservations left/right turn only @ milepost 1.6 north & 1.23 south)

Res. #2016-279 Authorization for G-Transportation to Transfer a Limousine License (to a 2003 Ford Ecoline)

Res. #2016-280 A Resolution Amending Professional Service Contracts Awarded in 2016 (adding required language)

Res. #2016-281 A Resolution Adopting Procurement Card (P-Card) Policies and Procedures

Res. #2016-282 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (DEDR \$29,839.)

Ordinance #2016-06 Salary Ordinance – 2016 - This Ordinance is required to be adopted annually. This is the first reading of this Ordinance. The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing has been scheduled for October 17, 2016.

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD	X		X			
PERRY		X	X			
SIMONSEN			X			
CLARK			X			
BECK			X			

**Regular Agenda**  
Res. #2016-283

Authorizing Payment of Voucher - \$10,000 – Lower Township Rescue

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD					X	
PERRY	X		X			
SIMONSEN		X	X			
CLARK			X			
BECK			X			

**Administrative Reports**

Monthly - Treasurer

**Council Comments**

Councilmember Conrad made a comment in favor of the monarch butterfly habitat.

Councilmember Perry reminded that October is Fire Prevention Month and encouraged everyone to have their heating systems checked annually by a professional. He also asked Manager Ridgway to give an update on the Roseann Avenue Project.

Manager Ridgway gave an update regarding Roseann Avenue that included the signing of a dewatering permit, the time frame for water main replacement, the bidding process and the demolition of the house for the pump station. Councilmember Perry also informed of progress from the County regarding Bayshore Road.

Councilmember Simonsen informed that the County accepted a bid for Bayshore Road improvements from Fishing Creek to Sandman Boulevard. He also reported that the Township has been persistent about various infrastructure improvements. He informed that a shared services agreement is in progress between the Township and the Borough of Wildwood Crest and Fire District #3 for fire services in Diamond Beach.

Deputy Mayor Clark reminded about the 3VP program for families with 3 year old children. He also stressed the importance of our appeal to FEMA and reaching out to Congressman LoBiondo regarding V Zone Maps.

Mayor Beck announced the following: HMFA meeting – Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, Spooktacular to replace Haunted Trails – Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, Halloween Costume Parade at Historic Cold Spring Village – Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, and Rising Nation Healing Sands Align Us – Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>.

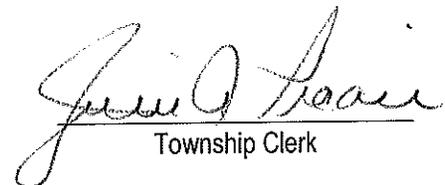
**Call to the Public**

Bill Greenfield, Villas, inquired about Resolution #2016-276 and expressed concern about the effect on people outside the V Zones. Manager Ridgway explained his conference call with Congressman LoBiondo and the Township's objective to be heard by the Scientific Review Panel. Councilmember Conrad assured that the Township is doing everything possible to help all Township residents.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Simonsen, seconded by Councilmember Conrad. Motion to adjourn unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Township Clerk

Approved: *Oct 17, 2016*