

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – September 17, 2018

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on September 17, 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
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

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes September 5, 2018

Res. #2018-293 Payment of Vouchers \$ 1,216,648.03

Res. #2018-294 A Resolution Requesting that the County of Cape May Conduct a Traffic Study to Consider the Feasibility of a "No Passing Zone" on the South Side of Seashore Road from the Bridge to Canning House Lane

Res. #2018-295 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (B.McEwing \$1,610.96)

Res. #2018-296 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Body Armor \$3,212)

Res. #2018-297 Authorization for Refund of Taxes (2 properties \$900.96)

Res. #2018-298 Cancellation of 2018 Property Tax (B 21 L 53)

Res. #2018-299 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (J.Armbruster \$3,473.34)

Res. #2018-300 A Resolution of the Township of Lower, in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, Determining the Form and Other Details of its "Note Relating to the Construction Financing Program of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (F/K/A The New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust)", to be Issued in the Principal Amount of up to \$3,900,000 (In one or More Series), and Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Such Note (In one or More Series) To the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Such Note (In One or More Series) by the Township of Lower in Favor of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, All Pursuant to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank Construction Financing Program

Res. #2018-301 A Resolution Determining the Form and Other Details of Not Exceeding \$3,900,000 General Obligation Bonds of the Township of Lower, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, and Providing for their Sale to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (F/K/A The New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust) and the State of New Jersey Pursuant to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank Financing Program and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Certain Loan Agreements and an Escrow Agreement in Connection Therewith

Res. #2018-302 A Resolution Requesting Release of Performance Guarantee for John McKeon; Block 132, Lots 17, 18.01, 18.02, 18.03, 19 & 20 Escrow #Z15-07-05

Res. #2018-303 Approval of Change Order #2 for Marcus Karavan, Esq. (Additional \$10,000)

Res. #2018-304 A Resolution Establishing an Emergency Due to Damaged Stormwater Drainage Pipe and Potential Roadway Collapse on Clubhouse Drive in the Township of Lower

Res. #2018-305 Award of Contract Due to Damaged Stormwater Drainage Pipe and Potential Roadway Collapse on Clubhouse Drive in the Township of Lower (Not to exceed \$200,000)

Robert Rizzo, Mickel's Run, addressed Council to inquire about Res. #2018-300 and Res. #2018-301 and voiced concern about the amount being bonded.

Clerk Picard explained the process and noted this is not additional money. Councilmember Conrad reiterated the same. Councilmember Perry confirmed the reason for the bonds. Mayor Simonsen confirmed the same.

Manager Ridgway informed that grants have been applied for to help pay for the project.

On the Consent:

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

Regular Agenda

Manager's Report -- Jim Ridgway

Manager Ridgway addressed Council with an update on matters including the Schellenger's Landing area, Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) and assessments of Township buildings.

Engineer's Report -- Mark Sray, Mott MacDonald

Mark Sray, Mott MacDonald, gave an update on the current projects within the Township including the Roseann Avenue Roadway and Utility Improvements, the Beach Access Improvements, and the Recreation Center Restrooms Upgrade.

Administrative Reports

Monthly Reports: Clerk, Construction, Dog, Fire, Tax, Vital Statistics

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad commented on the 9/11 ceremony and gave an update on several matters including the Foster House, reconstruction of Alabama, Georgia and Main Streets, NJ Run for the Fallen, an opioid meeting, Emergency Management, and beach access paths.

Councilmember Perry thanked the Public Works Department for helping the MUA with the water main break and thanked Manager Ridgway for keeping the public informed.

Manager Ridgway updated Council on repairs to the road as a result of the water main break.

Councilmember Perry commented on the Roseann Avenue project and advised of additional infrastructure issues that need attention. He also informed about permits for additional beach access paths.

Deputy Mayor Sippel shared an update on American Legion news and announced the upcoming Veteran's Day Parade.

Mayor Simonsen spoke briefly about the 9/11 ceremony and thanked Eileen Kreis for her involvement. He also announced upcoming events including a Wildwood Crest Run and LCMR's home football game.

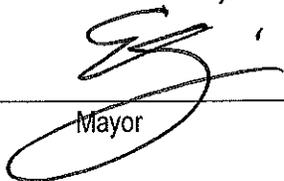
Call to the Public

John Skowronski, 607 Arctic Ave, addressed Councilmember Perry about Bayshore Road improvements.

Councilmember Perry shared the most recent update from the County.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Deputy Mayor Sippel, seconded by Mayor Simonsen. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved: *Oct 1, 2018*