

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – September 5, 2018**

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on September 5, 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**

Presentation of Certificate – Anthony Cresse House - Historic Preservation Commission

Mayor Simonsen thanked the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) for their dedication and invited them to present the Historic House Restoration Award.

Pary Tell, Chairperson of HPC, spoke briefly about the commission's purpose and a new program in partnership with the RMT Builder's Club. The HPC also presented the Historic House Restoration Award and plaque to John and Patti Vansplinter for the preservation and restoration of their 1850 Anthony Cresse House on Seashore Road.

**Consent Agenda**

- Approval of Minutes August 20, 2018
- Approval of Closed Session Minutes - August 20, 2018
- Res. #2018-282 Payment of Vouchers \$ 606,773.82
- Res. #2018-283 Adoption of State Model Citizen Participation Plan for DCA Small Cities Program
- Res. #2018-284 Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Grant Management Plan
- Res. #2018-285 Authorization for Refund of Taxes
- Res. #2018-286 Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Program Policy and Procedural Manual
- Res. #2018-287 Approval of Public Facilities Grant Management Plan ADA Access at Clem Mulligan Field
- Res. #2018-288 Cancellation of 2018 Property Tax (B496.15 L13, \$806.96)
- Res. #2018-289 Bid Acceptance and Award of One (1) 2019 Ford Explorer Base Model 4WD (Hertrich Fleet Svcs. \$26,640)
- Res. #2018-290 A Resolution Acknowledging the Award of a 24 Month Contract Expiring August, 2020 to Constellation Newenergy Inc. and South Jersey Energy Company for Electric Generation Supply Services for the Township of Lower and SJPC Cooperative Members
- Res. #2018-291 Approval of Contribution to Lower Township Chamber of Commerce (\$4,000)
- Res. #2018-292 Public Facilities Grant Application for \$400,000, Clem Mulligan Field, ADA Improvements
- Ordinance 2018-19** An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 419 – Littering, of the Code of the Township of Lower, In Order to Establish Article III, Prohibiting the Release of Balloons Inflated with Helium or Other Gases that are Lighter Than Air Within the Township of Lower. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of this Ordinance. The second reading and public hearing has been scheduled for October 1, 2018

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

**Regular Agenda**

**Ordinance # 2018-18** – Bond Ordinance Providing for Phase 3 of Drainage and Stormwater Management Improvements and Associated Roadwork to Roseann Avenue and Bayshore Estates, By and in the Township of Lower, in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey (the "Township"); Appropriating \$3,900,000 therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,900,000 Bonds or Notes to Finance the Cost Thereof – This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing of this Ordinance. This Ordinance has been published, posted and made available to the public.

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

**Manager's Report**

Manager Ridgway gave an update on several matters including the Annual Budget, the Coastal Resiliency Grant, the Co-Op with Camden County for electric generation service, the CRS Program, Police arrests, and the DEP permit for dewatering in North Cape May. He also commented on the success of the Summer Concert Series.

Mayor Simonsen thanked Manager Ridgway for bringing the Summer Concert Series to fruition.

**Administrative Reports**

Finance

**Council Comments**

Councilmember Conrad spoke about the Summer Concert Series, the CRS program, NJ Run for the Fallen, and the Overdose Awareness Program. He also reminded to be cautious of children getting off school buses.

Councilmember Perry commented on the crowd at the beach on Labor Day and their favorable comments about the sidewalk and the beach access paths. He also voiced anticipation for the start of the Roseann Avenue Project.

Deputy Mayor Sippel talked about the Concert for a Cause and thanked all who participated. He spoke of a Veteran's Day Parade, announced American Legion and VVA news, and explained Safe Surrender Day.

Mayor Simonsen reassured that the drug activity in Erma is being addressed and gave an update on the addition of a school resource officer. He also congratulated Jeff Samaniego on the grant for full day preschool and informed about LCMR sports program.

Eileen Kreis gave an update on the 9/11 ceremony.

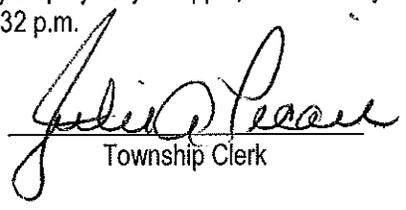
**Call to the Public**

Dennis Flynn, 936 Myrna Road, voiced appreciation to Mayor and Council, Manager Ridgway, the Police Dept. and Public Works for their efforts with the problem in Erma.

**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 7:32 p.m.

  
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 Mayor

  
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 Township Clerk

Approved: *Sept 17, 2018*