

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – August 6, 2018

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on August 6, 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 - Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund - Paul Miola, Executive Director

Paul Miola addressed Council to give an update on the ACM JIF and an overview of the resources available to its members.

Manager Ridgway thanked Mr. Miola for the update, and acknowledged Julie Picard and Kathy Brown for their involvement with JIF.

Councilmember Conrad shared favorable comments about JIF and thanked Mr. Miola for his efforts.

Mayor Simonsen thanked Mr. Miola and Julie Picard for their efforts.

### Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes July 16, 2018

Res. #2018-246 Payment of Vouchers \$ 893,137.75

Res. #2018-247 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (E.Edwards \$3,366.58)

Res. #2018-248 Approving a Professional Service Contract with Mott MacDonald for Professional Engineering Services for the Recreation Center Restrooms Upgrade Project (\$32,750)

Res. #2018-249 Issuance of Ice Cream Peddling and Ice Cream Salesman License for the Year 2018 (Kona Ice)

Res. #2018-250 Authorizing a Professional Service Contract Without Public Bidding with Mott MacDonald to Review U.S. Army Corps of Engineer (USACE) Plans for Proposed Hereford Inlet to Cape May Inlet Beachfill Project (\$3,500)

Res. #2018-251 Amend Resolution for GovDeals to Retain 2009 Dodge Durango Vin #1D8HB38P49F712913 Into the Township Fleet Inventory

Res. #2018-252 Authorizing Payment of 2018 County Taxes (Third and Fourth Quarters)

Res. #2018-253 A Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application to the Cape May County Open Space Program for the Restoration of the Nathaniel Foster House

Res. #2018-254 Authorization for Refund of Taxes (\$1,163.52)

Res. #2018-255 Approving a Professional Service Contract with DeBlasio & Associates for Professional Engineering Services for the 2018 Road Program; Miramar Ave, Foster Ave, Idell Rd, Woolson Rd and Crescent Dr (\$70,000)

Res. #2018-256 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Rural Business Development Grant \$25,000)

Res. #2018-257 Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Approved State Contract Vendor Asplundh Tree Expert Company for Contracting Units Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

**Ordinance #2018-13** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 475, Parks and Recreation, of the Code of the Township of Lower, Adding Section 16 to Article IV, Fees and Reimbursements, In Order To Establish A Memorial Bench Dedication Program

**Ordinance #2018-14** Amending Chapter 617 – Trailers, Article II – Trailer Regulations, Section 15 of the Code of the Township of Lower to Add a New Section, 617-15(G)(2), To Regulate the Use and Occupancy of Shipping Containers in Residential Dwellings

**Ordinance #2018-15** An Ordinance of the Township of Lower Releasing, Extinguishing and Vacating the Public Rights of a Portion of Lucille Avenue

**Ordinance #2018-16** An Ordinance Authorizing the Township of Lower to Convey a Deed of Easement to the Property Owners of Block 369.01, Lot 1 In Order to Provide Said Owners Access to the Village Road Right-of-Way in Order to Allow for the Repair, Reconstruction and Maintenance of the Bulkhead Located within the Village Road Right-of-Way

**Ordinance #2018-17** An Ordinance Authorizing the Township of Lower to Accept a Deed of Easement From the Property Owners of Block 369.01, Lot 1 in Order to Permit the Township of Lower to Maintain, Construct and Repair the Dune and Beach Waterward to the Existing Bulkhead Through a Portion of Block 369.01, Lot 1

This is the first reading of Ordinances #2018-13,14,15,16 & 17. The second reading and public hearing for each of the Ordinances is scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Bill Greenfield, Villas, questioned the engineering costs for restroom upgrades, Res. #2018-248. Manager Ridgway informed of ADA requirements and other factors involved.

Bill Greenfield, Villas, inquired about meeting minutes from the Recreation Advisory Board. Eileen Kreis assured Mr. Greenfield that she is working on it.

On the Consent:

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

**Regular Agenda**

**Manager's Report**

Manager Ridgway gave an update on several matters including: the feasibility study for a berm in the Villas, the possibility of opportunity zones in the Township, and plans for upgrades to Schellenger's Landing area. He commented on the success of the Youth Camp and departmental reports from the CFO.

Mayor Simonsen spoke with optimism about the opportunity zone and how it may benefit the Township. He also shared his vision for Schellenger's Landing.

**Administrative Reports**

Finance Quarterly Report  
 Certification of Mailing of Tax Bills

**Council Comments**

Councilmember Conrad encouraged support for the Villas Volunteer Fire Co. and Disabled American Veterans. He informed of Verizon's area code requirement starting August 18, 2018 and updated on road construction and beach access paths. He made favorable comments about Desert Highway and the Summer Concert Series.

Councilmember Perry gave updates on infrastructure improvements and the Roseann Ave project. He urged people to stay off the dunes and informed that trespassers will be prosecuted.

Councilmember Roy reminded about National Night Out.

Deputy Mayor Sippel shared details about the Youth Camp and reminded about the fund raiser concert to benefit the Children's Assistance Fund.

Mayor Simonsen thanked Deputy Mayor Sippel and the Police Department on the Youth Camp and announced a public meeting regarding the Ocean Drive Bridge Project.

Manager Ridgway commended the Recreation Department for the success of the Coombs/Douglass Bayfront Run.

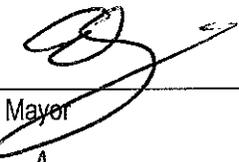
Mayor Simonsen shared details about new programs starting soon at the Recreation Department. Manager Ridgway shared additional information about the programs. Mayor Simonsen announced Corey Booker's attendance at Sunset Beach and gave an update on progress at the Cape May County airport complex, including an anticipated NJ Transit route. He also informed that Temple University will be practicing at LCMR High School.

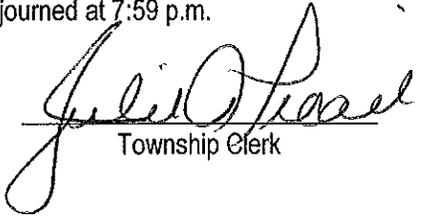
**Call to the Public**

Emmit Vandergrif, Dennis Township, owner of Evergreen Curative LLC, addressed Council to provide information about a NJ based, healthcare professional-founded, medical marijuana organization, and to seek Council's consideration to open a dispensary in the Cape May County airport complex. He stated that he anticipates approval for a greenhouse in Dennis Township and is also seeking approval for a dispensary in West Cape May. Solicitor Stefankiewicz briefly explained the application requirements and deadline information. Councilmember Conrad voiced concern about zoning approval. A brief discussion ensued. Mayor Simonsen suggested further discussion in closed session at a future meeting.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Councilmember Perry. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Township Clerk

Approved: *Aug 20, 2018*