

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – JULY 6, 2015

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on July 6, 2015 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

Dr. Joseph and Anne Salvatore – "Dog Park at the Airport" – Deputy Mayor Clark

Deputy Mayor Clark applauded Dr. Joseph and Anne Salvatore for turning their dreams into reality. He invited them to share their vision for a dog park at the Cape May Airport.

Anne Salvatore reminisced of a trip to Lancaster, PA where they encountered a beautiful dog park and came up with the idea to establish a dog park at the airport in Lower Township. She informed that the idea was well received by Scott Green, Director of the DRBA. Dr. Salvatore suggested it would meet the criteria for Open Space under Recreation for possible grant funding. He pointed out that the proposed location, adjacent to the two existing trails, is equipped with water, sewer, electricity and unlimited parking.

Deputy Mayor Clark suggested referring the idea to the Recreation Advisory Board for further investigation.

Mayor Beck liked the idea but cautioned factors including cost, maintenance, liability and enforcement.

Councilman Perry voiced favor with the idea.

Councilman Conrad agreed with Mayor Beck.

Deputy Mayor Clark motioned to submit the idea to the Recreation Advisory Board for further consideration. Council consented. Mayor Beck thanked the Salvatore's for their ideas and efforts.

Recreation Ordinance - Mitch Plenn

### Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes	June 15, 2015
Res. #2015-197	Payment of Vouchers \$484,374.57
Res. #2015-198	A Resolution Requesting Release of Bond for Block 52 Lots 6 & 7, 410 E St Johns Ave (\$1,250.)
Res. #2015-199	A Resolution Requesting Release of Revegetation and Restoration Guarantee for Dune Site Plan; Block 394, Lots 5-8, Block 295.01, Lot 2.01, Escrow #Z05-08-05 (1,000)
Res. #2015-200	Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Alcohol Education & Rehabilitation Fund \$58.93)
Res. #2015-201	Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (S.Flitcroft \$1,583.65)
Res. #2015-202	2015 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Statewide Labor Day Crackdown Grant (\$5,000 Aug 21 thru Sept 7)
Res. #2015-203	Contract Award with Morpho Trak Live Scan Fingerprint System (state contract \$39,103.55)
Res. #2015-204	Issuance of 2015 Limousine Operator Licenses (2)
Res. #2015-205	Authorization for Refund of Taxes (7 properties \$4,626.26)
Res. #2015-206	Resolution Awarding Concession Stand Lease for the Township of Lower Swimming Pool 2015 Season (\$1,500)
Res. #2015-207	Annual Renewal of Liquor Licenses for the Year 2015-2016

- Res. #2015-208 Resolution Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues and Determining the Form and Other Details of the Offering of \$9,900,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015 of the Township of Lower, in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey and Providing for the Sale of Such Bonds
- Res. #2015-209 Appointment of Ford Scott and Associates as a Professional Service Contract in Connection with the 2015 Bond Sale (not to exceed \$6,000)
- Res. #2015-210 Submission of a Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Application \$200,000
- Res. #2015-211 Public Facilities Grant Application for \$400,000, Roseann Avenue Improvements
- Res. #2015-212 Approval of Change Order #1 for Tru Green to Establish Grass at the Millman Center Property and Additional Vegetation Control Services (increase of \$1,355.)
- Res. #2015-213 A Resolution Awarding the Lease of Public Land Located at the Intersection of Seaview and Rochester Avenues After the June 25, 2015 Open Public Auction (Achristavest Pier 6600, LLC for \$8,000)
- Res. #2015-214 Authorizing A Professional Service Contract with Blauer Associates (\$1,500 application fee / \$16,000 admin)
- Res. #2015-215 Authorization to Award to Ecoverse Through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC BUY) 2016 Backhus 21.5 Compost Windrow Turner (\$417,602.)
- Ordinance #2015-06 Amending Chapter 475, Parks and Recreation Areas, of the Code of the Township of Lower, to Add Article IV, Fee Schedule - First Reading of Ordinance. Second reading and public hearing will be scheduled for July 20, 2015

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

**Regular Agenda**

Res. #2015-216

Authorization for 2015 Incentive Award for Insurance Waiver (24 employees \$56,083.33)

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

Res. #2015-217

Voucher - L/T Rescue \$10,000 - First Pymt Expenses

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

Ordinance #2015-05

Salary Ordinance – This is the second reading and public hearing of this Ordinance. This Ordinance has been posted, published and made available to the public.

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

## Administrative Reports

Monthly Report - Treasurer

## Council Comments

Councilman Conrad thanked everyone for their efforts and conduct during the fireworks. He also welcomed home Sargent Joe Sippel.

Councilman Perry made favorable comments about the Independence Day Festival and fireworks and thanked everyone involved.

Deputy Mayor Clark commented on the success of the Independence Day Festival and fireworks. He complimented the Recreation Department on a job well done and wished the dog ordinance had been given equal planning.

Mayor Beck announced the following: Pool passes on sale, Summer Concert Series, Coombs/Douglass Run, and Whale of a Day. He also read an announcement from the County concerning traffic changes on Garden State Parkway Interchanges 9, 10 and 11.

## Call to Public

Helen Thompson, 44 E. Delaware Pkwy, distributed copies of an article to Council and began discussing Mutt's Cove.

Solicitor Stefankiewicz interceded to advise against public comment regarding Mutt's Cove on account of an email from Ms. Thompson threatening litigation.

Ms. Thompson objected to being prohibited from speaking about Mutt's Cove and insisted that there is no pending litigation on this matter. A disagreement ensued. Mr. Thompson agreed not to file litigation regarding Mutt's Cove. She continued to speak on the topic of the article concerning dog beaches and explained how it pertained to Mutt's Cove. She respectfully requested Council's reconsideration for Mutt's Cove.

Jim Waldie, San Fernando Road, addressed Council to voice discontent about road closures during the triathlon.

John Skowronski, 607 Arctic Avenue, asked for an update on the mold issue and the County's proposal to take over the Public Safety Building.

Betty Somers, W. Atlantic Avenue, thanked Councilman Conrad for handling the problem on her street.

Mike Jefferson, 103 Brookdale, thanked the Salvatore's for their efforts on the proposed dog park, and voiced disagreement with the beach ordinance prohibiting dogs.

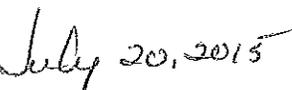
Linda Waldie, San Fernando Road, voiced concern about emergencies during road closures for the triathlon.

## Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Deputy Mayor Clark. Motion to adjourn unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Township Clerk

Approved:  July 20, 2015