

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – March 21, 2016

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on March 21, 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

Proclamation - Dottie Crawford & James Dietterich- Councilman Tom Conrad
Councilman Conrad recognized and thanked Dottie Crawford and James Dietterich, both retirees from the Lower Township Police Department, for their 39 years of dedication to helping make Christmas better for many families in Lower Township. Mayor Beck presented proclamations to Ms. Crawford and Mr. Dietterich on behalf of Council to thank them for their commitment to helping families in need through the Lower Township Kid's Christmas Program.

Work Session

2nd Annual Relay for Life Presentation - Councilman Tom Conrad
Councilman Conrad introduced Kirby Read and Buffy Hinker-Miller to speak about Relay for Life. Buffy Hinker-Miller, volunteer event lead for Relay for Life of Lower Township, announced the details of the 2nd annual event to be held May 14-May 15 at the Lower Cape May Regional High School and spoke about what the Relay represents.

Kirby Read, representative from the American Cancer Society, sought volunteers to form teams, fund raise, purchase luminaries or sponsor the event. She talked about the inception of the event and how it has grown to become the number one fund raiser event in the world. She explained how the money is used and the resources available through the American Cancer Society. She stressed the importance of keeping funding for cancer research a top priority in legislature. The theme of this year's event is Olympics. To learn more about the American Cancer Society or Relay for Life, visit the open house on April 5th from 6-8 p.m. at Township Hall.

Youth Signage For Beach Access Areas presented by Laura Chamberlin – Deputy Mayor Norris Clark
Deputy Mayor Clark introduced Laura Chamberlin to propose the concept of youth signage along the Bayfront and explained how the idea came out of the Delaware Bayshore Council.
Laura Chamberlin, representative of Manomet, A Western Hemisphere Shoreboard Reserve Network, presented the idea of youth signage along the Bayfront to create positive messages to protect the bay and its natural habitat for shorebirds. She discussed the installation of the signs, focusing on key access points.
Councilman Conrad voiced favor with the idea but expressed concern about residents disliking more signage. Councilman Simonsen asked about the selection process and if Lower Township students were included. Ms. Chamberlin explained how the selection was narrowed down, followed by each township deciding which signs are best suited for their community. She also informed that Lower Township students did not participate in the making of the signs presented but can in the future. Councilman Perry pointed out location being a factor. Council reserved commitment until speaking with residents.

Consent Agenda

Approval of NJ State Firemen's Membership Application – Matthew Stone, Villas Volunteer Fire Co & Timothy Gipple, Erma Volunteer Fire Company

Approval of Minutes	March 7, 2016
Res. #2016-87	Payment of Vouchers \$ 889,875.86
Res. #2016-88	Resolution Requesting Release of a Dumpster Bond for Power Home Remodeling (\$500)
Res. #2016-89	Bid Acceptance and Contract Award for Heating and Air Conditioning Service Hourly for Various Locations in Lower Township on an As-Needed Basis (Multi-Temp Mechanical \$80 normal/\$115 after normal hours)

- Res. #2016-90 A Resolution Authorizing the Fourth Annual Escape the Cape Triathlon Scheduled for June 12, 2016
- Res. #2016-91 A Resolution Approving a Three Year Extension To The Management Agreement By And Between The Township of Lower And Friends of Fishing Creek School, Inc.
- Res. #2016-92 Authorizing the Payout of Terminal Leave (Z.Magnavita \$494.20)
- Res. #2016-93 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (\$23,000 Body Worn Camera Assistance Program)
- Res. #2016-94 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (\$2,400 Atlantic County JIF Safety Incentive Award)
- Res. #2016-95 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (\$1,000 Atlantic County JIF Wellness Incentive Award)
- Res. #2016-96 A Resolution of Support for Garden State Parkway, Contract No. P300.309 Interchange 0 Improvements; New Jersey Turnpike Authority
- Res. #2016-97 Approval of Seashore Community Church of the Nazarene's Request to Conduct a Flea Market/Spring Festival (May 7, 2016)
- Res. #2016-98 Contract Award with Advanced Electronic Design d/b/a Patrol PC for 46 Forty-Six Police Body Cameras (\$89,951.)
- Res. #2016-99 A Resolution Approving Payment of Year Two on an Inter-local Service Agreement Between the Township of Lower and Lower Township Fire District #3 (\$10,000)
- Res. #2016-100 A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Real Property Located in the Township of Lower (4 Clearwater Dr \$200,000 plus \$1,000 towards closing)
- Res. #2016-101 Authorizing Payment of 2016 Pension Amounts Due (\$601,226 PERS & \$903,083 PFRS)
- Res. #2016-102 Resolution Approving Purchase of One (1) 45 Foot 2005 East Walking Floor Trailer From the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority (\$22,500)
- Res. #2016-103 Under 3% Emergency Resolution (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48) (Capital Improvements – Excluded from CAPS)
- Res. #2016-104 Amending Resolution #2015-370 State Health Benefits Program (Certain Retirees will be subject to the terms of Chapter 78)
- Ordinance #2016-03 Bond Ordinance Amending Bond Ordinance #2015-10 (Which Provides for Drainage and Storm Water Management Improvements and Associated Road Work to Roseann Avenue and Bayshore Estates) Heretofore Finally Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Lower, In the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, on October 19, 2015, to Amend the Description Set Forth therein to include the Acquisition of Real Property – This is the first reading of this Ordinance. Second reading and Public Hearing is scheduled for April 4th.

Mayor Beck questioned Resolution #2016-96, if there would be an increase in liability to the Township. Manager Ridgway explained the conversations that took place resulting in the design change. Solicitor Stefankiewicz said the Township's liability would be minimal. Mayor Beck expressed concern about JIF coverage. Solicitor Stefankiewicz responded that the Township would still be covered. Council discussed the safety of traffic patterns and how they would affect different scenarios.

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

Regular Agenda

Res. #2016-105

Approval for Payment to Lower Cape May Regional School District for Fifty Percent (50%) of a Portable Scoreboard

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

Administrative Reports

Monthly Reports – Clerk, Construction, Dog, Police Department, Tax Collector, Vital Statistics
Personnel Action Report

Council Comments

Councilman Conrad brought attention to the NJ Firemen's Membership Applications and is happy to see the number of volunteers growing. He also thanked the Recreation Department for another successful Easter Egg Hunt.

Councilman Perry commented on the spring weather and welcomed visitors and seasonal residents back to the Township. He also wished everyone a happy Easter.

Councilman Simonsen congratulated Eileen Kreis on a successful Run for the Fallen fundraiser. He encouraged everyone to get involved with the Relay for Life and invited members to join his team. He also wished everyone a safe and happy Easter.

Mayor Beck spoke about the passing of Dave Rutherford and expressed condolences to his family on behalf of the Environmental Board and thanked them for his contributions to the Township.

Call to the Public

Frank Sarraco, Lower Township, revealed what a great source of information Dave Rutherford was to the Township and voiced sadness about his passing.

Closed Session

Res. #2016-106

Resolution Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12. **Collective Bargaining Agreement Update / Lease of Real Property – Public Safety Building**

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

Council adjourned to Executive Session at approximately 7:35 p.m.
Council returned from Executive Session at approximately 8:32 p.m.

Res. #2016-107

A Resolution Authorizing the Leasing of Certain Real Property Located in the Township of Lower from the County of Cape May (405 Breakwater Road – Public Safety Building)

Deputy Mayor Clark motioned to Table Resolution #2016-107, seconded by Councilman Perry.

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

Res. #2016-108

A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Property Located in the Township of Lower to the County of Cape May (405 Breakwater Road – Public Safety Building)

Councilman Perry motioned to Table Resolution #2016-108, seconded by Councilman Conrad.

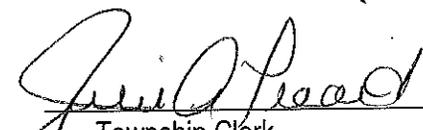
	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD		X	X			
PERRY	X		X			
SIMONSEN			X			
CLARK			X			
BECK			X			

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilman Conrad, seconded by Councilman Perry. Motion to adjourn unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved: April 4, 2016