

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – September 4, 2019

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on September 4, 2019 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

Lower Township Healthy Youth Coalition Update - Kim Erichsen

Kim Erichsen, Cape Assist, gave an update on the Lower Township Healthy Youth Coalition, their mission, participation in community events, and the importance of youth involvement. She also spoke briefly about their partnership with the Hope One Van from the County Prosecutor's office.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes - August 19, 2019

Res. #2019-269 - Payment of Vouchers \$ 383,145,95

Res. #2019-270 - Approval for Beach to Brewery 10K on September 21, 2019 (Cape May Running, LLC)

Res. #2019-271 - Certification of Lot Clearing Charges to the Tax Collector (5 properties)

Res. #2019-272 - Authorization for Refund of Taxes (9 Properties)

Res. #2019-273 - Award of Professional Service Contract without Public Bidding to Wizards Festival of Fun for Various Events (Halloween Parade \$750./Ferry Merry \$5,750./New Year's Eve \$2,500)

Res. #2019-274 - A Resolution Requesting Release of Performance Guarantee for Cape May Landing, Inc; Block 510, Lots 14.01, 15.01 & 16, Escrow #P16-10-03

Res. #2019-275 - Adoption of State Model Citizen Participation Plan for DCA Small Cities Program

Res. #2019-276 - Approval of Public Facilities Grant Management Plan; ADA Access At Rotary Park

Res. #2019-277 - Identifying Small Cities Fair Housing Officer (C.Crippen)

Res. #2019-278 - Award National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcewell Formerly National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) to Hunter's Truck S & S for One (1) 2019 International CV515 SFA Chassis (\$52,798)

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

Regular Agenda

Ordinance #2019-13; An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Financial Agreement Between the Township of Lower and the County of Cape May Pursuant to the New Jersey Long Term Tax Exemption Law for the Property Identified as Block 410.01, Lot 36.01, Also Known as the Cape May County Tech Village. 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			
PERRY			X			
ROY						X
SIPPEL		X	X			
SIMONSEN	X		X			

Engineer's Report

Shawn Carr, Mott MacDonald, introduced himself and gave a brief bio of his education and experience. He updated Council on the current engineering projects including the Roseann Avenue Project Phase 1, 2 and 3, Recreation Center Restrooms Upgrade, Mulligan Field Renovations, Rotary Park, and Beach Access Improvements. Manager Ridgway commented on the Roseann Avenue Project and voiced favor with the progress.

Manager's Report

Manager Ridgway updated Council on several matters including reduced noise complaints, Schellenger's Landing Project permits, union contract negotiations, employee health fair, and the summer concert series.

Administrative Reports

Monthly - Treasurer

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad commented on the success of the summer concert series, he reminded about school in session, and spoke about the Healthy Youth Coalition working to combat the drug abuse problem. He also reminded about the September 11th ceremony at Sunset Beach.

Councilmember Perry gave an update on the following: Phase 3 of Roseann Ave, Shadeland Ave beach access path, and Bayshore Road future paving improvements.

Deputy Mayor Sippel noted the success of the fundraiser concert and announced plans for the second annual Veteran's Day Parade on November 9th.

Mayor Simonsen announced the following: Electronic Waste Recycling at WCM Borough Hall, Salute to Service honoring first responders at LCMR and Middle fields, 9/11 Ceremony at Sunset Beach, and Patriot's Day Ceremony at CMC Administration Bldg.

Call to the Public

Closed Session

Res. #2019-279 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. **Attorney/Client Privilege & Contract Negotiation**

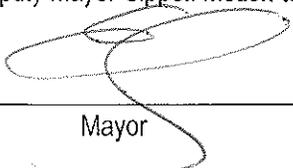
	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD			X			
PERRY	X		X			
ROY						X
SIPPEL		X	X			
SIMONSEN			X			

Council adjourned to Closed Session at approximately 7:26 p.m.

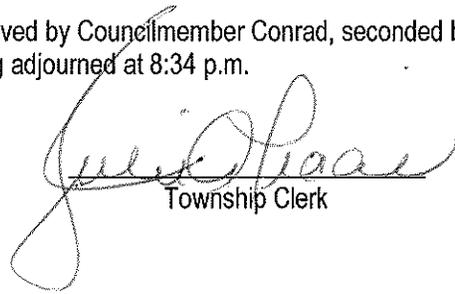
Council returned to Open Session at approximately 8:33 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sippel. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved: *Sept 16, 2019*