

Regular & Work Session Meeting Minutes - March 19, 2012

The regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on March 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Erma Fire Company, 415 Breakwater Road, Erma, 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 Walt Craig
Councilmember Glenn Douglass
Deputy Mayor Kevin Lare
Mayor Michael Beck

Also present: Michael Donohue, Solicitor, Michael Voll, Manager and Asst. Clerk Picard

Work Session

Mayor Beck - Discussion on ordinance for in home underage drinking - Cape Assist

Mayor Beck stated this request has been generated by Cape Assist. In New Jersey, Ordinances can be enacted to make it illegal for under-aged juvenile's to drink alcohol in private residences. Police have the power to arrest adults, but not to cite the juvenile. 10 of 16 municipalities have already enacted Ordinances giving police the additional authority. The Ordinance does not infringe on a parents right nor a religious ceremony. Cape Assist has statistics showing that the average age of first use of alcohol is now 11 years old. Chief Marker stated he is looking to educate the children, and is seeking to get the parents involved. He stated it is the intent to make education a crucial part of the program. The police role is not to arrest, but to help prior to a tragedy. Council's consensus is to have the solicitor move forward with the Ordinance putting emphasis on the educational component.

Review & discussion on Municipal Public Access Plan

Mayor Beck commended Bill Galestok on his outstanding job on the presentation booklet for the Municipal Public Access Plan. Mr. Galestok credited his son Joseph and co-worker Lisa Schubert with taking the breath taking pictures. Mr. Galestok explained the process which started last summer and how er arrived to where we are in the process today. Mr. Galestok reminded everyone this is a draft plan which will be submitted. Mayor Beck spoke of his excitement over a possible fishing pier at the end of Lincoln & Beach drive and hopes the component will be kept in the plan. Hopefully this will all connect to the Ferry spur of the By-Way. Mayor Beck again spoke on what an excellent job was done on the preparation of the Access Plan is and stated we will keep moving forward with the plan until we are told we can't.

Review of Consent & Regular Agenda Items

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes March 5, 2012
Res. #2012-81 Payment of Vouchers, \$1,962,121.66

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- Res. #2012-82 A Resolution Requesting Release of Maintenance Guarantee for Cape Bank, 1899 Bayshore Road, Villas; Block 297, Lots 6-12, 20.02 & 22; Escrow P06-09-07)
- Res. #2012-83 Authorizing Pay Out of Terminal Leave (Pay out of 480 sick hours - pursuant to employment contract)
- Res. #2012-84 Approval of Holy Sprit Lutheran Church's Application To Conduct Flea Markets (June 9 & Sept. 29)
- Res. #2012-85 Resolution Requesting Cape May County Establish a No Parking Zone on a Portion of Seashore Road (Area in front of Seashore Church of the Nazarene)
- Res. #2012-86 Approval for Roadside Solicitation by Villas Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. (May 26, June 30 & Sept. 1)
- Res. #2012-87 Appointment of Public Defender for the Balance of 2012 (replacing C. Gibson who resigned due to appt. as a Superior Court Judge)
- Res. #2012-88 Appointment to Recreation Advisory Board (Regular member position - 3 yr term)
- Res. #2012-91 A Resolution Approving the Municipal Public Access Plan (if approved at work session)

Motion to move Resolution 2012-91 to the April 2, 2012 Agenda moved by Deputy Mayor Lare, seconded by Councilmember Conrad. Motion unanimous.

Motion to insert the name Seth Fuscellaro in Resolution 2012-87 moved by Councilmember Craig.
 Motion to insert the name Mark DiDonato into Resolution 2012-88 moved by Deputy Mayor Lare.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the aforementioned names inserted into the proper Resolutions moved by Councilmember Douglass, seconded by Councilmember Conrad.

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD		X	X			
CRAIG			X			
DOUGLASS	X		X			
LARE			X			
BECK			X			

Regular Agenda

Res. 2012-89 Payment of Voucher, Douglass Landscaping (pursuant to contract)

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-89 moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Councilman Craig

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	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD	X		X			
CRAIG		X	X			
DOUGLASS					X	
LARE			X			
BECK			X			

Ord. #2012-05 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 591 of the Code of the Township of Lower 2004 (to amend current regulations to license up to two additional taxis) 2nd rdg.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2012-5 moved by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Douglass

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD			X			
CRAIG	X		X			
DOUGLASS		X	X			
LARE			X			
BECK			X			

Administrative Reports

Personnel Action Report

February Reports

Animal Control, Construction, Clerk, Dog Licensing, Engineer, Mun. Court, Police, Public Works, Tax Collector, Vital Statistics

Council Comments

Councilmember Douglass stated that regarding the Outdoor Wood Boiler Ordinance that was passed at the last meeting, a petition has been brought forth looking at a possible referendum. He questioned if Council would consider sending the situation back to the Planning Board for review and possible minimum acreage or additional set-backs. Councilmember Douglass stated the vote on Council floor was based on the recommendation from the Planning Board and believes it should go back to Planning for another review.

Bill Galestok replied it would be looked at during a work session and they can possibly look at the zoning, lot size, set backs and they may be able to make other recommendations. Deputy Mayor Lare stated at this point, Council has three options - Amend the Ordinance, rescind the Ordinance or put it to referendum, or the petitioners withdraw.

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Councilmember Douglass stated he is suggesting Council send it back to Planning for review pending the review of the petitions.

Deputy Mayor Lare thanked Erma Fire Company for hosting the Council meeting and spoke of the Fire Company's generosity to the pee-wee football team. Deputy Mayor Lare spoke on the thousands of man power hours put in by the volunteer fire fighters and thanked them for their dedication.

Mayor Beck also thanked the Erma Fire Department and all the fire volunteers for not only their sacrifices, but for the sacrifices their families also endure.

Mayor Beck stated that certificates of appreciation will be presented at the next meeting to the Genesis Health Care System for their amazing job at the Health Clinic held at Township Hall which was well attended by our residents.

Lower Township Rabies Clinic is scheduled fro April 14, 2012 at the Public Works facility

Please Note the next meeting - April 2, 2012 will begin at 6:00p.m. and also note Council Meeting time change for the summer months. New meeting scheduled are available at the Township as well as on line.

Call to the Public

Deb Johns, Chair of the Recreation Advisory Board, addressed Council and gave an update of happenings in the Recreation Department including a Basketball skills competition, which included approximately 100 participants. The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 31st at Freeman Douglass Field. She updated programs currently running including soccer and Lacrosse and Little League. The Rec Dept is currently working on implementing a security ID System.

Steve Sheftz, Lower Township, addressed Council and stated at the April 16, 2012 Council Meeting, Jerome Keelen, Director of the Single Family Division of the New Jersey's Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency will discuss and answer questions related to the State's Potable Water Loan Program.

Eric Simonsen, addressed Council and informed that the R.M. Tietleman School raised almost \$25,000.00 for the Saint Baldrick Day head shaving. He thanked all the students who raised the funds by approaching local businesses. He stated how very proud the school is of the students and the money is so appreciated.

George Dougherty address Council regarding the Outdoor Wood Burners and stated Council voted 3-2 to outlaw the burners, the residents had 20 days to submit signatures to go for a referendum. No one came to the hearing, Council needs to take another look at the situation.

Michael Mann, 604 Sunset Boulevard, addressed Council and stated the number of signatures received would not have been opposed if the burners would have been regulated instead of banned. Minimum acreage could have been set, set backs could have been set. A property owner has the right to heat their house with wood.

Mayor Beck suggested Mr. Mann get the people to attend the planning board meeting and voice their concern over the banning of the burners.

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Fred Long addressed Council and suggested using a piece of equipment like one used to clean up car exhaust.

Closed Session

Res. #2012-90

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." (Labor Relations - Negotiations Update)

Motion to approve moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Councilman Douglass.

	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Conrad	X		X			
Craig			X			
Douglass		X	X			
Lare			X			
Beck			X			

Council returned to open session and there being no further comment, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Councilmember Lare. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm by verbal "ayes".


 Mayor


 Township Clerk

Approved: April 2, 2012

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Report for Council Meeting of 3/19/2012

<u>Department</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>	<u>Replaces</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budgeted Item</u>
Public Safety	Lafferty, Shawn	3/14//2012		Promotion New Hire	Class II Officer	yes

Date of report: 3/15/2012

c: Manager
Clerk
Payroll
Asst. Treasurer
Personnel Director
Bulletin Board
File

ANIMAL CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH OF February 2012

ACO Parker DATE 2/29/2012

	DOGS	CATS	WILDLIFE
TOTAL CALLS	7	4	3
TO SHELTER	0	0	0
RETURNED	1	0	0
TO VET	0	1	0
DOA	0	1	2
WARNINGS	0	0	0
TICKETS	0	0	0
BITES	0	0	0
QUARANTINES	0	0	0
OTHER	6	2	1

*OTHER includes complaints of barking dogs ,dogs left outside too long ,other disturbances and reports of animal abuse or neglect.

Additional Comments

Township of Lower
 2600 Bayshore Road
 Villas, NJ 08251
 609-886-1455

OFFICE OF CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL

Construction Permit Activity Report

RANGE: 02/01/2012 To 02/29/2012

March 09 , 2012 4:01:10PM

SUMMARY

CONSTRUCTION COSTS

COUNT

Cost Of Construction:	\$61,165.00	Cubic Footage:	29342 Cu.ft	Permit Issued:	61
Cost Of Alteration:	\$518,626.00	Square Footage:	2355 Sq.ft	Updates Issued:	6
Cost Of Demolition:	\$0.00			All Fees Waived:	1
Total Cost:	\$579,791.00			Municipal Fees Waived:	0

PERMIT FEES

ADMIN FEES

WAIVED FEES

TOTAL FEES

Building:	\$9,809.00	Building:	\$0.00	Building:	\$60.00	Building Fees:	\$9,749.00
Electrical:	\$3,558.00	Electrical:	\$0.00	Electrical:	\$0.00	Electrical Fees:	\$3,558.00
Fire :	\$2,206.00	Fire :	\$0.00	Fire :	\$0.00	Fire Fees:	\$2,206.00
Plumbing:	\$2,025.00	Plumbing:	\$0.00	Plumbing:	\$0.00	Plumbing Fees:	\$2,025.00
Elevator:	\$0.00	Elevator:	\$0.00	Elevator:	\$0.00	Elevator Fees:	\$0.00
Mechanical:	\$0.00	Mechanical:	\$0.00	Mechanical:	\$0.00	Mechanical Fees:	\$0.00
				Total Waived:	\$60.00	Technical Fees:	\$17,538.00

DCA

	Calculated Fees	Waived Fees	Collected Fees
Volume Training Fee:	\$98.00	\$0.00	\$98.00
Alteration Training Fee:	\$885.00	\$3.00	\$882.00
DCA Minimum Fee:	\$11.00	\$0.00	\$11.00
Sub total Training Fee:	\$994.00	\$3.00	\$991.00

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Building Technical:	32
Electrical Technical:	34
Fire Protection Technical:	18
Plumbing Technical:	29
Elevator Technical:	
Mechanical Technical:	

Certificate of Occupancy Fee:	\$70.00
Waived Certificate Fees:	\$0.00
Sub Total Certificate Fees:	\$70.00

CERTIFICATE ISSUES

Certificate of Occupancy:	7
Certificate of Approval:	3
Certificate of Continued Occupancy:	0

PERMIT FEES:	\$17,538.00
DCA FEES:	\$991.00
CERTIFICATE FEES:	\$70.00
MIN FEES:	\$0.00
NET TOTAL FEES:	\$18,599.00
PENALTIES COLLECTED:	\$0.00
CCO FEES:	\$0.00
OTHER FEES:	\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL FEES:	\$18,599.00

OFFICE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL

Account Summation-Summary

Report Run from 02/01/2012 To 02/29/2012

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ACCOUNT:		Cash Amount	Check Amount	Credit Card Amount	Total Fee
PERMIT FEES	Sub Totals:	\$1,285.00	\$17,314.00	\$0.00	\$18,599.00
LICENSE FEES	Sub Totals:	\$125.00	\$1,825.00	\$0.00	\$1,950.00
homeowners license	Sub Totals:	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
GRAND TOTALS:		\$1,410.00	\$19,189.00	\$0.00	\$20,599.00

OFFICE OF CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL

Construction Permit Activity Report

RANGE: 02/01/2012 To 02/29/2012

March 09 , 2012 4:02:32PM

SUMMARY

CONSTRUCTION COSTS

COUNT

Cost Of Construction:	\$190,700.00	Cubic Footage:	26906 Cu.ft	Permit Issued:	9
Cost Of Alteration:	\$28,250.00	Square Footage:	2424 Sq.ft	Updates Issued:	0
Cost Of Demolition:	\$4,873.00			All Fees Waived:	0
Total Cost:	\$223,823.00			Municipal Fees Waived:	0

PERMIT FEES

ADMIN FEES

WAIVED FEES

TOTAL FEES

Building:	\$1,275.00	Building:	\$0.00	Building:	\$0.00	Building Fees:	\$1,275.00
Electrical:	\$485.00	Electrical:	\$0.00	Electrical:	\$0.00	Electrical Fees:	\$485.00
Fire :	\$562.00	Fire :	\$0.00	Fire :	\$0.00	Fire Fees:	\$562.00
Plumbing:	\$913.00	Plumbing:	\$0.00	Plumbing:	\$0.00	Plumbing Fees:	\$913.00
Elevator:	\$0.00	Elevator:	\$0.00	Elevator:	\$0.00	Elevator Fees:	\$0.00
Mechanical:	\$0.00	Mechanical:	\$0.00	Mechanical:	\$0.00	Mechanical Fees:	\$0.00
		Total Waived:	\$0.00			Technical Fees:	\$3,235.00

DCA

	Calculated Fees	Waived Fees	Collected Fees
Volume Training Fee:	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
Alteration Training Fee:	\$48.00	\$0.00	\$48.00
DCA Minimum Fee:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sub total Training Fee:	\$138.00	\$0.00	\$138.00

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Building Technical:	4
Electrical Technical:	6
Fire Protection Technical:	4
Plumbing Technical:	5
Elevator Technical:	
Mechanical Technical:	

Certificate of Occupancy Fee:	\$184.00
Waived Certificate Fees:	\$0.00
Sub Total Certificate Fees:	\$184.00

CERTIFICATE ISSUES

Certificate of Occupancy:	0
Certificate of Approval:	4
Certificate of Continued Occupancy:	1

PERMIT FEES:	\$3,235.00
FEES:	\$138.00
CERTIFICATE FEES:	\$184.00
MIN FEES:	\$0.00
NET TOTAL FEES:	\$3,557.00
PENALTIES COLLECTED:	\$0.00
CCO FEES:	\$151.00
OTHER FEES:	\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL FEES:	\$3,708.00

OFFICE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL

Account Summation-Summary

Report Run from 02/01/2012 To 02/29/2012

March 9, 2012 4:08:31PM

ACCOUNT:		Cash Amount	Check Amount	Credit Card Amount	Total Fee
LICENSE FEES	Sub Totals:	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
PERMIT FEES	Sub Totals:	\$100.00	\$3,457.00	\$0.00	\$3,557.00
CCO FEES	Sub Totals:	\$0.00	\$151.00	\$0.00	\$151.00
GRAND TOTALS:		\$250.00	\$3,608.00	\$0.00	\$3,858.00

Register Report

2/1/2012 Through 2/29/2012

3/9/2012

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
INCOME						
		TOTAL Business Mercantile 2011-2012				225.00
		TOTAL Campgrounds & Trailers				4,490.00
		TOTAL Rental Merc 2011-2012				825.00
		TOTAL Rental Merc 2012-2013				675.00
		TOTAL Street Openings				390.00
		TOTAL Taxi & Limo				30.00
		TOTAL Yard Sales				15.00
		TOTAL INCOME				6,650.00
TRANSFERS						
		TOTAL Council Checking				-6,650.00
		TOTAL TRANSFERS				-6,650.00
		OVERALL TOTAL				0.00

New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services
 Infectious and Zoonotic Disease Program
 Box 369
 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0360

FOR STATE USE ONLY	
Check # _____	Amount _____
Date of check _____	
Trans. Number _____	
Date of Trans. _____	

Monthly Dog License Report

A: IDENTIFICATION

Municipality : TOWNSHIP OF LOWER County: CAPE MAY Date: 3/ 2/2012

B: LICENSE DATA

1. Period Covered	From: 02/01/2012	To: 02/29/2012
2. First License # of this report	576	
3. Last License # of this report	901	
4. Last License # of last report	575	
5. Total Licenses issued this report	326	

C: LICENSES ISSUED FOR WHICH NO MONEY IS SUBMITTED

List individually all licenses issued for which no fee is submitted.

REPLACE LICENSE # 199 / LOST [752]

D: PILOT CLINIC FUND

Surcharge for all licenses issued except for seeing eye & hearing ear .

Numbers: 325 Amount : \$65.00

E: ANIMAL POPULATION CONTROL FUND

Additional surcharge for licenses issued for non-spayed & non-neutered dogs except for seeing eye and hearing ear.

Number: 56 Amount: \$168.00

F: FEE DATA

1. Total licenses reported with registration fee :	\$325.00
2. Total Amount due for pilot clinic fund (sec. D) :	\$65.00
3. Total Amount due for Animal population control fund (sec. E) :	\$168.00
4. Total Amount due for this report :	\$558.00

G: CERTIFICATION

I certify this report is a true and complete statement of licenses issued during the period indicated above.

Officer Name :

Title :

Signature : *Claudio R. Kammur*

Date: *3-2-12*

Phone : 609-886-2005



TOWNSHIP OF LOWER

Engineer's Report

Meeting Date: March 19, 2012

➤ Lower Township Recreation Center Roof Replacement

The Contractor has exceeded the extended contract period. HMM notified the Contractor that they are subject to liquidated/compensatory damages until completion of the Contract. The second manufacturer's warranty inspection and punch-list inspections were performed on 2/6/12 and 2/10/12. All deficient construction items have been completed and the project is substantially complete. The Contractor is currently assembling the final warranty paperwork and submittals and his final payment requisition.

➤ 2011 Delaware Bay Shore Outfalls

The USACE permit was issued 12/21/11. Acquired easements and revised plans were submitted to the NJDEP for final review and issuance of the CAFRA/WFD permit on February 24, 2012. The permit is in for signature and should be issued by the NJDEP within days. The Tidelands License will be issued by the NJDEP Bureau of Tidelands Management upon their receipt of a copy of the WFD permit by the.

➤ Bayshore West Stormwater Management Improvements

On August 18, 2011 HMM, along with Township Public Works, performed a preliminary site investigation at the Roseanne Avenue outfall to determine the stormwater pipe size, material and invert elevation. Due to conflicting information regarding the size and composition of the existing stormwater infrastructure in the area, HMM is coordinating additional investigations of the upstream infrastructure in support of the design of a replacement system to relieve local flooding issues in the community. The diving contractor completed the underwater evaluation at the end of February and is currently preparing a report on his findings.

LOWER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COURT**MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS**

TRAFFIC (All fines split w/ County)	\$ 3,400.75
TRAFFIC COSTS (We receive all costs)	\$ 1,853.00
CRIMINAL FINES (We receive both Criminal & Local Ordinance fines)	\$ 2,008.50
CRIMINAL COSTS	\$ 404.50
REINSTATED BAILS	\$ -
LOCAL PARKING	\$ 88.00
CONTEMPT CHARGES	\$ 81.00
PUBLIC DEFENDER FEES	\$ 1,883.00
MISCELLANEOUS FEES (Spinal & Overpayments)	\$ 1.46
DWI SURCHARGE	\$ 156.73

FEBRUARY 2012 DISBURSEMENTS

FEBRUARY 2012 COMPLAINTS ISSUED	CRIMINAL IND.	CRIMINAL DP	TRAFFIC	DUI	TOTAL
	41	33	93	2	169

TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOWNSHIP SHARE
\$17,968.50	\$8,176.94

COMPLAINTS IN WARRANT STATUS	CRIMINAL	TRAFFIC	TOTAL
	200	126	326



**Lower Township Police Department
Monthly Activity Report**

2012

	February	Total:
General Complaints and Service Calls	2,528	2528
Emergency Medical Calls with L. T. Rescue	150	300
Fire Alarm Call Outs (Total)	44	102
Villas Fire Company	13	37
Town Bank Fire Company	13	34
Erma Fire Company	18	31
Assaults	5	17
Robbery	1	2
Domestic Violence Complaints	24	58
Domestic Violence with Assaults	5	18
Motor Vehicle Accidents	39	78
Traffic Warnings	12	13
Traffic Summons	81	155
Motor Vehicle Stops	275	467
Local Ordinance Warnings	1	15
Local Ordinance Complaints	3	7
Assaults on Police Officers (UCR Report Return "A")	4	4
Residential and Commercial Alarm Calls	47	106
Property Checks	791	1580
Death Investigations	0	1
Burglaries	25	53
Thefts	56	111
Criminal Mischief Complaints	37	90
Disorderly Conduct Complaints	55	76
Animal Control Complaints	180	365
Adult Arrests (UCR Report Return "A")	46	106
Juvenile Arrests (UCR Report Return "A")	12	19
D.W.I. Arrests (UCR Report JV & Adult Arrests Combined)	2	9
Drug Possession Arrests (UCR Report JV & Adult Arrests Combined)	12	17
Investigation Reports Completed	122	225
Supplemental Investigation Reports Completed	37	93
Total Value Property Stolen (UCR Report Return "A")	\$42,742.00	\$48,338.00
Total Value Property Recovered (UCR Report Return "A")	\$2,695.00	\$12,766.00

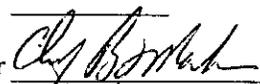


**Lower Township Police Department
Monthly Activity Report**

2012

	February	Total:
Man Power Loss in Hours		
Union	0	0
Suspended	0	0
Vacation	626	1415
Personal	31	103
Comp Hours	78	114
Sick Hours	260	590
Injury Hours	0	0
Training Hours	212	432
Military Training	384	828
Police Department Overtime in Hours		
Operations Overtime	140	392.5
Operations Comp Time	46	68.5
Investigation Division Overtime	37.5	78.75
Investigation Division Comp Time	8	24
Court Overtime	27.5	59
Court Comp Time	0	0
Holiday Overtime	100	246
Holiday Comp Time	24	39.5
Government/Grant Funding Overtime in Hours		
Click It or Ticket	0	0
Cops n Shops	0	0
JV Curfew	0	0
DWI Patrol	0	0
Other	0	0
Private Funding Overtime in Hours		
Special Detail	18	35.5

Prepared by:

Chief Brian Q. Marker 
Date: 3/12/12

**Lower Township Public Works
Superintendent's Report March 2012**

BRANCH & LEAF PICKUP

Lower Township Spring and Leaf schedule starts April 9th. (schedule attached)

COUNTY FLEET MAINTENANCE

The township and county agreed to continue shared service for another year. The county is pleased with our service.

WHITTIER AVE DRAINAGE

Completed all pipe installation and paving 3/14/12

COX HALL CREEK WATERSHED PROJECT

Almost all material has been delivered. Public Works will start installing pipe approx. 3/26/12

This is a joint project with Cape May County, LTMUA, LTDPW and Ducks Unlimited

Almost all material is funded through Ducks Unlimited.

Article published is March issue of Ducks Unlimited Magazine. (attached)

Research Seeks to Unravel Sea Duck Mystery

The 15 species of waterfowl known as sea ducks constitute 42 percent of all duck species breeding in North America. And yet sea ducks are the least understood of all waterfowl. Basic natural history information is lacking for many species of sea ducks, and few reliable population indices or survival estimates exist for most species.

The limited information scientists do have suggests that most sea duck populations are in trouble—severe trouble in some cases. For reasons that remain unknown, 10 of 15 sea duck species are experiencing population declines, and three species (the harlequin duck, spectacled



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elder, and Steller's eider) are currently listed as threatened or endangered in all or portions of their range. Understanding the complex connections among breeding, staging, wintering, and molting habitats used by sea ducks is essential to discerning population declines, identifying limiting factors, and evaluating potential impacts from development, offshore wind farm projects, harvest, and climate change.

To answer some of these questions, the Sea Duck Joint Venture has initiated a large-scale, multiyear collaborative research project using satellite telemetry on black scoters, surf scoters, white-winged scoters, and long-tailed ducks wintering on Chesapeake Bay, the St. Lawrence Estuary, Cape Cod, Nantucket, the Restigouche River, and Lake Ontario.

The study calls for a total of 300 sea ducks along the Atlantic coast to be

New satellite telemetry research will track the seasonal movements of white-winged scoters and other sea ducks.

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The research will also provide a decision-making tool for assessing the potential tradeoffs associated with allowing impoundments to revert to tidal wetlands. This will allow managers to plan for future impoundment creation and maintenance. Ducks Unlimited's participation in this research was made possible by a generous grant from the Waterfowl Research Foundation.

captured and implanted with satellite transmitters. So far 138 sea ducks have received transmitters: 67 black scoters from 2009 through 2010 in New Brunswick at Baie des Chaleurs and the Restigouche River; 52 long-tailed ducks from 2007 through 2010 in Nantucket Sound, Cape Cod, and Chesapeake Bay; and 19 molting white-winged scoters in 2010 in the St. Lawrence Estuary. Ducks Unlimited's participation in this important research was made possible by a generous grant from the Waterfowl Research Foundation.

Restoration Under Way on New Jersey's Cox Hall Creek

Cox Hall Creek is an 87-acre tidal basin in Lower Township in New Jersey's Cape May County. In the late 1800s, this tidal bay was disconnected from Delaware Bay for salt hay farming and mosquito control. This resulted in reduced tidal flushing, though a limited amount of tidewater flows into the area through a dilapidated discharge pipe and now-defunct pump house.

The altered hydrological regime has converted the Cox Hall Creek basin into a low-quality freshwater system dominated by invasive phragmites. As a result, this former tidal bay is of minimal value to waterfowl and other wildlife.

The purpose of the Cox Hall Creek restoration is to restore estuarine intertidal emergent wetlands for fish and wildlife by reestablishing tidal inundation. This will be accomplished by installing a large water-control structure and connecting pipe to allow bidirectional flow between the tidal basin and Delaware Bay, which will help control invasive phragmites.

The Cox Hall Creek restoration is a collaborative effort between DU, the Cape May County Planning Department, the Cape May County Department of Mosquito Control, the Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership, the Lower Township Municipal



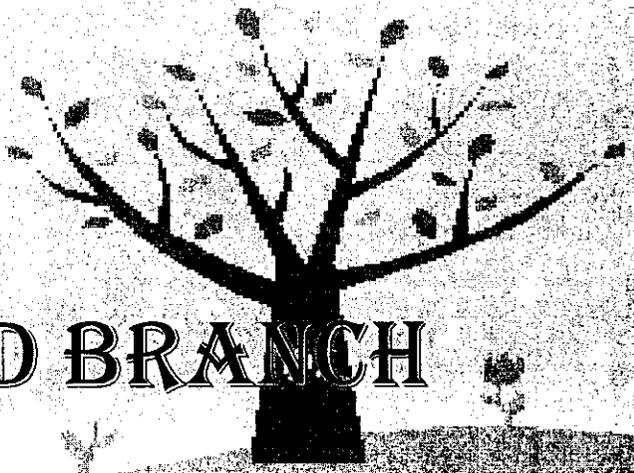
Utilities Authority, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Delaware Bay Estuary Project, and Partners for Fish and Wildlife. With the help of these partners, Ducks

Unlimited received a North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant to help purchase construction materials. All materials were scheduled to be ordered and assembled during winter, with construction expected to start later in 2012.

The restoration of native habitat along the New Jersey coast benefits a variety of wildlife, especially waterfowl and other migratory birds. Both the Cape May Peninsula and Delaware Bay are renowned for supporting an abundance and diversity of shorebirds, wading birds, and waterfowl during migration and winter.

An aerial view of Cox Hall Creek; Delaware Bay is on the right.

2012 LEAF AND BRANCH



STARTING APRIL 09, 2012

CAPE WOODS - FISHING CREEK ROAD - BAY GARDENS-SCHOONER LANDING
BREAKWATER ROAD (FISHING CREEK ROAD TO BAYSHORE ROAD)
MICKLES RUN-BAYSHORE WOODS - BAYWOOD PARK -HOLLY ESTATES -KECHEMECHE 1-
KECHEMECHE 2-LENNOX ACRES - RABBIT RUN - BAYSHORE EAST-TOWNBANK ROAD
(SHERRIFF TAYLOR BOULEVARD TO BAYSHORE ROAD).



STARTING APRIL 23, 2012

TAHOE DRIVE TO TOWNBANK ROAD - CAPE MAY BEACH - NORTH CAPE MAY -
BAYSHORE ESTATE- BAYSHORE ROAD (BREAKWATER ROAD TO FERRY ROAD) -
BAYSHORE WEST-TOWNBANK ROAD (BAYSHORE ROAD TO BEACH DRIVE).



STARTING MAY 07, 2012

VILLAS-WEST MIAMI AVE. TO SHADELAND AVE. (BAYSIDE VILLAGE) - SHAWMOUNT AVE.



STARTING MAY 21, 2012

VILLAS -EAST - MIAMI AVENUE TO LOWER TOWNSHIP HALL

STARTING JUNE 04, 2012

RT #9 (CRESSE AVENUE TO TRANQUILITY PARK) - SCHELLENGER'S LANDING)
DIAMOND BEACH - SOUTH OF CANAL - JONATHAN HOFFMAN ROAD-
SHAWCREST- BREAKWATER ROAD- (FISHING CREEK ROAD TO SEASHORE ROAD)
SHUNPIKE ROAD- TABERNACLE ROAD- SEASHORE ROAD
TOWNBANK ROAD (SHERIFF TAYLOR BOULVARD TO SEASHORE ROAD)-ERMA PARK-
ROUTE #9 (CRESSE AVNUE TO CHURCH STREET) COLDSPRINGS



LEAVES MUST BE LOOSE AND RAKED TO THE CURB FOR PICK-UP. LEAVES MUST BE FREE OF BRANCHES, TWIGS AND OTHER DEBRIS (DO NOT BAG LEAVES).

BRANCHES UP TO 7' IN LENGTH & NO LARGER THEN 6" IN DIAMETER

PLEASE HAVE LEAVES AND BRANCHES TO CURB ONE WEEK BEFORE THE START DATE FOR YOUR ZONE.



SUBJECT TO CHANGE
PUBLIC WORKS 609-884-0898

**2012 CASH RECEIPTS
FEBRUARY**

Township of Lower
Office of the Tax Collector

	MONTH TO DATE	YEAR TO DATE
Receipts		
Current year taxes (2012)	6,387,876.38	11,400,000.26
Prior year taxes (2011)	280,622.42	490,240.63
Arrears (2010)		250.00
6% Penalty	738.42	738.42
Municipal Service Fees	1,680.00	1,680.00
Tax Search Fees		0.00
Interest	22,496.11	32,502.95
Lot clearing		0.00
Returned Check Fees	160.00	160.00
Duplicate Bills	65.00	95.00
Trash	4,570.75	18,566.75
 DEPOSITED COUNCIL CHECKING	 6,698,209.08	 11,944,234.01
 TOTAL DEPOSITS	 6,698,209.08	 11,944,234.01
NSF Reversals	-8,921.81	-9,897.04
 TOTAL	 6689287.27	 11,934,336.97

Prepared by Susan Jackson

Vital Statistics
February Deposit
2012

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Marriage / CU License Total	10
D.P. Lic. Total	0
Total Burial Permits	0

State Marriage / CU Fee	\$ 250.00
Twp. Marriage / CU Fee	\$ 30.00
State D.P. Fee	\$ -
Twp. D.P. Fee	\$ -
State Burial Permit Fee	\$ -
Twp. Burial Permit Fee	\$ -
Twp. Cert. Copy Fee	\$ 1,360.00

TOTAL	\$ 1,640.00
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FOR TOWNSHIP USE ONLY

Res. # 2012-88

Board/Comm./Auth. RAB

Term Exp. 12-31-14

Replaced _____ of Reappointed

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER
CITIZEN LEADERSHIP FORM

RECEIVED
2013-12

NAME MARK DIDONATO

CITY AND STATE N. CAPE MAY NJ, 08204

YEARS OF RESIDENCY IN TOWNSHIP 35 OCCUPATION PLANT MECHANIC (C.M.C.M.O.A)

Please number in order of preference which ones you wish to be considered for.

- Cable Television Advisory Board
- Environmental Commission
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Citizen Advisory Board

- Municipal Utilities Authority
- Planning Board
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

I hereby apply to perform public service on the following municipal authority, boards or commissions. List any education, prior volunteer experience or work related experience, or other civic involvement which could be of use to the authority, board or commission you have listed above.

I HAVE BEEN ON THE REC ADV. BOARD FOR
2 yrs. IN good standing.

Date 2/22/12

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

(VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF RECEIPT)

Return to: Clerk's Office, 2600 Bayshore Road, Villas, NJ 08251