

Regular & Work Session Meeting Minutes - April 16, 2012

The regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on April 16, 2012 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 Walt Craig
Councilmember Glenn Douglass
Deputy Mayor Kevin Lare
Mayor Michael Beck

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

Work Session

Presentation - Steve Sheftz & Jerry Keelen re: Potable Water Loan Program

Mr. Steven Sheftz introduced Mr. Jerome P. Keelen, Director of Single Family Programs, New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency. Copy attached.

Mr. Keelen addressed Council and thanked them for allowing him to speak. He stated the funds currently available for the loans are from water supply replacement trust fund monies. Mr Keelen stated that the program is a zero percent interest loan with a 1% annual service charge for residents to hook up to the new municipal utility water system provided by the Municipal Utility Authority. This loan is available to home owners within the Township limit where main water lines are being run. The loan can cover the cost of connecting to the main, the plumber cost and the permit cost. Depending upon the amount of the loan, payments will be made either once or twice a year. In other locations, the loan is not available to residents without private well testing, but in Lower Township there are four conditions which must be met: 1: The property must currently be serviced by well water, 2: the property must be located within the boundaries, 3: the connection to the municipal water line must be done through the MUA and 4: This loan is for residential properties only. There is a \$75.00 application fee. A resident may fill out an application, return the application with the \$75.00 application fee, the company will send back a notice with a mortgage note for the homeowners signature, after the signed note is received, and after the mandatory three day waiting period, the check will be sent to the contractor and the work may proceed. Mr. Keelen noted the applications are available at the Township building and anyone requiring addition information may call him. He also noted that this money is available to all homeowners, even out-of-state owners.

Mr. Ray DeMario addressed Council and questioned the areas which do not have the mains installed yet. Mr. Ecker, MUA, replied water mains will be installed throughout the entire area and the loans will be available when the mains are installed. Mr. George Dougherty questioned what happens if a homeowner misses a payment, will the home be foreclosed on, will a lien be placed on the home and then go to tax sale? Mr. Keelen replied the loans are such a small amount that foreclosure is not an option for the underwriter. When the loan is written, it is a mortgage against the home, and if a payment is missed, it would be a lien on the property, not a foreclosure situation. Mr. Charles Challer questioned the cost for the entire project. Mr. Ecker replied the hook up is \$1,600.00, the plumber is approximately \$1,000.00 and the permit will be approximately \$85.00. Of course, if there is additional plumbing needed for pipes and

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couplings, it can be added to the loan.

Richard McNutt, World Oceans Day -

Mr. McNutt, President of the Tidewaters Gateway Partnership, an organization involved in cleaning the Delaware River, addressed Council stating that June 8th has been designated World Ocean Day and is preparing a celebration to be held at Higbee's and Sunset Beaches. Mr. McNutt stated the organization has been trying for 45 years to get wild and scenic designations and special protection of the waters from Trenton to Wilmington which will be called the Tidal Delaware National Recreational Corridor. He stated that this is our opportunity to highlight this part of the river, this is the most historic part of America. People should be flying in from all over the world to see this. One of the reasons why this has not been developed is because the water is filthy. As time has gone by, we have created a 25 billion dollar-a-year recreational economy on the entire Delaware River Basin. Mr. McNutt requested help from the Township in supplying a stage, an amp system for the circle dances and help with the fire permits. Manager Voll advised Mr. McNutt to speak with his assistant and the Township will do anything they can to help with the celebration.

Review & discussion on request of Ed Neimann re: Support of Council for sale of lot to County Open Space.

Deputy Mayor Lare stated all of Council received a letter from Ed Neimann and a follow up letter from the County Open Space Board. He stated his understanding is the owner of the lot wants to sell to open space and needs the support of Council to do that. The parcel will be a park-like setting - passive recreation, similar to what was done with First Assembly of God. Councilman Douglass stated there are some concerns with the residents in the area because the parcel is off the road way and hard for police to access. It actually adjoins the neighbors common grounds and there is infrastructure on the parcel - underground utilities. The residents in that area need to be questioned if they are interested in having the recreation area put there. Mr. Douglass stated he believes the request needs to go to some of the boards as well to see what the residents think about it. Deputy Mayor Lare suggested Mr. Douglass solicit a position from the neighborhood organization in that area. Mayor Beck stated the Open Space aspect is very attractive, the only issue with the recreation aspect is that this parcel is behind houses. If the residents want it, Mayor Beck stated he has no problem with it, but in talking with some of the residents there, they have some concerns. Mayor Beck stated he believes Councilman Douglass's idea of sending this to the Planning Board, Recreation Advisory Board and Environmental Commission to take a look at it is a good idea. Councilman Douglass stated it is his understanding that if the property is purchased by the County, the Township would have to take the property over and take full responsibility for the property. Manager Voll read the letter from the Open Space Board into the record (attached) Deputy Mayor Lare suggested Council invite Barbara Ernst to the next meeting so Council will have a clear understanding of what is being asked of the Township. Councilman Conrad questioned who will be responsible for removing the infrastructure already on the parcel. Mayor Beck replied Ms. Ernst will have that information. Mayor Beck stated that currently if kids are on the property, it is trespassing, if we set it up as passive recreation, we may not be able to move them and it becomes a problem for the neighbors. Mayor Beck stated he does not want to create a problem for the people who live there. He stated we owe the residents a chance to let us know what they want. Council's consensus is to send the information to the Rec Advisory Board, the Environmental Commission and the Planning Board and also have a representative from the County Open Space Board at the next meeting.

Review of Consent & Regular Agenda Items

Councilman Douglass requested Resolution 2012-99 be moved to the regular agenda.

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Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes April 2, 2012
- Res. #2012-100 Recycling Tonnage Grant Resolution (annual resolution)
- Res. #2012-101 Renewal of 2012 Campground Licenses (annual renewals)
- Res. #2012-102 Issuance Ice Cream Peddling and Ice Cream Salesmen's Licenses for the Year 2012 to Summer Daze Ice Cream (Annual renewal)
- Res. #2012-103 A Resolution to Affirm the Lower Township Civil Rights Policy with Respect to All Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent Contractors and Members of the Public That Come into Contact with Municipal Employees, Officials and Volunteers (Requirement for our joint insurance fund)
- Res. #2012-104 Approval of Precious Metals License for Robin Whitehurst T/A Golden Eagle for the Year 2012
- Res. #2012-105 Approval of Seashore Church of the Nazarene's Application to Conduct a Flea Market (Apr. 28)
- Res. #2012-106 Award of Contract for Concession for 2012 Independence Day Festival Rides (\$12,500 w/vendor)
- Res. #2012-107 Capital Budget Amendment
- Res. #2012-108 Authorizing the Person to Person Transfer of Liquor License #0505-33-007-003 from D.S.S.K. Inc. to Two Mile Crab House Limited Liability Company
- Res. #2012-109 Resolution Adopting Revised Personnel Policy Manual (replaces existing employee manual with language changes mandated by Joint Insurance Fund)
- Ord. #2012-07 An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance #2012-02, entitled An Ordinance Amending Chapter 400 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lower, 2004 (Repealing the ordinance that banned all new outdoor wood burning furnaces)
- Ord. #2012-08 Ordinance of the Township of Lower, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey \$63,000 for the Acquisition of Various Vehicles to Be Funded by the Capital Appropriating Surplus Fund, 1st rdg. (4 vehicles w/higher MPG's)
- Ord. #2012-09 Ordinance Re-Appointing \$45,000 of the Proceeds of Obligation Not Needed for Their Original Purposes in Order to Provide for the Acquisition of Various Equipment In and By the Township of Lower, In The County of Cape May, New Jersey, 1st rdg. (Funds not needed for original purpose being used for recreation equipment) 2nd rdg May 7
- Ord. #2012-10 Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements of the Township of Lower, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, Appropriating the Aggregate Amount of \$905,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$830,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof, 1st rdg. (Various capital improvements for Court, Police, Public Works and Recreation) 2nd rdg. May 7

Motion to approve the consent agenda moved by Councilmember Douglass, seconded by Councilmember Conrad.

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

Resolution # 2012-99 Payment of Vouchers, \$1,809,365.40

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-99 moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Councilmember Craig.

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

Administrative Reports

Manager's Report

Manager Michael Voll read his monthly report into the record. (Copy attached)

March Reports Animal Control, Construction Official, Clerk, Dog Licenses, Engineer, Municipal Court, Tax Collector, Vital Statistics

Council Comments

Councilman Conrad stated he is glad to be back. He left the area for a little bit and really appreciates what we have here. Roads with shoulders, well paved and in hearing about the World Ocean Day, it tells us people are starting to realize how special this area is and stated he is really glad to be living here.

Councilmember Craig stated earlier we had a report given by Mr. Keelen dealing with a lot of the residents in Ward 2. Councilmember Craig offered his assistance to any constituent in Ward 2 needing help with the application or requiring any additional information to please give him a call he would be happy to help.

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Deputy Mayor Lare commented on the Manager's report and stated the on-line payment service is an outstanding service. And the \$192,000 recycling rebate money is a direct result of the leadership of Gary Douglass and the public works crews down there and equally is the implementation of year round recycling that this Council instituted 2 years ago. He stated there is certainly an environmental responsibility to not fill the landfill with plastic and glass that will sit there for hundreds of years. This Town should be proud of this, it is a communal effort from the employees to the residents and we are and will be for the 2nd year number one in the County for recycling in tonnage.

Mayor Beck stated he was at the re-vegetation at Cox Hall Creek, which was run by Brian O'Connor from the County. Lower Township has a Watershed Ambassador program run by Erin Walsh, who actually ran the program and it was a lot of fun. There were approximately 125 residents working on the dunes at Cox Hall Creek, planting some of the grass that was removed during the work. Mayor Beck invited Ms. Walsh to the next meeting to explain the program and project to Council. Mayor Beck stated that Mr. O'Connor wanted to publically thank Dave LePore and Gary Douglass. Especially Dave who helped out with the construction. Mayor Beck reminded everyone of the Rotary Club's spaghetti dinner on Friday, April 20th at Uncle Bill's from 4:30 - 8:00 with all proceeds going to Lower Township food banks.

Call to the Public - None

Closed Session

Resolution #2012-110 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 (Acquisition of Property, Labor Relations - PBA & Superior Officer's, Personnel)

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-110 moved by Councilmember Douglass, seconded by Mayor Beck.

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

Mayor Beck stated that Council may return to open session to conduct additional business.

Council adjourned to closed session at 8:10 p.m.

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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

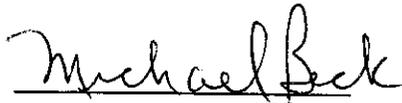
Council returned to open session at 9:28 p.m.

Resolution # 2012-111 A Resolution to Ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between the Township of Lower & PBA Local 59 Rank and File as Modified by the April 16, 2012 - 3:41p.m. E-mail of Bruce Leader to William Blaney.

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-111 moved by Councilmember Douglass, seconded by Councilmember Craig.

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

Motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Councilmember Douglass. Motion to adjourn unanimous by verbal "ayes". Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



Mayor Beck



Municipal Clerk Kammer

Approved: May 7, 2012

ANIMAL CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH OF march 2012

ACO parker DATE 3/16/2012

	DOGS	CATS	WILDLIFE
TOTAL CALLS	9	0	1
TO SHELTER	1	0	0
RETURNED	1	0	1
TO VET	0	0	0
DOA	0	0	0
WARNINGS	0	0	0
TICKETS	0	0	0
BITES	0	0	0
QUARANTINES	0	0	0
OTHER	7	0	0

*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
 886-1455

OFFICE OF CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL

Construction Permit Activity Report

RANGE: 03/01/2012 To 03/31/2012

April 05, 2012 3:42:27PM

SUMMARY

CONSTRUCTION COSTS

COUNT

Cost Of Construction:	\$1,127,400.00	Cubic Footage:	202608 Cu.ft	Permit Issued:	71
Cost Of Alteration:	\$303,762.00	Square Footage:	19791 Sq.ft	Updates Issued:	7
Cost Of Demolition:	\$0.00			All Fees Waived:	2
Total Cost:	\$1,431,162.00			Municipal Fees Waived:	0

PERMIT FEES

ADMIN FEES

WAIVED FEES

TOTAL FEES

Building:	\$11,702.00	Building:	\$0.00	Building:	\$0.00	Building Fees:	\$11,702.00
Electrical:	\$4,559.00	Electrical:	\$0.00	Electrical:	\$75.00	Electrical Fees:	\$4,484.00
Fire :	\$3,066.00	Fire :	\$0.00	Fire :	\$290.00	Fire Fees:	\$2,776.00
Plumbing:	\$4,570.00	Plumbing:	\$0.00	Plumbing:	\$125.00	Plumbing Fees:	\$4,445.00
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:	\$490.00	Technical Fees:	\$23,407.00

DCA

	Calculated Fees	Waived Fees	Collected Fees
Volume Training Fee:	\$675.00	\$0.00	\$675.00
Alteration Training Fee:	\$521.00	\$79.00	\$442.00
DCA Minimum Fee:	\$8.00	\$1.00	\$7.00
Sub total Training Fee:	\$1,204.00	\$80.00	\$1,124.00

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Building Technical:	45
Electrical Technical:	51
Fire Protection Technical:	29
Plumbing Technical:	38
Elevator Technical:	
Mechanical Technical:	

CERTIFICATE ISSUES

Certificate of Occupancy:	6
Certificate of Approval:	6
Certificate of Continued Occupancy:	0

Certificate of Occupancy Fee:	\$1,493.00
Waived Certificate Fees:	\$0.00
Sub Total Certificate Fees:	\$1,493.00

PERMIT FEES:	\$23,407.00
DCA FEES:	\$1,124.00
CERTIFICATE FEES:	\$1,493.00
MIN FEES:	\$0.00
NET TOTAL FEES:	\$26,024.00
PENALTIES COLLECTED:	\$0.00
CCO FEES:	\$0.00
OTHER FEES:	\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL FEES:	\$26,024.00

OFFICE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL

Account Summation-Summary

Report Run from 03/01/2012 To 03/31/2012

April 5, 2012 3:43:05PM

ACCOUNT:		Cash Amount	Check Amount	Credit Card Amount	Total Fee
PERMIT FEES	Sub Totals:	\$1,076.00	\$24,948.00	\$0.00	\$26,024.00
Copies	Sub Totals:	\$0.00	\$18.30	\$0.00	\$18.30
LICENSE FEES	Sub Totals:	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
GRAND TOTALS:		\$1,076.00	\$25,266.30	\$0.00	\$26,342.30

BOROUGH OF WEST CAPE MAY
 2600 Bayshore Road
 Borough of West Cape May, NJ 08251
 609-886-1455

OFFICE OF CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL

Construction Permit Activity Report

RANGE: 03/01/2012 To 03/31/2012

April 05, 2012 3:43:34PM

SUMMARY

CONSTRUCTION COSTS

COUNT

Cost Of Construction: -	\$174,300.00	Cubic Footage:	24936 Cu.ft	Permit Issued:	8
Cost Of Alteration:	\$189,030.00	Square Footage:	2402 Sq.ft	Updates Issued:	3
Cost Of Demolition:	\$0.00			All Fees Waived:	0
Total Cost:	\$363,330.00			Municipal Fees Waived:	0

PERMIT FEES

ADMIN FEES

WAIVED FEES

TOTAL FEES

Building:	\$3,591.00	Building:	\$0.00	Building:	\$0.00	Building Fees:	\$3,591.00
Electrical:	\$738.00	Electrical:	\$0.00	Electrical:	\$0.00	Electrical Fees:	\$738.00
Fire :	\$760.00	Fire :	\$0.00	Fire :	\$0.00	Fire Fees:	\$760.00
Plumbing:	\$852.00	Plumbing:	\$0.00	Plumbing:	\$0.00	Plumbing Fees:	\$852.00
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:	\$5,941.00

DCA

	Calculated Fees	Waived Fees	Collected Fees
Volume Training Fee:	\$84.00	\$0.00	\$84.00
Alteration Training Fee:	\$322.00	\$0.00	\$322.00
DCA Minimum Fee:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sub total Training Fee:	\$406.00	\$0.00	\$406.00

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Building Technical:	7
Electrical Technical:	8
Fire Protection Technical:	6
Plumbing Technical:	3
Elevator Technical:	
Mechanical Technical:	

Certificate of Occupancy Fee:	\$310.00
Waived Certificate Fees:	\$0.00
Sub Total Certificate Fees:	\$310.00

CERTIFICATE ISSUES

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

PERMIT FEES:	\$5,941.00
FEES:	\$406.00
CERTIFICATE FEES:	\$310.00
MIN FEES:	\$0.00
NET TOTAL FEES:	\$6,657.00
PENALTIES COLLECTED:	\$0.00
CCO FEES:	\$151.00
OTHER FEES:	\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL FEES:	\$6,808.00

OFFICE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL

Account Summation-Summary

Report Run from 03/01/2012 To 03/31/2012

April 5, 2012 3:53:17PM

ACCOUNT:		Cash Amount	Check Amount	Credit Card Amount	Total Fee
PERMIT FEES	Sub Totals:	\$197.00	\$6,460.00	\$0.00	\$6,657.00
CCO FEES	Sub Totals:	\$0.00	\$151.00	\$0.00	\$151.00
LICENSE FEES	Sub Totals:	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
GRAND TOTALS:		\$197.00	\$6,911.00	\$0.00	\$7,108.00

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: 4/ 2/2012

B: LICENSE DATA

1. Period Covered	From: 03/01/2012	To: 03/31/2012
2. First License # of this report	902	
3. Last License # of this report	1051	
4. Last License # of last report	901	
5. Total Licenses issued this report	150	

C: LICENSES ISSUED FOR WHICH NO MONEY IS SUBMITTED

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

Replace License # 659 [947]

D: PILOT CLINIC FUND

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

Numbers: 149 Amount : \$29.80

E: ANIMAL POPULATION CONTROL FUND

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

Number: 28 Amount: \$84.00

F: FEE DATA

1. Total licenses reported with registration fee :	\$149.00
2. Total Amount due for pilot clinic fund (sec. D) :	\$29.80
3. Total Amount due for Animal population control fund (sec. E) :	\$84.00
4. Total Amount due for this report :	\$262.80

G: CERTIFICATION

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

Officer Name : Claudia R Kammer

Title : Township Clerk

Signature : *Claudia R Kammer*

Date: 4/2/12

Phone : 609-886-2005



TOWNSHIP OF LOWER

Engineer's Report

Meeting Date: April 16, 2012

➤ 2011 Delaware Bay Shore Outfalls

The USACE permit was issued 12/21/11. The NJDEP permits were issued 3/30/12 and received by our office on 4/11/12. The Tidelands License/Grant will be issued by the NJDEP Bureau of Tidelands Management upon their receipt of a copy of the CAFRA/WFD permits.

➤ Bayshore West Stormwater Management Improvements

The diving contractor completed the underwater evaluation of the main storm sewer line in Roseann Avenue at the end of February/beginning of March and is finalizing a report on his findings.

➤ Lower Township UST Compliance Assistance

Our office has reviewed existing UST Closure documents as requested by the Township in response to recent correspondence from the NJDEP. A scope of work to address NJDEP requests for information will be coordinated with the Township within the next couple of weeks.

MUNICIPAL CLERK

Register Report

3/1/2012 Through 3/31/2012

4/2/2012

Account	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
INCOME				
	TOTAL Bonds & Escrow			1,000.00
	TOTAL Business Mercantile 2011-2012			80.00
	TOTAL Business Mercantile 2012-2013			75.00
	TOTAL Campgrounds & Trailers			8,368.00
	TOTAL Liquor Licenses			200.00
	TOTAL Opra Request			10.00
	TOTAL Precious Metals			50.00
	TOTAL Rental Merc 2011-2012			1,425.00
	TOTAL Rental Merc 2012-2013			2,400.00
	TOTAL Street Openings			750.00
	TOTAL Yard Sales			85.00
	TOTAL INCOME			14,443.00
TRANSFERS				
	TOTAL Council Checking			-14,443.00
	TOTAL TRANSFERS			-14,443.00
			OVERALL TOTAL	0.00

**LOWER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COURT
MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS**

TRAFFIC (All fines split w/ County)	\$ 4,444.95
TRAFFIC COSTS (We receive all costs)	\$ 2,196.09
CRIMINAL FINES (We receive both Criminal & Local Ordinance fines)	\$ 1,857.00
CRIMINAL COSTS	\$ 437.50
REINSTATED BAILS	\$ -
LOCAL PARKING	
CONTEMPT CHARGES	\$ 85.00
PUBLIC DEFENDER FEES	\$ 66.50
MISCELLANEOUS FEES (Spinal & Overpayments)	\$ 6.04
DWI SURCHARGE	\$ 157.35

MARCH 2012 DISBURSEMENTS

MARCH 2012 COMPLAINTS ISSUED	CRIMINAL IND.	CRIMINAL DP	TRAFFIC	DUI	TOTAL
	36	74	95	1	206

TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOWNSHIP SHARE
\$20,954.25	\$9,250.43

COMPLAINTS IN WARRANT STATUS	CRIMINAL	TRAFFIC	TOTAL
	207	139	346

**2012 CASH RECEIPTS
MARCH**

Township of Lower
Office of the Tax Collector

	MONTH TO DATE	YEAR TO DATE
Receipts		
Current year taxes (2012)	593,477.19	11,993,477.45
Prior year taxes (2011)	205,453.13	695,693.76
Arrears (2010)		250.00
6% Penalty	2,181.11	2,919.53
Municipal Service Fees	33,990.00	35,670.00
Tax Search Fees		0.00
Interest	22,179.12	54,682.07
Lot clearing	2,310.00	2,310.00
Returned Check Fees	40.00	200.00
Duplicate Bills	55.00	150.00
Trash	14,841.75	33,408.50
Tax Sale Cost	3,736.15	3,736.15
MUA	11,049.32	11,049.32
DEPOSITED COUNCIL CHECKING	889,312.77	12,833,546.78
TOTAL DEPOSITS	889,312.77	12,833,546.78
NSF Reversals		-9,897.04
TOTAL	889,312.77	12,823,649.74

Prepared by Susan Jackson

**Vital Statistics
March Deposit
2012**

Marriage / CU License Total	8
D.P. Lic. Total	0
Total Burial Permits	0
State Marriage / CU Fee	\$ 200.00
Twp. Marriage / CU Fee	\$ 24.00
State D.P. Fee	\$ -
Twp. D.P. Fee	\$ -
State Burial Permit Fee	\$ -
Twp. Burial Permit Fee	\$ -
Twp. Cert. Copy Fee	\$ 1,630.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,854.00

Lower Township Council Meeting
Monday, April 16, 2012

Introduction of Mr. Jerome Keelen

Members of Council, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am happy to be sitting here this evening with two very good people, Mr. Matt Ecker, Executive Director of our M.U.A. and our special guest Mr. Jerome Keelen. Jerome is Director of the Single Family Home Division of the State of New Jersey's Home Mortgage and Finance Agency

Jerry is a proven friend of the people of Lower Township and a close personal friend of mine.

About ten years ago while serving as Chairman of the M.U.A. I was approached by a young woman who was crying while carrying her baby in her arms. She asked for help. She and her husband were both working to buy their home in the Villas, and couldn't afford to connect to the water main in front of their home. Her doctor told her not only to not allow her baby drink the water, but to not even bathe her in it.

After meeting with Assemblyman Jack Gibson a number of times, Mr. Gibson prepared a Bill to establish the Loan Program and requested that I present testimony in support of the bill before the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

My testimony included the young lady and her baby, the number of other young couples in similar situations and also about 650 situations in Lower Township where Grandparents on the barest of incomes were raising their Grandchildren and could not afford to pay for a water connection.

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After presenting my testimony, Mr. Keelen told the Committee his Department in State Government would be responsible for the Loan Program and that he wanted to make it very affordable. He is the person who determined that people could borrow up to \$10,000 at 0% interest, a 1% Service fee with a 10 year payback.

Later, as a result of many people getting ill in the Town Bank Area, I was asked by various people to see if the problem was the well water in the area. The County Health Department's Mr. Grove Weber found a very limited amount of money that could be used for very little testing, Heather Carr Johnson of the County Health Department did the testing and found that various amount of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's), the worst kind of water problems known to man, were spread out over a very wide area. Town Bank is expected to have water by November 1st, and it will subsequently be extended to Wildwood Avenue in the Villas.

The original Loan Program required all applicants to have their wells tested before being approved for Loan money. With the very wide spread VOC's etc., throughout the area we again called upon Mr. Keelen for his help.

Again, our friend Mr. Keelen came to the rescue. Lower Township has a very special "Lower Township Application," and it does not require people in contaminated areas to have their wells tested.

Mr. Keelen has also been instrumental in obtaining Municipal grants, etc. and affordable housing throughout our state.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my distinct honor to introduce **our very dear friend..Mr. Jerry Keelen**!"

Manager's Report

April 16th, 2012

- 1-Thank to the LTMUA for adopting the lawn maintenance and litter cleanup of Rotary Park.
- 2-Recycling Rebate to Township from CMC MUA \$192,457.46 [unaudited] and monies received for metals \$21,248.72 as of March. Community Shredding out front of Twp. Hall on Saturday, May 19th part of "Community Day" at the Rec. Bike Auction, information tables on Community service groups, music, hot dogs, Pony Rides, Police bike rodeo, just a fun filled afternoon for families
- 3-Energy Savings from January through March on our Electric bill was \$7302.11 by switching out from 4 to 2 florescent bulbs with reflective units, not including the Public Safety building. All 5 municipal buildings are now converted to Natural Gas. Also, we continue to reduce gasoline consumption by converting to more efficient pool vehicles. Example, 2 police cruiser just ordered with V-6 vs. large HEMI v-8s, Chief Marker and I have been moving vehicles around to maximize their usage dealing with the fuel consumption and emergency needs. As reported, the price of gasoline keeps going up – we have increased our gasoline budget by 7.2% over last year – so it is high priority on our agenda to reduce in all energy areas! Again, my office has a goal for a 15% fuel reduction goal for 2012.
- 4-Gov deals on line Auction we received \$75,784.59 as of April 12th, sold unneeded municipal property. This is how we sell off municipal property in a legal manner.
- 5-Clem Mulligan Field and Mindy Park, complaints are being addressed: Rec Aides will be interacting in the evenings with youth and residents to prevent negative activities. Recreation getting the Pool ready in NCM
- 6-We are preparing for an above average "Hot Summer", Rich Harron, OEM making preparations for "Cooling Centers" if needed.
- 7-Thanks to Lauren Read, and Susan Jackson, we can now accept "On line payments" for Property Taxes by going to our web site @www.townshipoflower.org \$1.05 on line check payment, \$3.95 for VISA/DEBIT payment, or sign up for automatic payment from your account with no fee attached!
- 8-Many positive comments that we provide reverse 911 calls to inform our residents. We have used it last year during storms, scheduled leaf/branch pick up, and public safety announcements.
- 9-We will have a week end inspector checking for code violations, building without permits, and yard sales over the summer season, starting the first week of June.
- 10-Cox Hall Creek Project completed and operating. Beach grass was planted yesterday with over 100 volunteers. Old pump building will be removed in the near future.
- 11- Animal rabies clinic for dogs and cats a DPW on Saturday 1-3 pm.

12-Outfall lines, we have permit for 9 outfall lines, 5 outfalls projects scheduled for the fall.
St. John's Ave, Greenwood Ave, Cloverdale Ave, Arbor Road, Wildwood Ave

The others that will be funded by the township are:

Sandalwood Road
Springtime Road
Washington Blvd
Whittier Ave