

Regular & Work Session Meeting Minutes - May 21, 2012

The regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on May 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Township Hall, 2600 Bayshore Road, Villas, New Jersey.

The Assistant 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 Assistant 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 Municipal Clerk Kammer

Recognition of New CERT members

Mayor Beck announced the new members of Lower Township's CERT Team including: Clair Juchter, Linda Boker, Penny Beccica, Penny Gram, Colleen Hendrickson, Joan Koeck, Rick Krause, Dennis Maloney, Gloria Alexia, Mark Runyon, Rich Sambenedetto, and George Strayland. Clair Juchter stated that CERT is a volunteer organization and are a member of the citizens core which supports first responders. There are 15 member in Lower Township and they have spent over 20 hours taking classes which include first aid, fire safety, triage and the psychology of disasters. They have been instructed how to do light search and rescue and have learned how to mark buildings that have been searched. The mission of the CERT Team is " to do good for the most " and support the first responders. Ms. Juchter stated how the team supported the Township during hurricane Irene, and are here for everyday support of functions throughout the Township. Mayor Beck stated that the efforts of the CERT Team are appreciated. Councilmember Douglass stated CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team. Councilmember Conrad stated CERT is always looking for volunteers. They handed out information at Community Day and information is available at Townhall.

Proclamation - Click It or Ticket

Mayor Beck read the Proclamation for continued participation in Click it or Ticket in Lower Township.

Certificate of Recognition - Erin Walsh, Watershed Ambassador

Mayor Beck stated Erin belongs to a program known as the Watershed Ambassador for our area and has been very active in Lower Township. Mayor Beck spoke of the revegetation effort at Cox Hall Creek, and the clean up at Mickel's run. Ms. Walsh explained that the Watershed Ambassador is a joint program with the DEP and Americorp. There are a number of requirements including 50 assessments, partnership projects and education to schools and the community. Mayor Beck and Council presented Ms. Walsh with a certificate of recognition and thanked her for all her work in Lower and wished her well in future endeavors.

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Work Session

Review of Consent & Regular Agenda Items

Council Comments on Consent Agenda Items:

Mayor Beck spoke on Ordinance #2012-14 and gave credit to the Police Department for drawing attention to a problem. Mayor Beck stated he attended a meeting with Sgt. Ernie McComber, Detective Joe Boyle and Councilmember Craig to look at the current Ordinance and adjust it accordingly due to the proliferation of buy/sell gold stores that have been popping up. They met to craft changes to the current ordinance to make sure dealers are responsible to the public for all transaction. The new Ordinance sets forth stricter regulations including maintaining goods for a longer period of time, not buying/selling to minors and potentially having all items bought posted on line so the public could view recent items. Mayor Beck thanked the police department and Councilmember Craig for all the effort put forth.

Public Comment - None

Consent Agenda

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| Approval of Minutes | May 3, 2012, May 7, 2012 |
| Res. #2012-116 | Award of One (1) 2012 Ford Escape 4wd Xlt 6 Cylinder Steel Blue in Color with Sync Voice Advanced System (Original resolution removed at May 7, 2012 mtg.) |
| Res. #2012-126 | Payment of Vouchers, \$85,800.94 |
| Res. #2012-127 | Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Statewide Crackdown Grant (Res. approving submission of grant application and authorizing acceptance if received. Grant amount \$4400.00) |
| Res. #2012-128 | Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Clean Communities, \$59,083.07) |
| Res. #2012-129 | A Resolution Requesting Release of Revegetation and Restoration Guarantee for Dune Site Plan; Block 512.14, Lot 29, Escrow #P09-04-02 (Work done) |
| Res. #2012-130 | Authorization Aart's Transportation, Inc. To Transfer Taxi License (changing vehicles) |
| Res. #2012-131 | Authorization for Refund of Taxes (3 properties) |
| Res. #2012-132 | Authorization for Villas Fishing Club Ladies Auxiliary to Conduct an Outdoor Flea Market on June 23, 2012 |
| Res. #2012-133 | Approval for Pyrotecnico Fireworks to Load and Unload a Fireworks Barge in Lower Township (annual approval for Lower Township, Congress Hall, Avalon and Ocean City fireworks events in 2012) |
| Res.#2012-134 | Resolution Approving Project Proposal Between Hatch Mott Macdonald and the Township of Lower for Engineering Services Related to Remedial Investigation of Underground Storage Tanks Removed in 1994 and 1995 (\$18,500) |
| Ord. #2012-14 | An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township of Lower, Chapter 529, Secondhand Merchants and Dealers of Precious Metals, 1st rdg. (2nd rdg. & |

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public hearing, June 4th)

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

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

Regular Agenda

Res. #2102-135 Authorizing the Payment of Vouchers, \$6490.63 (per contract)

Motion to approve moved by Councilmemembr Conrad, seconded by Councilmember Craig.

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

Ord. #2012-11 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 400 of the Revised General Ordinance of the Township of Lower 2012, (Establishing Guidelines for Beekeeping) 2nd rdg. and Public Hearing

Mayor Beck requested Council table this Ordinance so that changed may be made as well as having William Galestok present to field questions. Motion to table moved by Mayor Beck, seconded by Councilmemembr Conrad.

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CONRAD		X	X			
CRAIG			X			
DOUGLASS			X			
LARE			X			
BECK	X		X			

Ord. #2012-12 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 90, of the Code of the Township, Entitled "Police Department", 1st rdg. (Increases fee Twp requires for use of off duty police for private work from \$45 per hour to \$60 per hour) 2nd rdg. and public hearing

The Assistant Clerk stated that this is the 2nd reading and public hearing for Ordinance #2012-12. There being no council or public comment, motion to adopt moved by 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			

Ord. #2012-13 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 400 of the Code of the Township of Lower, (Adding permitted uses within airport hazard zone to include outdoor flea markets) 2nd rdg. and public hearing

The Assistant Clerk announced that this is the 2nd reading and public hearing for Ordinance #2012-13. There being no Council or public comment, motion to adopt moved by Councilmember Craig, seconded by Councilmember Douglass.

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CONRAD			X			
CRAIG	X		X			
DOUGLASS		X	X			
LARE			X			
BECK			X			

Administrative Reports

Personnel Action Report

April Reports

Animal Control, Dog Licensing, Engineer, Municipal Clerk, Municipal Court, Police, Tax Collector, Vital Statistics

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad thanked Mr. Weber for his many years of service teaching music in the Lower Township Elementary School. Councilman Conrad also reminded everyone to safe a safe Memorial Day and to remember what Memorial Day is all about.

Councilmember Craig spoke on how wonderful Lower Township's Comunity Day was and congratulated the Recreation Department personnel for a great job and also congratulated Paricia Harbora who left employment with Lower Township to take a job with the City of Cape May as deputy clerk. Councilmember Craig also congratulated Mr. Webber on his retirement and stated all three of his children were taught by Mr. Webber.

Councilmember Douglass stated Mr. Webber was also a part of his family and taught all of his children to play musical instrtuments and stated how Mr. Webber was instrumental in many families throughout Lower Township. Councilmember Douglass stated he was happy to see the new crossings are open and traffic is flowing although there have been some concerns with traffic backing up on Tabernacle, the situation is being looked into.

Deputy Mayor Lare stated he didn't know Mr. Webber, but does know he has been teaching for years and wished him well on his retirement. Deputy Mayor Lare also stated South Jersey Cape Dancers will be on You've Got Tallent and requested everyone watch and support them. Deputy Mayor Lare notified residents that the engineer will be at the June 4th meeting to discuss the North Cape May drainage project. He also gave credit to Ducks Unlimited for their massive efforts in the clean up of the Cox Hall Creek project.

Mayor Beck reminded all of Lower Topwnship's Shredding Day, June 2, 2012 9AM - 12:00 Noon at Township Hall. He also reminded everyone that Council Meeitngs will begin at 6:00PM starting with the June 4th meeting. Mayor Beck spoke on the concerts at the Fishing Creek School the third Friday of the month in June, July and August. He stated that the concerts are free and food will be available to purchase. He encouraged all our residents to attend.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

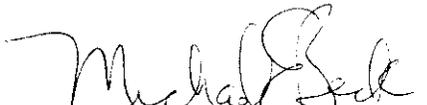
Frank Sorocco addressed Council and thanked the manager, construction official and code enforcement for correcting a safety problem on Tampa Avenue.

Jack Sparks addressed Council and questioned Councilmember Craig if he is currently working for the County. Councilmember Craig replied he is retired.

Bill Eisle, president of the New Jersey Bee Keepers Association addressed Council and thanked them for considering their efforts towards developing the Ordinance for bee keeping in Lower Township.

Jack Sparks addressed council and stated the Freeholders passed a Resolution hiring Walt Craig as a confidential assistant at a salary of over \$34,000.00 Councilman Craig replied there was a problem with his health benefits and they are trying to correct the situation.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Douglass, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lare. Motion to adjourn unanimous by verbal "ayes". Meeting adjourned at 7:38p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved: June 4, 2012