

Regular & Work Session Meeting Minutes - August 6, 2012

The regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on August 6, 2012 at 6:00 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: Bill Blaney, Solicitor, Michael Voll, Manager and Asst. Clerk Picard

Mayor Beck stated that two key members of our Township family are retiring and spoke of knowing Gayle's son Trevor through Eagle Scouts.

Certificate of Recognition - Gayle Crookston

Mayor Beck and Council presented Ms. Crookston with a certificate of appreciation for her dedicated service to Lower Township. Ms. Crookston thanked Mayor Beck and Council.

Certificate of Recognition - Thom Will

Mayor Beck and Council presented Thom Will with a certificate of appreciation for his dedicated service to Lower Township. Mr. Will stated he started working for the Township as a CETA Worker and also stated the Recreation Center is named for his father, of which he is very proud.

Proclamation Supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2012 Statewide Crackdown

Mayor Beck read the proclamation Supporting the Drive Sober or get Pulled Over initiative from the State. The proclamation declared August 17th through September 3rd as the state crackdown period.

Presentation: Jim Kilman - Atlanticare - Medic 5 Stationed at Erma Fire House

Mr. Kilman addressed Council and informed them that Medic 5 has been stationed in Lower Township at the Erma Fire Station. They have responded to over 40 calls per week and feel that the Township Residents deserve the best care possible. He stated they respond to 9-1-1 calls for life threatening issues. Chief Muller and Mr. Kilman thanked the Mayor and Council for helping them find the most appropriate way to target the needs of the County.

Councilman Conrad stated he is happy to welcome Medic 5 to the Township. This unit will provide care to the residents in need.

Fred Long addressed Council and thanked the members of Medic 5 for a situation involving his daughter-in-law. He stated if not for their efforts, she would not have lived.

Ed Butler addressed Council and questioned if they would be on call 24/7. Chief Muller replied they will respond to any life threatening call they are dispatched to.

Wayne Weissman addressed Council and expressed the desire to see a medic unit in every fire house.

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Public Hearing: Small Cities Public Facilities Application Hearing and Housing Rehabilitation Application Hearing (yearly requirement)

Mayor Beck opened the hearing for the Small Cities Facilities Application and the Housing Rehabilitation Application. Ed Butler questioned if Lower Township is eligible to apply for the grants. Colleen Crippen, Grants Coordinator replied the Township has already passed Resolutions approving the applications for the grants, this is the public hearing requesting public input.

John Lauderback addressed Council and pointed out that part of the grant money would be funneled down to the Fishing Creek School for use in its ADA upgrades. He also pointed out that the school will be a cultural center, and the bulk of the money will help with early childhood education programs.

Mayor Beck stated that the concert series at the School is a huge success. In the past, many of our residents had to go out of town to attend events such as this, but this event brought in more than 175 people. The school was built in 1888 to serve the needs of children, and we are trying to return it to its original purpose of early childhood education. This project will be an asset for many years to come.

Work Session

Review of Consent & Regular Agenda Items

Councilmember Conrad requested Bruce Fournier's name be placed on Resolution 2012-202.

Councilmember Craig requested Victoria Roach's name be placed on Resolution 2012-203.

Deputy Mayor Lare questioned why Township Inspectors are not used for Resolution 2012-192. Colleen Crippen replied in case of conflict. Deputy Mayor Lare questioned why Lindenman was being hired as the architect. Ms. Crippen replied that he had done the original plan and had done much of the work at the Recreation Department as well. Ms. Crippen stated their firm is well respected and experienced with ADA work.

Ed Butler questioned the Bond Ordinance for roads and outfalls. Ms. Crippen stated the outfall grant requires a grant match. Mr. Butler stated he is concerned with the amount of money that is being bonded - it is building up. Manager Voll replied the Township looks for every possible source of money and grants. Lower Township is very healthy for bonding.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes	July 16, 2012
Res. #2012-187	Payment of Vouchers, \$ 4,342,510.14
Res. #2012-188	A Resolution Requesting Reduction of Performance Guarantee for Good Samaritan Baptist Church, Inc. Block 494.47, Lots 22 & 23.03 Escrow #Z-06-03-09
Res. #2012-189	Amendment to Resolution #2012-94 Increasing Economic Loan Amount (Cape May Brewing increasing loan to \$129,512.78)
Res. #2012-190	Authorization for Refund of Taxes (5 properties)
Res. # 2012-191	Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (\$4,400 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over)
Res. #2012-192	Adoption of State Model Citizen Participation Plan for DCA Small Cities Program (\$400,000 Public Facilities Project & \$200,000 Housing Rehab loan program)
Res. #2012-193	Approval of Housing Rehabilitation Grant Management Plan (Management plan for \$200,000 2013 CDBG Housing Rehab program)
Res. #2012-194	Approval of Public Facilities Grant Management Plan Removal of Architectural Barriers

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- Res. #2012-195 (Management plan for \$400,000 2013 CDBG Public Facilities project)
Renewal of Commercial Excavation (Gravel Pit) License for A & H Mining & Recycling, LLC (Annual renewal)
- Res. #2012-196 Application for 2013 Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction (DEDR) Grant Funds (annual app)
- Res. #2012-197 Identifying Small Cities Fair Housing Officer (Colleen Crippen - annual appointment)
- Res. #2012-198 Certification of Lot Clearing Charges to Tax Collector (to lien 17 properties)
- Res. #2012-199 Approval of Cold Spring Presbyterian Church's Application to Conduct a Flea Market
- Res. #2012-200 Award of Vinyl Fence installed at Lower Township Pool Location (\$14,000.00)
- Res. #2012-201 Capital Budget Amendment (required for bond ordinance 2012-19)
- Res. #2012-202 Appointment to the Recreation Advisory Board (1 alternate member to fill unexpired term)
- Res. #2012-203 Appointing a Municipal Public Defender (Applicants A. Cafiero, C.Mattessich, V.Roach)
- Res. #2012-204 Resolution For Extension Of Liquor License To Receiver (CJ Holdings)
- Res. #2012-206 Appointment of Hearing Officer For Employee Disciplinary Matters
- Ord. #2012-19 Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Road and Drainage Improvements in and by the Township of Lower, in the County of Cape May, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,790,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,700,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof. 1st rdg. (Annual road & drainage repair program) 2nd rdg. & public hearing Aug. 20

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

Regular Agenda

- Ord. #2012-18 An Ordinance Authorizing Acceptance of Title to the Brandywine Shoal Light Station and Approving the Leasing Thereof to the Cape May Maritime Museum and Education Center, Inc. - 2nd reading & public hearing. A Copy of this Ordinance was posted and made available to the public.

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

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Administrative Reports

Personnel Action Report

June Reports

Municipal Court, Treasurer

Council Comments

Councilmember Craig stated he and the Mayor attended the re-dedication project at the Douglass Memorial Garden and thanked Jarred Osborne for a job well done.

Councilmember Douglass thanked the Recreation Department for the successful concert at the Delaware River Bay Authority. The concert was well attended and everyone had a great time. Councilmember Douglass stated the Township is currently working on additional concerts.

Deputy Mayor Lare echoed Councilmember Douglass's remarks and stated the Recreation Department is doing great things.

Mayor Beck congratulated Jarred Osborne on a great job at the memorial garden. He stated the concert at the DRBA was a magical show and the Recreation Department did an awesome job.

Mayor Beck announced the following:

National Night Out August 7th 7-9p.m.

Fishing Creek School Concert - August 17th 5-7p.m.

Blood Drive August 21st 10-3

Council Meeting September 5th will be at the Villas Fire Hall.

Mayor Beck recommended the continuation of the 6:00 p.m. starting time for Council Meetings for the remainder of 2012. All members of Council agreed. A formal Resolution for the change will be introduced at the next meeting.

Call to the Public

Tom Frisoli addressed Council and noted that the Nation Night Out event is held in an air conditioned facility at the school and gets bigger and better very year.

Ryan Krill, Cape May Brewing Company addressed Council and thanked both Council and Colleen Crippen for all their support.

Kevin Maloney addressed Council and thanked Council and the Administration for all their help and support with the Brandywine Shoal Light Station.

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Robert Rizzo addressed Council and suggested that everyone honor Claudia Kammer by donating blood at the Blood Drive scheduled for August 21st.

Closed Session

Res. #2012-205

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." (Update on Police Personnel Issues & Litigation - Various Foreclosure Matters)

Deputy Mayor Lare suggested that because no decisions are required for this session, that each Councilmember contact the solicitor individually for the information. Council did not agree so Deputy Mayor Lare withdrew his motion.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Council adjourned to Closed session at 6:45 p.m.


 Mayor


 Township Clerk

Approved: August 20, 2012