

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – February 20, 2019**

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on February 20, 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
- Councilmember Roland Roy, Jr.
- 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**

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of Minutes February 4, 2019

Res. #2019-88 Payment of Vouchers \$ 328,167.36

Res. #2019-89 A Resolution Approving the Acceptance of and Participation in the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMAA) Subgrant FY2018

Res. #2019-90 A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Firearms No Longer Needed to a Licensed Firearms Dealer for Private Sale

Res. #2019-91 Approval of Change Order #1 to South State Inc for Reconstruction of Georgia Avenue, Alabama Avenue & Main Street (\$14,438.09)

Res. #2019-92 Approval of Preserve New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund Administered by the New Jersey Historic Trust (\$38,850.)

Res. #2019-93 2019 Distracted Driving Crackdown U Drive. U Text. U Pay.

Res. #2019-94 Approving a Shared Service Agreement between the Township of Lower and the Township of Middle for Municipal Court Staff Personnel

Res. #2019-95 A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Statement of Consent Form required by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Quality, in Connection with the Roseann Avenue Roadway and Utilities Improvements Project (Mayor to sign application to DEP)

Ordinance #2019-03 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3-22 (D) of the Code of the Township of Lower, Providing that Township Residency will be a Preferential Consideration, But It Will Not Be Solely Determinative For Appointment of Non-Police Department Applicants – This is the first reading of this Ordinance. The second reading and public hearing has been scheduled for March 18, 2019.

Ordinance #2019-04 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 56, Local Defense/Emergency Management Council, of the Code of the Township of Lower – This is the first reading of this Ordinance. The second reading and public hearing has been scheduled for March 18, 2019

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

**Regular Agenda**

**Manager's Report**

Manager Ridgway spoke about upcoming meetings regarding Opportunity Zones; he shared news about the Township receiving the 2018 Climate Adaptation Leadership Award from the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies; he gave an update on the Schellenger's Landing Project; and spoke about the David C. Douglass memorial ceremony.

**Engineer's Report**

Mark Sray, Mott MacDonald, gave an update on current engineering projects including Roseann Avenue Roadway and Utility Improvements, Beach Access Improvements, Recreation Center Restrooms Upgrades, Emergency Repair to Pipeline on Clubhouse Dr., and Mulligan Field Renovations Project.

**Administrative Reports**

Monthly Reports – Clerk, Construction, Dog, Tax, Vital Statistics

**Council Comments**

Councilmember Conrad applauded the Planning and Zoning Boards and all the unsung heroes responsible for the Climate Adaptation Leadership Award.

Councilmember Perry - no comments

Councilmember Roy thanked Manager Ridgway and Mark Sray for their detailed updates.

Deputy Mayor Sippel reminded about the benefit for NJ Run for the Fallen, and announced that Cape May beach tags are free to veterans.

Mayor Simonsen commented on the memorial ceremony for David C. Douglass and vowed Council's continued commitment to public safety.

**Call to the Public**

**Closed Session**

Res. #2019-96 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 / Possible Litigation**

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

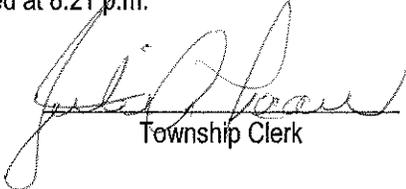
Council adjourned to Closed Session at approximately 7:16 p.m.

Council returned to Open Session at approximately 8:20 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Perry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sippel. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Township Clerk

Approved: *March 4, 2019*