

Regular & Work Session Meeting Minutes - October 20, 2008

The regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on October 20, 2008 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 Wayne Mazurek
Councilmember Glenn Douglass
Councilmember Robert Nolan
Mayor Walter Craig

Also present: Paul Baldini, Solicitor and Joseph Jackson, Manager

WORK SESSION

Mayor Craig said there was a proclamation for Lower Township Phillies Day and to wear red in support of the team on Wednesday.

Review of Consent and Regular Agenda Items

No Comments.

Public Comment/Questions on Consent Agenda Items Only

No Comments.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes October 6, 2008
2. Resolution #2008-244 Payment of Vouchers, \$1,715,371.93
3. Resolution #2008-245, Resolution in Opposition Of New State-Mandated COAH Housing
4. Resolution #2008-246, Resolution Officially Designating October 31st as Trick or Treat Night Between the Hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.
5. Resolution #2008-247, Acceptance of Bid and Award of Contract to Supply Asphalt to Lower Township
6. Resolution #2008-248, Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement for Temporary Storage of Vehicles and Equipment During Times of Emergency

Councilmember Nolan motioned to adopt the consent agenda items #1-6, seconded by Councilmember Mazurek. The consent agenda was adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmember Conrad, "yes", Councilmember Mazurek, "yes", Councilmember Douglass, "yes", Councilmember Nolan, "yes", Mayor Craig, "yes".

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Regular Agenda

Resolution #2008-249, A Resolution Authorizing Payment to the Lower Township Rescue Squad (\$35,000 contribution)

Councilmember Mazurek motioned to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilmember Douglass. The resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmember Conrad, "abstain", Councilmember Mazurek, "yes", Councilmember Douglass, "yes", Councilmember Nolan, "yes", Mayor Craig, "yes".

Administrative Reports

September Reports - Animal Control, BOCA, Clerk, Dog Licensing, Tax Collector, Tax Sale, Vital Statistics

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad said there was to be a meeting with representatives on alternate energy. He said he would announce when the work session would be. He said hopefully the meeting would be after the election.

Councilmember Mazurek said he heard good feedback on the Pumpkinfest at Cold Spring Village.

Councilmember Douglass said he met with the MUA along with the Manager and Councilmember Conrad he said things were moving forward and hoped to have an answer soon.

Councilmember Nolan said he spent the weekend with local Boy Scouts at Beachcomber Campground and had a good time.

Mayor Craig announced Halloween would be from 6-8pm and the Haunted Hayride would be held on Saturday and it started at 7pm.

7:08

Public Comments

Joe Winters of Florida Avenue asked if Council had discussed mandatory hook ups for water. Councilmember Douglass said part of the meeting he had with the MUA addressed that.

Mr. Winters asked about the resolution regarding Magellan Hill.

Mayor Craig said the Solicitor was satisfied it was a utility so there was no bid threshold or contract needed.

Mr. Winters asked if a three year contract was legal.

Solicitor Baldini said it was amended on October 6th.

Manager Jackson said it had been discussed if it fell under a contract and the company wanted a 2 year contract.

Back and forth on whether a contract was needed.

Ponder Lodge

Wayne Weissman of Beechwood Avenue asked about Ponder Lodge and if they were going to tear down the buildings. He said he was getting the run around when he called and inquired about it.

Mayor Craig said that was the intent to tear down the remaining buildings. He said the contact person they dealt with was Lee Widjescog and he could give him that number to call.

Mr. Weissman said he would hate to see someone get hurt there.

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Resolution #2008-250, A 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 - Supervisor’s, Litigation - Van Note Harvey)
Councilmember Nolan motioned to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilmember Douglass. The resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmember Conrad, “yes”, Councilmember Mazurek, “yes”, Councilmember Douglass, “yes”, Councilmember Nolan, “yes”, Mayor Craig, “yes”.

Council returned to open session and there being no further comment, Councilmember motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember the meeting unanimously adjourned by verbal “ayes” at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor

Township Clerk

Approved: November 3, 2008