

## Reorganization & Regular Meeting Minutes - January 5, 2009

The reorganization meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on January 5, 2009 at 6:00 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 Kevin Lare  
Mayor Michael Beck

Also present: Joseph Jackson, Manager

### Oath of Office for Council at Large and Mayor

Township Clerk, Claudia R. Kammer swore in Kevin Lare as Deputy Mayor while his wife Annette held the bible for him. The Clerk then swore in Michael E. Beck as Mayor while his wife Brenda held the bible.

### **WORK SESSION**

#### Review of Consent and Regular Agenda Items

No comments.

#### **Consent Agenda**

1. Resolution #2009-01, Appointment of Municipal Solicitor for the Year 2009 Pursuant to Non-Fair and Open Procedures (Anthony Monzo)
2. Resolution #2009-02, Appointment of Municipal Engineer for the Year 2009 Pursuant to Non-Fair and Open Procedures (Hatch Mott McDonald Engineers)
3. Resolution #2009-03, Appointment of Municipal Auditor for the Year 2009 Pursuant to Non-Fair and Open Procedures (*Ford Scott Seidenburg & Kennedy*)
4. Resolution #2009-04, Appointment of Bond Counsel for the Year 2009 Pursuant to Non-Fair and Open Procedures (*Mc Manimon & Scotland*)
5. Resolution #2009-05, Appointment of Municipal Prosecutor for the Year 2009 (Mary Bittner)
6. Resolution #2009-06, Appointment of Municipal Public Defender for the Year 2009 (Christopher Gibson)
7. Resolution #2009-07, Appointment of Emergency Management Council for the Year 2009 (Annual Required Appointments)
8. Resolution #2009-08, Appointment of Class III Member to the Planning Board (Kevin Lare)

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9. Resolution #2009-09, Appointment of Officials for Joint Insurance Fund and Municipal Excess Liability Fund (Annual Resolution)
10. Resolution #2009-10, Appointment of JIF Risk Management Consultant (Barbara Weigand)
11. Resolution #2009-11, Establishment of Council Meeting Dates and Times (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays except holidays)
12. Resolution #2009-12, Setting the Interest Rate for Delinquent Taxes (Statutorily regulated)
13. Resolution #2009-13, Designation of Official Depositories
14. Resolution #2009-14, Designation Of Official Newspapers for Legal Advertising for the Year 2009 (Star & Wave & Herald)
15. Resolution #2009-15, Authorizing Payment of 2009 Debt Service
16. Resolution #2009-16, Annual Approval of Petty Cash Funds (Police Dept. & Treasurer's Office)
17. Resolution #2009-17, Adopting Cash Management Plan
18. Resolution #2009-18, Resolution to Defer The Regional School Tax
19. Resolution #2009-19, Adopting 2009 Temporary Current Budget
20. Resolution #2009-20, Approving 2009 Contract with Cape Assist (EAP Program)
21. Resolution #2009-21, Resolution Approving Contract with Fort Dearborn for Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services (Group Life)
22. Resolution #2009-22 Authorization for Public Bidding (Annual resolution for bidding throughout the year)
23. Resolution #2009-23, Designation of Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Township of Lower (M. Vitelli)
24. Resolution #2009-24, Transfer of 2008 Appropriations \$60,600
25. Resolution #2009-25, Authorizing Payment of Compensatory Time for 2008
26. Resolution #2009-26, Approval of 2009 Vouchers \$2,875,849.00
27. Resolution #2009-27, Authorizing Clerk to Issue Bingo & Raffle Licenses Throughout the Year to Qualified Organizations

Councilmember Mazurek motioned to adopt the consent agenda items #1-27, seconded by Councilmember Douglass. The consent agenda was adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmember Conrad, "yes", Councilmember Mazurek, "yes", Councilmember Douglass, "yes", Councilmember Lare, "yes", Mayor Beck, "yes".

**Regular Agenda**

Resolution #2009-28, A Resolution Designating the Lower Township Rescue Squad, Inc. As The Provider of  
Emergency Medical Services in Lower Township

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

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Lare, “yes”, Mayor Beck, “yes”.

### Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad congratulated Mayor Michael Beck and Deputy Mayor Kevin Lare. Councilmember Mazurek congratulated Mayor Beck and Deputy Mayor Lare and said he was looking forward to working with them.

Councilmember Douglass reiterated the same.

Councilmember Lare thanked Council and Mike Beck. He said thank you to all the volunteers, his wife Annette and children Lindsay and Luke. He treasured the confidence the people had in him and was humbled to sit in the seat. He said he would work hard to get the respect of everyone.

Mayor Beck acknowledged Assemblyman Matt Mylan. He said it was time to say thank you to all of those who helped. He thanked Annette and his wife Brenda and thank you to so many more.

Mayor Beck said it wasn't about him but about the people. He said there were many problems to be solved and many of it was of our own doing and some things were out of our control. He said the sewer and water issues needed to be resolved, also taxes needed to be addressed. He stated we needed to get our own house in order and go in the right direction.

Mayor Beck said it was the people's government and to step forward and help. He said helping and caring was an obligation not an option. He said he looked forward to his term and to be Mayor of Lower Township was an honor, he couldn't do it without the help of Council and the people.

### Public Comments

Janet Pitts of the Lower Township Taxpayers Association welcomed and congratulated the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and saw it as an opportunity to work close with Council. She said there was a lot of people who want to help and look forward to working with them.

Ed Butler of Delaware Bay Drive was the Vice President of the Lower Township Taxpayers Association said he backed up what Ms. Pitts said. He supported them and if things weren't right he would let them know. He commented Council had one heck of a budget to work with.

Jack Sparks of North Cape May said 38 years ago he sat in Mike's seat. He said to cherish the job and good luck to them.

Jay Whitmore of Cape May Beach Property Owners said there were many problems with communication and offered support and help to get the right information out.

Mayor Beck invited everyone to the VFW post.

There being no further comment, Councilmember Douglass motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Mazurek the meeting unanimously adjourned by verbal “ayes” at

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6:25p.m.

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Mayor

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Township Clerk

Approved: January 21, 2009