

Regular & Work Session Meeting Minutes - October 18, 2010

The regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on October 18, 2010 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
Deputy Mayor Kevin Lare
Mayor Michael Beck

Also present: Anthony Monzo, Solicitor, Kathleen McPherson, Manager and Asst. Clerk Horwath

WORK SESSION

Nature Conservancy Letter - Request to Donate Parce 0.3085 Acres to Township on Beach Drive

Mayor Beck said they received a letter from the Nature Conservancy and wanted to donate .0385 of an acre to the Township on Beach Drive.

Manager McPherson said the lot were sandwiched in between property owned by the Township. She said they had beach access across from Roslyn Avenue and the Nature Conservancy wrote and asked the Township if they were interested in them donating the property. She said they were already maintaining the property since it was in their beach maintenance permit.

Councilmember Mazurek said it was a good idea, but said there was a pipe sticking up out of the ground and may want to look into it.

Deputy Mayor Lare supported what Councilmember Mazurek said and make sure the obstruction was removed before they took ownership.

Review of Consent and Regular Agenda Items

Deputy Mayor Lare said he would like Council to consider Mike Laing for the Recreation Advisory Board. Council agreed to the recommendation.

Public Questions on Consent Agenda and/or Regular Agenda Items

Brian McEwing of Townbank Road asked if the resolutions could be on the website for the public.

Manager McPherson said the whole agenda packet was on the website.

Joe Winters of Florida Ave. asked about Resolution #2010-273.

Manager McPherson said it was through the Office of Emergency Management.

Mr. Winters asked what it cost the Township.

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Manager McPherson said it was no cost to the Township it was a matching grant for salaries.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes October 4, 2010
Res. #2010-261, Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Program Policy and Procedural Manual -
 Removed Oct. 4 (required by grant)
Res. #2010-263, Awarding Bid #2010-10, Miscellaneous Material/ Supplies for Outfall Drainage
 Project -**Removed Oct. 4**
Res. #2010-264, Awarding Bid #2010-11, Tideflex Check Valves or Equal for Outfall Project -
 Removed Oct. 4
Res. #2010-267, Payment of Vouchers, \$1,796,266.37
Res. #2010-268, Certification of Lot Clearing Charges to the Tax Collector (3 properties)
Res. #2010-269, A Resolution Requesting Release of Demolition Bond for Block 542, Lot 16, 212
 Iselin Road, North Cape May
Res. #2010-270, Renewal of Liquor License for DSSK Inc. License #0505-33-007-003 (Special
 ruling recd. From ABC permitting Council to renew the inactive license)
Res. #2010-271, Approving Application to Conduct A Flea Market for November 6, 2010 for Greater
 Cape May Elk s #2839 (Nov. 6)
Res. #2010-272, Over the Limit under Arrest 2010 Year End Statewide Crackdown Grant
Res. #2010-273, Authorization for the Township of Lower to Accept a Subgrant Award of the Federal Fiscal
 Year 2010 of Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance
 Grant Program Funding and for the Township Chief Financial Officer to Amend the
 Budget and Certify the Availability of Funds
Res. #2010-274, Appointment to Recreation Advisory Board (filling vacancy of R. Osborne)

Councilmember Douglass motioned to adopt the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Conrad. The consent agenda was adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmember Conrad, yes , Councilmember Mazurek, yes , Councilmember Douglass, yes , Deputy Mayor Lare, yes , Mayor Beck, yes .

Administrative Reports

Personnel Action Report
September Reports - Animal Control, Construction Official, Dog Licensing, Engineer, Municipal Clerk, Municipal Court, Tax Collector and Vital Statistics _____

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad said there was a talent show at the High School on the 21st and everyone was invited to attend.
Mayor Beck said October 31st from 6-8 pm was trick or treat, Saturday October 23rd was the Haunted Trails at the airport formerly the Haunted Hay Ride.
Mayor Beck said his last comment had to do with Bob Imler, he said Lower Township lost a favorite son and he was a great man. He said Mr. Imler sat on the boards for more than 40 years and deepest sympathy to the family it was a great loss. He said they would honor Mr. Imler at a future meeting.

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Public Comment

Nature Conservancy

Bill Greenfield of the Villas asked if the Nature Conservancy owned more property than that and why were they only donating one parcel?

Manager McPherson said they didn't have any need for it.

Mr. Greenfield said it didn't make sense that they weren't donating all their parcels.

Councilmember Mazurek said they didn't have any other parcels on the bayfront only that one. He said the Township owned from the Ferry down to Emerson Ave. and their parcel sat in the middle of what the Township owned.

Ponder Lodge

Wayne Weissman of Beechwood Avenue asked if Stockton was still going forward with Ponder Lodge?

Mayor Beck said they were still trying to get an answer. He said Fish and Wildlife still had a certain hold on until the proposal from DEP with Stockton was acceptable. He said it should be at any time and would do what needed to be done to protect the Township. He said he called to have it cleaned up.

Hiring Freeze

Brian McEwing of North Cape May asked if the Township had a hiring freeze. He said all he had heard was there was a budget deficit so why were they hiring a Recreation Aid?

Manager McPherson said it was a replacement for the one who had left.

Mr. McEwing said did they need to be replaced until they resolved the budget issues.

Manager McPherson said that wouldn't have an impact on the budget. She said the building had to be staffed.

Mr. McEwing said he asked 6 months ago if the Township had a staffing plan to base decisions on.

Manager McPherson said they had a staffing plan.

A discussion back and forth on the staffing plan issue.

Mayor Beck said it would have very little impact. He said they had a CAP and until they had all the information then they would determine which direction to go.

Res. #2010-275, 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 & Acquisition of Property)

Councilmember Douglass motioned to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilmember Conrad. The resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: Councilmember Conrad, yes, Councilmember Mazurek, yes, Councilmember Douglass, yes, Deputy Mayor Lare, yes, Mayor Beck, yes.

Council returned to open session and there being no further comment, Councilmember Mazurek motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Douglass the meeting unanimously adjourned by verbal ayes at 8:55 p.m.

Mayor

Township Clerk

Approved: November 1, 2010