

Regular & Work Session Meeting Minutes -Nov. 1, 2010

The regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on November 1, 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 and Kathleen McPherson, Manager

WORK SESSION

Review of Consent and Regular Agenda Items

No Comments.

Public Questions on Consent Agenda and/or Regular Agenda Items

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes	October 18, 2010
Res. #2010-276,	Payment of Vouchers, \$3,996,889.81
Res. #2010-277,	Authorization for Refund of Taxes (State DEP property purchased 8/3/09 12 1/2 acre tract on Seagrove Ave. Refund Amt \$72.83)
Res. #2010-278,	Authorization Determination for Municipal Service Fees for 2011(Trailer Park pad fee - annual resolution required by law each year)
Res. #2010-279,	A Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Lower Authorizing the Adoption of the Cape May County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan (County Emergency Management request)
Res. #2010-282,	<i>Resolution in Support of County Open Space Acquisition (Approx. 7 acres from First Assembly of God Church, west of the church)</i>

On motion by Councilmember Mazurek, seconded by Councilmember Conrad, the Consent Agenda was approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmember Conrad, yes , Councilmember Mazurek, yes , Councilmember Douglass, yes , Deputy Mayor Lare, yes , Mayor Beck, yes .

Regular Agenda

Res. #2010-281 Payment of Voucher, \$35,000 (LT Rescue Final Audit recd for payment)

Mayor Beck opened the meeting to the public for comment.

Ed Butler asked why did the Township give \$105,000.00 to the rescue squad every year. He said he appreciated everything they did but insurance covered most cases.

Mayor Beck said the Township signed a contract at the beginning of every year but everything would be under scrutiny for the next year. He said Council may decided to change it next year.

Mr. Butler said he wanted to bring it up again as it would be coming up again next year.

Bill Greenfield thought \$100,000 was a bargain for the service and many people didn't pay at all. Councilmember Mazurek said at one time they were employees and they felt it was a better bargain to sever them as employees.

Mike Rosenberg 100 Coral Avenue felt it was a good thing, many people didn't have insurance and if this went towards those it was a good thing. He said they did have the yearly program you could pay into for services.

Ray Demarino of 4 E. Greenwood Ave. said the rescue squad didn't do anything until it came from the hospital.

Mayor Beck closed the public portion.

On motion by Councilmember Douglass, seconded by Councilmember Mazurek, the resolution was approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmember Conrad, abstain, Councilmember Mazurek, yes, Councilmember Douglass, yes, Deputy Mayor Lare, yes, Mayor Beck, yes.

Res. #2010-280, Certification of Lot Clearing (1 property)

Mayor Beck opened the meeting for public comment.

Joe Winters asked if there was a reason the location wasn't listed on the agenda.

The Clerk said sometimes there were too many to list and the information was available on line.

Mayor Beck closed the public portion.

On motion by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lare, the resolution was approved by the following roll call vote: Councilmember Conrad, yes, Councilmember Mazurek, yes, Councilmember Douglass, abstain, Deputy Mayor Lare, yes, Mayor Beck, yes.

Administrative Reports

The Personnel Action Report, September Fire Bureau report and the Safety Committee report were received by Council and made a part of the minutes.

Council Comments

Deputy Mayor Lare mentioned Seashore Community Church was holding a Thanksgiving dinner for those in the community in need. He said there would be two seating on November 21st at 1:00 and 3:00pm at the Emma Holiness Camp on Seashore and it was free and nondenominational.

Mayor Beck said the deadline for the 2009 homestead application had been extended to January 3, 2011. He said Veterans Day Service would be November 11th at 11:00 am at the VFW Post 5343 which is in the Villas. He said the haunted trail was outstanding and he thanked all the volunteers and said there was a huge crowd.

Public Comments

Drainage Issue - Greenwood Avenue

Ray Demarino said he would like to invite Council the next heavy rain storm to the post office to observe all the water that accumulated. He complained about how the truck drive through the water and made a large splash.

Manager McPherson said they would look at it.

Councilmember Conrad said the leaves were clogging a lot of the drains in the area.

Mayor Beck said the speed limit on the street may have to be enforced.

Manager McPherson said they would look into it.

Councilmember Douglass motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Conrad the meeting was unanimously adjourned by verbal ayes at 7:22 p.m.

Mayor

Township Clerk

Approved: November 15, 2010