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TOWNSHIP OF LOWER, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE #2009-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER SECTION 3-41, MAYOR'S ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Lower desires to amend and restate in its entirety Section 3-41 of the Lower Township Code establishing the Mayor's Advisory Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lower in the County of Cape May and the State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 3-41 of the Lower Township Code entitled "Mayor's Advisory Board" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**3-41. Mayor's Advisory Board.**

A. There is hereby created the Mayor's Advisory Board of Lower Township, hereafter known as MAB.

B. The purpose of the MAB shall be to provide advice to the Mayor and Council regarding short and long range planning for the improvement of Lower Township. The MAB shall give consideration to and make recommendations with regard to the following matters:

1. What goals should the Township seek to accomplish within the next ten years?
2. What is the best method to address concerns submitted by the Mayor and Council?
3. What is the best method to address concerns submitted by residents?
4. What steps or actions should the Township take to attain these goals?

C. The MAB shall consist of nine members representing a cross section of the Township's various social and economic groups who shall serve without compensation. The Mayor shall appoint five members, one of which shall be the Chairperson. The remaining four members of Council shall each appoint one member. All members of the MAB shall be appointed for a two (2) year term expiring December 31 following each general election at which the Mayor and Council are elected, provided, however that the initial MAB may be appointed at any time after the effective date of this section for a term which shall expire at the reorganization meeting in January, 2011.

1. Vacancies in any member's term shall be for the remainder of the appointee's term and shall be filled by the Mayor or Councilmember who originally made the appointment.
2. Reappointment of any member shall be at the discretion of the Mayor or Councilmember who made the original appointment.

The Mayor, Council and Township Manager shall be *ex-officio* members of the MAB without the right to vote.

D. The MAB shall meet at least monthly but may conduct additional meetings if requested by the Mayor or Chairperson.

E. MAB members may have only two consecutive excused absences from the scheduled meetings and must attend at least 70% of all scheduled meetings. Failure to maintain the required attendance may result in removal from the Board at the discretion of the Mayor or Councilmember who made the appointment.

F. The Chairperson shall have the authority to establish committees to consider specific issues which have been identified by the MAB. Such committees shall make any reports as needed or requested by the MAB.

G. The Chairperson shall also appoint a non-member to serve, without compensation, as secretary to the MAB. The secretary shall prepare the MAB minutes after each meeting and submit them for approval at the next regular meeting.

H. The MAB shall present an annual report to the Mayor and Council at the first Council meeting in February, reflecting the MAB's work the prior year.

I. Although not a "public body" under the Open Public Meetings Act, all meetings of the MAB at which a quorum is present shall be advertised and held open to the public at the Township general meeting room under the same procedures and requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

J. Any member of the MAB may be removed without cause by a majority of the other MAB members. In such event, the removed member's successor for the unexpired term shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment under this section.

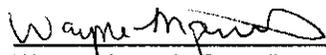
SECTION 2. All other Ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

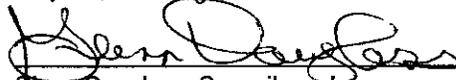
SECTION 3. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

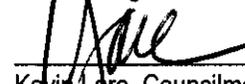
SECTION 4. Upon final passage and publication according to law, a copy of this Ordinance shall forthwith be certified by an appropriate officer of the Township of Lower.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final passage and publication as provided by law provided.

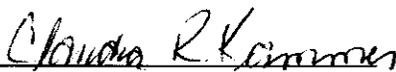
  
Thomas Conrad, Councilmember

  
Wayne Mazurek, Councilmember

  
Glenn Douglass, Councilmember

  
Kevin Lare, Councilmember

  
Mike Beck, Mayor

Attest:   
Claudia R. Kammer, Township Clerk

Adopted: March 16, 2009  
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