

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – October 5, 2020

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on October 5, 2020 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 Kevin Coombs
- Councilmember Roland Roy, Jr.
- Deputy Mayor David Perry
- Mayor Frank Sippel

Also present: James Ridgway, Township Manager, David Stefankiewicz, Township Solicitor and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk

Work Session

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes - September 21, 2020

- Res. #2020-255 Payment of Vouchers \$1,208,104.21
- Res. #2020-256 Certification of Lot Clearing Charges to the Tax Collector (3 properties \$2,160.)
- Res. #2020-257 Authorizing the Disposal of Township of Lower Surplus No Longer Needed for Public Use
- Res. #2020-258 Authorization for Refund of Taxes (1 property)
- Res. #2020-259 Amend Resolution #2020-01; Appointment of Municipal Solicitor for the year 2020 as a Professional Service Contract without Public Bidding (\$60,000)
- Res. #2020-260 Bid Acceptance and Award of two (2) 2021 Ford Explorer 4WD and One (1) 2021 Dodge Durango 4WD (\$86,154.00)
- Res. #2020-261 A Resolution Authorizing the Township of Lower to Loan Thirty Google Chromebook Laptop Computers to the Lower Township Elementary School District for use by Students in Response to the Impact on Educational Needs Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic
- Res. #2020-262 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (OEM Grant \$10,000)
- Res. #2020-263 Issuance of 2020 Limousine License (Cape May Limousine)
- Res. #2020-264 Award of Professional Service Contract without Public Bidding to Wizards Festival of Fun for Tricks and Treats Halloween Magic Show (\$7,500)
- Res. #2020-265 A Resolution Requesting Release of Performance Guarantee for Scott Peter / Shore Real Estate Developers; Block 712, Lots 1, 2 & 30. Escrow #Z17-11-02
- Res. #2020-266 A Resolution Requesting Release of Performance Guarantee for Marie Mihalcik-Mascaro – Baba Bakery; Block 673, Lot 12, Escrow #P08-03-09

Ordinance #2020-16; An Ordinance of the Township of Lower Amending Chapter 157, Alcoholic Beverages, Subsection 157-6(D) (1), of the Code of the Township of Lower. This is the first reading of this Ordinance. The second reading and public hearing has been scheduled for October 19, 2020.

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD		X	X				
COOMBS			X				
ROY			X				
PERRY	X		X				
SIPPEL			X				

Regular Agenda

Manager's Report

Manager Ridgway updated Council on several matters including: flood maps, 2021 budget preparations, the tax sale, protocols for reopening the Rec Center, upcoming Halloween events, beach accesses, Autumn leaf and branch schedule, meeting with Wildwood Crest to discuss services to Diamond Beach, meeting regarding off-shore windmills, Schellenger's Landing, and Jonathan Hoffman Park improvements.

Administrative Reports

Affidavit of Mailing, Advertising & Posting of Notice of Tax Sale

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad commented on the significance of the flood maps, and informed of progress with the Foster House.

Councilmember Coombs shared his experience in a recent training webinar and expressed appreciation for Township department-heads.

Councilmember Roy stressed the importance of posting house numbers on your property, and informed of a speed indicator at the foot of the bridge in Schellenger's Landing.

Deputy Mayor Perry shared promising news from a meeting with County Engineer Robert Church regarding County road improvements within the Township.

Manager Ridgway informed of increased enforcement in Schellenger's Landing and expressed appreciation to Council for their willingness to assist the elementary schools.


Mayor Sippel announced upcoming Halloween events, and shared a thank-you note from Holy Spirit Lutheran Church for the food drive donations.

Call to the Public

James Sanford, Raleigh Ave., addressed Council regarding EMS services to Diamond Beach. Manager Ridgway informed that negotiations are being discussed with Wildwood Crest. Mr. Sanford expressed his appreciation and offered help if needed.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Mayor Sippel, seconded by Councilmember Coombs. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved: 10/19/2020