

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – October 7, 2024

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on October 7, 2024 at 5:00 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: Michael Laffey, Township Manager, Robert Belasco, Township Solicitor and Amy Belasco, Township Registrar

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – September 16, 2024

Res. #2024-315 Authorization for the Payment of Vouchers \$994,609.73

Res. #2024-316 A Resolution Authorizing a Request for Funds from the Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority

Res. #2024-317 Approving Change Order #2 to Fred M Schiavone Construction, Inc. for the Final As-Built Quantities and Contract Reduction for Diamond Beach Park Improvements (LT-C-016)

Res. #2024-318 Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (R.Abrams)

Res. #2024-319 Authorization for Waiver of Fees for Run the Crest 10 Miler – October 5, 2024

Res. #2024-320 Approval for the 2024 Lower Township Veterans Day Parade

Res. #2024-321 Under 3% Emergency Resolution (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-48) Capital Improvement Fund – Down Payment for Bond Ord #24-07

Res. #2024-322 Authorization for Refund of Taxes

Res. #2024-323 Approval of Contributions to Lower Township Chamber of Commerce (\$4,000)

Res. #2024-324 A Resolution Awarding a Non-Fair and Open Contract to ProPhoenix Corporation to Renew the Software and Maintenance for Lower Township Fire Safety

Res. #2024-325 Approving Change Order #3 to Fred M. Schiavone Construction, Inc. for a Contract Extension of 45 Days for Frances Avenue Emergency Storm Sewer Piping at Ohio Pump Station (LT-C-045)

Res. #2024-326 Certification of Best Practices Inventory

Res. #2024-327 A Resolution Awarding a Non-Fair and Open Contract to DTM Powersports to Purchase a New 2024 Kawasaki Mule Pro-FX 1000 HD with Accessories Including Hard Top and Plow for the Lower Township Recreation Department

Res. #2024-328 Authorizing the Sale of Township of Lower Surplus No Longer Needed for Public Use on GovDeals Online Auction Website

Res. #2024-329 Approving Change Order #1 to Perna Finnegan for Emergency Sink Hole on Delaware Bay Drive Across from the Ohio Avenue Pumping Station Repairs for Final Contract Reduction for As-Built Quantity Adjustments (LT-C-044)

Res. #2024-330 Local Arts Program Grant

- Res. #2024-331 A Resolution for Special Emergency Appropriation as per N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-53 Authorizing Preparation of an Approved Tax Map
- Res. #2024-332 Approving Change Order #2 to Van Note Harvey, a Division of Pennoni Associates Inc., for Additional Services to Complete Digital and Certified Tax Maps for the Calendar Year 2023 in 2024
- Res. #2024-333 Approving Change Order #1 with Paving Plus for As-Built Adjustments Final Contract Reduction for Resurfacing of Bay Drive; Wildwood Avenue to Mallow Road (LT-C-034A)

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

Regular Agenda

- Res. #2024-334 A Resolution to Ratify a Four (4) Year Contract Agreement Between the Township of Lower and the Lower Township Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA) Local 59

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

- Res. #2024-335 A Resolution to Ratify a Four (4) Year Contract Agreement Between the Township of Lower and the Lower Township Superior Officers

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

Engineer Report

Cody gave updates on the Rotary Community Park Renovations, Bay outfall Extensions, FY2024 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program- the reconstruction of Ridgewood Avenue, 2023 Stormwater GIS mapping services, Frances Avenue Storm Sewer Evaluation, David Douglass Sr. Memorial Park Renovations, Lower Township Public Works Building Design, Corson Lane Roadway Resurfacing, Holmes Ave, Gorham Ave & Scott Ave Storm Sewer and Roadway Improvement Project- Survey Phase, Lower Township Municipal Pool Building Evaluation, FY 2025 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program- Reconstruction of Beach Avenue

Administrative Reports

Treasurer

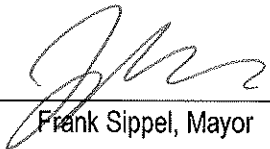
Public Comment- No public comments

Council Comments

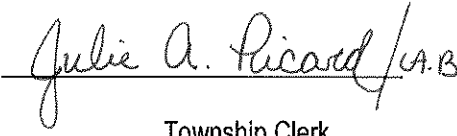
Councilmember Conrad- good job to Amy Belasco filling in for the Clerk
Councilmember Coombs- remember the victims of Isreal, victims of the hurricane thoughts and prayers
Councilmember Roy- no comment
Deputy Mayor Perry-no comment
Mayor Sippel- A few announcements Halloween Costume Parade at cold spring, Trunk or Treat at the Ferry Sunday October 20th from 6pm-7:30pm , Haunted Trails Saturday October 26th 6pm-9pm, Trick or Treat 5-8, Deadline to register to vote oct 15, Townhall Meeting Monday October 7th at the Highschool.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Councilmember Roy Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.



Frank Sippel, Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved: 10/21/2024