

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – March 16, 2026

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on March 16, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the meeting room of 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 Joseph Wareham
- Councilmember Roland Roy, Jr.
- Mayor Frank Sippel

Also present: Michael Laffey, Township Manager, Robert Belasco, Township Solicitor and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk

Work Session

Lower Cape May Regional High School – Winter Sports Certificates

Mayor Sippel thanked LCMR Superintendent Greg Lasher and Athletic Director Matt Danze, as well as team coaches and athletes for their attendance. On behalf of Council, Mayor Sippel presented a proclamation to LCMR School for the outstanding athletic achievements of the Wrestling Team, Boys Basketball Team and Football Team. Mr. Lasher thanked Council for the proclamation and congratulated LCMR coaches and athletes.

Coach Bill Damiano announced the athletes and coaches as Council presented Certificates of Congratulation for their outstanding achievements.

Coach Scott Holden applauded the Boys Basketball Team for a great season.

Mr. Danze shared the teams' accolades and applauded their outstanding accomplishments.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – March 2, 2026

Approval of New Jersey State Firefighter's Association Membership – J.Campbell – Erma Volunteer Fire Company

Res. #2026-128 Authorization for the Payment of Vouchers \$ 303,543.45

Res. #2026-129 Renewal of Trailer Park License for the year 2026

Res. #2026-130 Renewal of 2026 Campground Licenses

Res. #2026-131 Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Karen Fournier as the Lower Township Municipal Clerk effective April 16, 2026

Res. #2026-132 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Parkmobile, LLC to Provide Parking Fee Collection and Management Services in connection with Paid Parking Zones and Parking Meters

Res. #2026-133 A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a contract with American Bounce for the Provisions of Recreational Amenities at Lower Township Easter Egg Hunt/Spring Fling on March 28, 2026

Res. #2026-134 Approval for Various Events hosted by the Lower Township Recreation Department

Res. #2026-135 A Resolution Authorizing Advertisement of a Notice to Bidders for the Resurfacing of Various Streets – Diamond Beach

Ord #2026-06 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 570, Solid Waste, Article I, Rubbish and Trash, Subsection 4, Collection Days and Times; Recyclables, of the Code of the Township of Lower. This is the first reading and public hearing of this Ordinance. The second reading and public hearing has been scheduled for April 6, 2026

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

Regular Agenda

Ord #2026-03 Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Sewer Improvements by and in the Township of Lower, in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$2,500,000.00 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,500,000.00 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the

Cost thereof. This is the second reading and public hearing for this Ordinance. This Ordinance has been posted, published and made available to the public.

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

Ord #2026-04 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, Traffic, of the Code of the Township of Lower to Enact Article IV, Paid Parking Zones/Parking Meters, to Establish Paid Parking Areas and Regulations Governing Operation and Enforcement. This is the second reading and public hearing for this Ordinance. This Ordinance has been posted, published and made available to the public.

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

Administrative Reports

Clerk, Construction, Dog, Tax, Vital Statistics

Public Comment – no comments

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad congratulated LCMR athletes and advised residents to check on neighbors with inclement weather approaching.

Councilmember Wareham - no comments

Councilmember Roy complimented LCMR athletes and coaches on their impressive accomplishments.

Mayor Sippel thanked Council, Manager and the Clerk's office for their efforts in preparing the certificates.

Closed Session

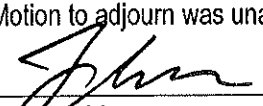
Res. # 2026-136 A Resolution Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12 PERSONNEL

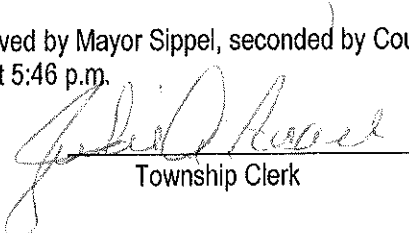
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CONRAD		X	X				
WAREHAM			X				
ROY			X				
COOMBS							X
SIPPEL	X						

Council adjourned to Closed Session at 5:32 p.m. Council returned to Open Session at 5:45 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Mayor Sippel, seconded by Councilmember Conrad. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.


 Frank Sippel, Mayor


 Township Clerk

Approved: April 6, 2026