

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – April 18, 2022

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on April 18, 2022 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 Roland Roy, Jr.  
Mayor Frank Sippel

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

### Work Session

Autism Awareness Proclamation – Mayor Frank Sippel

Mayor Sippel read a Proclamation proclaiming April 2022 as Autism Awareness month in Lower Township.

Mayor Sippel invited Jacyn Piszczko, guest speaker since 2007, to speak about Autism.

Jacyn Piszczko addressed Council and read his speech describing his personal experience living with Autism.

Councilmember Conrad thanked Jacyn for sharing his experience.

Councilmember Roy congratulated Jacyn for his bravery and thanked him for sharing.

Mayor Sippel presented Jacyn with a commemorative coin on behalf of Township Council.

### Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – April 4, 2022

Res. #2022-135 Authorization for the Payment of Vouchers (\$671,608.53)

Res. #2022-136 Issuance of Ice Cream Peddling and Ice Cream Salesman License for the Year 2022

Res. #2022-137 A Resolution Authorizing and Approving an Interim Shared Service Agreement Between the County of Cape May and the Township of Lower for Public Safety Answering, Dispatch and Related Services

Res. #2022-138 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (A.Micchche \$6,810.89)

Res. #2022-139 A Resolution Authorizing the Ride to Defeat ALS Scheduled for June 11, 2022

Res. #2022-140 Approval of Change Order #1 to DeBlasio & Associates for the Diamond Beach Park Improvements Project (\$42,000)

Res. #2022-141 Issuance of 2022 Limousine Licenses (Cape May Limo – 2 Licenses)

Res. #2022-142 Authorizing Payment of 2022 County Taxes (Second Quarter \$3,031,640.87)

Ord. #2022-04 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 90, Police Department, of the Code of the Township of Lower to Provide for the Hiring of Entry Level Police Officers in Accordance with N.J.S.A.52-17B-69.1 and N.J.S.A 11A:4-1.3 This is the first reading of this Ordinance. The second reading and Public Hearing is scheduled for May 16, 2022

Mayor Sippel explained Ordinance #2022-04 and pointed out the benefit to the Police Department.

Sarah Renninger, Cape May County Herald, inquired about the Police Department having a shortage of officers.

Mayor Sippel replied and explained the hiring process.

Clerk Picard pointed out the correction to the title only of Resolution #2022-142 on the agenda to read 2022.

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

### Regular Agenda

**Engineer's Report**

Cody Stanford gave an update on the Township engineering projects being handled by DeBlasio & Associates, including: Reconstruction of Wilson Drive; Diamond Beach Park Improvements; NJDEP CAFRA Permit Application; Cloverdale, Evergreen and Spruce Avenues Storm Sewer Improvements; Reconstruction of Atlantic, Howland, Millman and Mowery Avenues; Reconstruction of Fire Lane; and Replacement of Various Pavilions.

Councilmember Conrad voiced pleasure with Clem Mulligan improvements and Cloverdale finally being resolved. Mayor Sippel inquired about hockey nets at Clem Mulligan.

Mr. Stanford informed that hockey nets are provided by the Recreation Department.

**Monthly Report**

Clerk, Construction, Dog, Treasurer, Vital

**Public Comment** - none

**Council Comments**

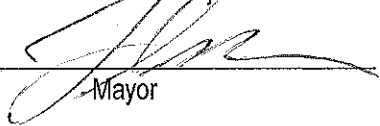
Councilmember Conrad commented about the weather and infrastructure improvements and wished everyone an enjoyable Spring Break.

Councilmember Roy shared a service announcement from AC Electric regarding power outages and wished everyone a happy Spring.

Mayor Sippel announced that applications are being accepted for LTPD Youth Camp.

**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 7:21p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Township Clerk

Approved: 5/2/2022