

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – June 17, 2024

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on June 14, 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: Robert Belasco, Township Solicitor and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk

Mayor Sippel announced that the hearing for Sunset Beach Sportsmen's Club has been postponed.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – June 3, 2024

- Res. #2024-198 Authorization for the Payment of Vouchers \$ 1,015,740.33
- Res. #2024-199 Annual Renewal of Liquor Licenses for the Year 2024-2025
- Res. #2024-200 Approval to Submit a Grant Application MA2025 – Reconstruction of Beach Avenue and D-0024 (Spruce Avenue to Maryland Avenue) and Execute Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation
- Res. #2024-201 Approving a Professional Service Contract with DeBlasio & Associates for the Revisions of Lower Township Zoning Map (LT-C-053) \$1,500
- Res. #2024-202 Capital Budget Amendment
- Res. #2024-203 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract to Lexipol, LLC to Assist Lower Township Police Department Maintaining NJSACOP Accreditation and Online Training for all Sworn Officers
- Res. #2024-204 Bulletproof Vests Partnership Program Application
- Res. #2024-205 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Local Rec. Improvement Grant \$73,000)
- Res. #2024-206 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Click It or Ticket \$7,000)
- Res. #2024-207 Approval of Change Order #1 to Schiavone Construction to Add Brookdale Road to the Beach Access Path Project (LT-C-038)
- Res. #2024-208 Approval for Whale Of A Day Festival (7/6/2024)
- Res. #2024-209 Authorization for 2024 Incentive Award for Insurance Waiver (\$46,250)
- Res. #2024-210 Authorizing the sale of Township of Lower Surplus no longer needed for Public Use on GOVDEALS Online Auction Website
- Res. #2024-211 Approval of a Professional Service Contract with Wizard's Festival of Fun Inc. for the Township of Lower's Independence Day Celebration July 3, 2024 (\$15,900)
- Res. #2024-212 Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for LTPF-2024 Resurfacing of Ridgewood Avenue – 00108 (Bayshore Road to the Western End of Ridgewood Avenue)
- Res. #2024-213 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Alcohol Education & Rehab \$735.50)
- Res. #2024-214 Authorizing the Pay Out of Terminal Leave (R.Hansberry \$19,225.51)
- Res. #2024-215 A Resolution Awarding a Contract for Emergency Medical Services for the Township of Lower to AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, Inc.
- Res. #2024-216 Approving a Professional Service Contract with DeBlasio & Associates to Prepare and submit an application for the FY2025 NJDOT State Aid Program
- Res. #2024-217 Approving a Professional Service Contract with DeBlasio & Associates to Prepare and Submit an application for the FY2024 NJDOT Local Transportation Project Fund

Ordinance # 2024-07 Bond Ordinance Providing for the Construction of Public Works Building and Related Improvements, By and In the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$2,000,000 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,900,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

Ordinance # 2024-08 Reappropriation Ordinance of the Township of Lower, In the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, Providing for Various Capital Improvements and Re-Appropriating \$526,296.37 of Excess Bond Proceeds from Various Bond Ordinances to Finance the Cost Thereof

This is the first reading of Ordinances #2024-07 and 2024-08. The second reading and public hearing has been scheduled for July 1, 2024

Mayor Sippel informed of receiving the signed contract for EMS and thanked Manager Laffey and Solicitor Belasco.

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

Engineer Report

Will Hanson gave Council an update on the following engineering projects being handled by DeBlasio & Associates, including: Diamond Beach Park Improvements; Reconstruction of Wildwood Avenue; Resurfacing of Bay Drive; Beach Access Paths Survey and Installation; Rotary Community Park Renovations; Bay Outfall Extensions; Reconstruction of Ridgewood Avenue; 2023 Stormwater GIS Mapping Services; Frances Avenue Storm Sewer Evaluation; Ohio Avenue Pump Station Emergency Storm Sewer Replacement; David Douglass Sr. Memorial Park Renovations; Public Works Building Concept Design and Site Remediation Investigation, Corson Lane Roadway Resurfacing; Holmes, Gorham & Scott Avenues Storm Sewer & Roadway Improvement Project; Village Road Bulkhead; Zoning Map Revisions; and Municipal Pool Building Evaluation.

Councilmember Conrad commented on Rotary Park being well utilized and Village Road emergency access.

Administrative Reports

Clerk, Construction, Dog, Finance, Tax, Vital

Public Comment – no comments

Council Comments

Deputy Mayor Perry – no comments

Councilmember Conrad reminded about the upcoming Summer Concert Series.

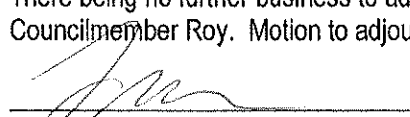
Councilmember Coombs reminded residents to be careful of children at play with school out of session for summer.

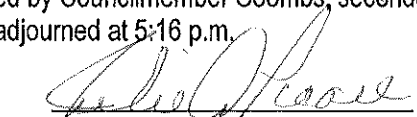
Councilmember Roy – no comments

Mayor Sippel announced the Independence Day Festival and Fireworks to be held July 3rd.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Coombs, seconded by Councilmember Roy. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.


 Frank Sippel, Mayor


 Township Clerk

Approved: July 1, 2024