

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – April 3, 2023

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on April 3, 2023 at 7:00 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 Kevin Coombs  
Councilmember Roland Roy, Jr.  
Deputy Mayor David Perry  
Mayor Frank Sippel – via phone

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

### Work Session

Autism Awareness - Jacyn Pisieczko

Jacyn Pisieczko addressed Council to talk about the struggles and blessings of living with autism and thanked all those that have supported him along the way.

Councilmember Coombs commended Jacyn's progress, as he was his student in 3<sup>rd</sup>/ 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

Deputy Mayor Perry read a proclamation proclaiming April as Autism Awareness Month in Lower Township.

Deputy Mayor Perry read a proclamation supporting 2023 U Drive, U Text, U Pay distracted driving crackdown.

### Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – March 20, 2023

Res. #2023-125 Authorization for the payment of vouchers \$ 575,598.41

Res. #2023-126 Resolution for Emergency Temporary Appropriations

Res. #2023-127 Rebid Acceptance and Award of Replacement of three (3) Pavilions located at David Douglass Memorial Park (\$277,000)

Res. #2023-128 Authorizing the Assignment of Three (3) Tax Sale Certificates

Res. #2023-129 Affidavit of Assignment Posting and Publishing

Res. #2023-130 Issuance of 2023 Limousine and Operator Licenses

Res. #2023-131 Renewal of 2023 Campground Licenses

Res. #2023-132 A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of a Fleet Maintenance Truck and a Bucket Truck, No Longer Needed for Public Use to the Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority

Res. #2023-133 Award National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcewell to Granturk Equipment Company Inc. to Purchase One (1) Leach 25 Cu. Yd 2R-111 Rear Loader Mounted on Existing 2011 Peterbilt Chassis Sourcewell #091219-LEG (\$114,541.40)

Res. #2023-134 2023 U Drive U Text U Pay Enforcement Mobilization

Res. #2023-135 Click It or Ticket 2023 Seat Belt Mobilization

Res. #2023-136 Approving a Professional Service Contract with DeBlasio & Associates for Beach Access Paths Survey (\$34,000.)

Res. #2023-137 Approving a Professional Service Contract with DeBlasio & Associates for Beach Access Paths Installation – Engineering and Bidding Phase Service LT-C-038 (\$20,000)

Res. #2023-138 Bid Acceptance and Award of Reconstruction of Carriage Lane, Briarwood Drive, Bridle Path, Paddock Lane, Timber Lane and Trotter Way (South State \$1,414,000.00)

Res. #2023-139 Bid Acceptance and Award of Lincoln Boulevard Restroom Facility (MJJ Construction \$401,260.)

Res. #2023-140 Approving a Professional Service Contract with DeBlasio & Associates for Reconstruction of Carriage Lane, Briarwood Drive, Bridle Path, Paddock Lane, Timber Lane and Trotter Way (67,000.)

Res. #2023-141 Authorizing the Disposal of Township of Lower Surplus No Longer Needed for Public use

Ordinance #2023-06 An Ordinance of the Township of Lower Vacating, Surrendering and Extinguishing the Public Rights of a Portion of Yuma Avenue located between Cardinal Avenue and Georgia Avenue. This is the first reading of this Ordinance. The second reading and public hearing has been scheduled for May 1, 2023

On the Consent:

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

**Regular Agenda**

**Call to the Public**

Andrew Bulakowski, Cape May County Board of Commissioners, commended Council on both proclamations and voiced support on behalf of the Commissioners.

Deputy Mayor Perry voiced favor with the Commissioners' presence and support.

Manager Laffey thanked the Commissioners for the work they're doing throughout the County.

**Council Comments**

Councilmember Conrad reminded residents to use caution during Spring break while kids are at play.

Councilmember Coombs reiterated Councilmember Conrad's comments.

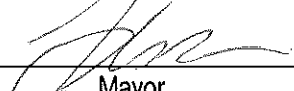
Councilmember Roy reminded that the Spring leaf and branch schedule is in effect.

Mayor Sippel – no comments

Deputy Mayor Perry announced the following upcoming events: Rabies Clinic, Easter Egg Hunt and Shred Day.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Councilmember Coombs. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

  
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 Mayor

  
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 Township Clerk

Approved: 4-17-2023