

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – February 7, 2022

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on February 7, 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 Kevin Coombs  
Councilmember Roland Roy, Jr.  
Deputy Mayor David Perry  
Mayor Frank Sippel

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

### **Work Session**

Presentations - Doctor Joseph Salvatore; Annie Salvatore – Mayor Sippel

Mayor Sippel offered words of gratitude to Dr. Joseph and Annie Salvatore for their contributions to the Township and congratulated each on their significant achievement of receiving the Richard J. Hughes Award. Mayor Sippel presented individual proclamations, on behalf of Township Council, to both Dr. Joseph and Annie Salvatore for achieving various awards of stewardship and thanking them for their numerous contributions to the community.

Presentation to Council – Fire District #2 – Fire Commissioner Lew Conley

Lew Conley offered congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Salvatore on their achievements. He also presented an educational explanation of the Fire Budget process and briefed Council on Fire District #2's proposed budget with a zero increase, thanking Council for their continued support.

Mayor Sippel agreed to do a press release informing the public about Fire District #2's Budget.

Councilmember Roy congratulated Dr. and Mrs. Salvatore on their accomplishments and thanked them for their contributions to the Township.

Deputy Mayor Perry commented on Fire District #2 Budget having no labor costs due to volunteers. Lew Conley reiterated the same.

Councilmember Conrad thanked Dr. and Mrs. Salvatore for supporting our community and helping to preserve its history. He also commented on the importance of the Fire Districts and thanked them for a zero budget.

Lew Conley thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to present information on behalf of Fire District #2.

Deputy Mayor Perry acknowledged Dr. and Mrs. Salvatore for creating a beautiful museum at NASW.

### **Consent Agenda**

Approval of Minutes – Jan 19, 2021 Regular & Closed

Res. #2022-73 Authorization for the Payment of Vouchers \$ 960,830.58

Res. #2022-74 Re-Appointment to the Municipal Utilities Authority Board (M.Lambert)

Res. #2022-75 Transfer of 2021 Appropriations

Res. #2022-76 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (M.Harkin \$4,892.04)

Res. #2022-77 A Resolution Addressing the Local Disaster/Emergency Declaration in the Township of Lower In Response to Winter Storm Kenan

Res. #2022-78 Approving a Professional Service Contract with DeBlasio & Associates for the Construction Phase of Reconstruction of Delaware Bay Drive, Millman Lane, Delaware Avenue and Atlantic Avenue (\$48,000)

- Res. #2022-79 Approving a Professional Service Contract with DeBlasio & Associates for the Construction Phase of the Reconstruction of Wilson Drive, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Project in the amount of \$29,000
- Res. #2022-80 A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Mutual Release and Settlement Agreement and the Payment of Funds to Settle a Property Damage Claim
- Res. #2022-81 Authorizing the Transfer of a Limousine Vehicle License
- Res. #2022-82 Approval of 2022 Rotary Towing Licenses
- Res. #2022-83 Authorization for Refund of Taxes

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

### **Regular Agenda**

Ordinance #2022-01 – An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.S.40A:4-15:14). This is the second reading and public hearing of this Ordinance. This Ordinance has been published, posted and made available to the public.

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

- Res. #2022-84 Approval of An Alcoholic Beverage Control License Place to Place Transfer – Expansion of Licensed Premises – License #0505-33-004-005 Spicer Creek North, Inc t/a Mayer's

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

### **Manager's Report**

Manager Laffey thanked the Public Works and Recreation Departments for their efforts with snow clean-up. He also thanked Township employees for continuing to do a good job.

### **Public Comment**

Mike Rosenberg, Coral Road, echoed Manager Laffey's compliments regarding snow removal. He also voiced discontent with the condition of the County roads during the storm. Mayor Sippel commented in accord.

### **Council Comments**

Mayor Sippel commended all departments for their work during the snow storm. He informed that Manager Laffey is working on a list of infrastructure projects to be considered for Federal funding.

Deputy Mayor Perry echoed Mayor Sippel's comments about snow removal on Township roads.

Councilmember Roy agreed with previous comments and complimented the Township on a great job.

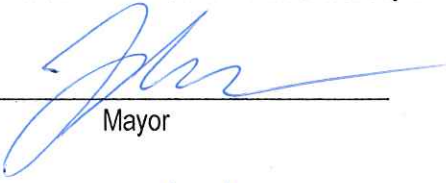
Councilmember Coombs commended Public Works for an outstanding job. He also voiced favor with the school mask mandate being lifted in March.

Councilmember Conrad agreed with previous comments regarding Township employees and thanked residents for

helping their neighbors. He also encouraged everyone to support their local fire companies and visit Naval Air Station Wildwood Museum and Historic Cold Spring Village.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Deputy Mayor Perry, seconded by Councilmember Conrad. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Township Clerk

Approved: 2/23/2022