

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – July 1, 2024

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on July 1, 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: Michael Laffey, Township Manager, Robert Belasco, Township Solicitor and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – June 17, 2024

- Res. #2024-218 Authorization for the Payment of Vouchers \$ 1,349,688.39
- Res. #2024-219 Authorization for Waiver of Permit Fees for the Lt. Charles "Buddy" Lewis Post #5343 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Associated with the Electrical Inspection
- Res. #2024-220 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (S.Elam-Hampton \$4,750.96)
- Res. #2024-221 Approval of Change Order #1 for Del Marketing LP for Spatial Data Logic (SDL) LLC for 5 Additional Licenses (\$8,070)
- Res. #2024-222 Resolution Acknowledging the Award of a 24 Month Contract to Constellation Newenergy Inc. for Electric Generation Supply Services for the Township of Lower and SJPC Cooperative Members
- Res. #2024-223 Approval for a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Township of Lower and TNT Event Management, LLC in Connection with the August 3, 2024 Annual Coombs/Douglass Memorial Run
- Res. #2024-224 Reappointment to the Planning Board (C.McDuell)
- Res. #2024-225 Issuance of Ice Cream Peddling and Ice Cream Salesman License for the Year 2024 (Mr. Softee)
- Res. #2024-226 A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Shared Service Agreement Between the township of Lower and the County of Cape May (County Resources/Services)
- Res. #2024-227 Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (M.Kennedy)
- Res. #2024-228 A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Real Property Located in the Township of Lower by Way of an Open Public Auction
- Res. #2024-229 A Resolution Amending Resolution #2024-215; Awarding a Contract for Emergency Medical Services to AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center; to Include a Certification of Funds
- Res. #2024-230 Authorizing Pay Out of Terminal Leave (M.Szemcsak \$1,471.75)
- Res. #2024-231 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Chapter 159 (Summer Shore Pedestrian Awareness \$5,250)

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

Regular Agenda

Ordinance #2024-06 An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Grant Of Conservation Restriction/Easement to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for a Transition Area Waiver Received in Connection with ongoing Improvements to Rotary Park. 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				
COOMBS	X		X				
ROY		X	X				
PERRY			X				
SIPPEL			X				

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 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				
COOMBS			X				
ROY			X				
PERRY		X	X				
SIPPEL	X		X				

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 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				
COOMBS		X	X				
ROY	X		X				
PERRY			X				
SIPPEL			X				

Call to the Public – no comments

Council Comments

Deputy Mayor Perry wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July holiday.

Councilmember Roy announced the Diamond Beach Park re-opening and ribbon cutting.


Councilmember Coombs announced the July 3rd festivities and fireworks, the Summer Concert Series and the Coombs/Douglass Run.

Councilmember Conrad – no comments

Mayor Sippel – no comments

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Mayor Sippel, seconded by Deputy Mayor Perry. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.


 Frank Sippel, Mayor


 Township Clerk

Approved: July 15, 2024