

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – June 2, 2025

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on June 2, 2025 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 Joseph Wareham  
Councilmember Roland Roy, Jr.  
Deputy Mayor Kevin Coombs  
Mayor Frank Sippel

Also present: Michael Laffey, Township Manager, Robert Belasco, Township Solicitor and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk

### Work Session

Mayor Sippel read a proclamation designating June as Pride Month in Lower Township.

### Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – May 19, 2025

Res. #2025-202 Authorization for the Payment of Vouchers \$691,303.77

Res. #2025-203 Approval of Contribution to the Lower Township Chamber of Commerce for the Home Town Hero's Campaign

Res. #2025-204 A Resolution Requesting Reduction of Performance Guarantee for David Witmond, DW Lower Cape May, LLC; Block 494.01, Lot 28

Res. #2025-205 Certification to Local Finance Board of Receipt and Review of Audit Sections General Comments & Recommendations

Res. #2025-206 Award National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcewell to Granturk Equipment Co., Inc. to Purchase One (1) Leach 29 Cu. Yd. 2R-III Real Loader, Mounted on a Customer Supplied Chassis

Res. #2025-207 A Resolution to Award State Contract Vendor Motorola, Distributed by Wireless Communication, to Purchase Twelve (12) APX 8000 Portable Radios for the Police Department

Res. #2025-208 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (W. Kocis, \$18,420.48)

Res. #2025-209 A Resolution Expressing Support for RevolutionNJ and the Preparation for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of The United States of America

Res. #2025-210 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Clean Communities, \$103,145.30)

Res. #2025-211 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Police Expansion Grant, \$10,000)

Res. #2025-212 Authorizing Payment for 2025 Local School Taxes to Lower Township Board of Education

Res. #2025-213 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (New Jersey Historic Trust, \$150,000)

Res. #2025-214 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Community History Grant, \$1,000)

Res. #2025-215 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (M. James, \$2,498.61)

Res. #2025-216 Issuance of Ice Cream Peddling and Ice Cream Salesman License for the Year 2025

Res. #2025-217 A Resolution Authorizing the Annual Escape the Cape Triathlon Scheduled for June 8, 2025

Res. #2025-218 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a State Contract to Insight Public Sector for the Provision of OpenGov Software and Related Services for Online Bid Procurement (Contract No. T3121)

Res. #2025-219 A Resolution to Award State Contract Panasonic Connect North America Distributed by Wireless Communication to Purchase Sixteen (16) Panasonic CF-33 Fully Rugged Tablets (MDT) for Police Vehicles

- Res. #2025-220 A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Sixty-five (65) Glock G45 Handguns, Including the Trade-in of Existing Service Weapons for the Police Department use through State Contract No. 17-Fleet-00767 from Witmer Public Safety Group
- Res. #2025-221 A Resolution Authorizing the Trade-in and Transfer of Surplus Police Firearms to Witmer Public Safety Group to Offset the Cost of New Department-Issued Weapons
- Res. #2025-222 Approving a Professional Service Contract with DeBlasio & Associates to Prepare and Submit an Application for the FY2025 NJDOT Local Transportation Project Fund

Mayor Sippel commented on Resolution #2025-205, recognizing a job well done by the Finance Department on a successful Audit.

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

**Public Comment** – no comments

#### **Council Comments**

Mayor Sippel announced the following upcoming events: Blood Drive, Shred Day, Escape the Cape Triathlon, Youth Flag Football registrations, Summer Youth Basketball registrations, Season Pool Passes, and the Independence Day Festival and Fireworks. He also pointed out the implementation of a Resident Request Form for notifying Council of resident concerns.

Deputy Mayor Coombs reminded residents to be careful as schools will be breaking soon for summer.

Councilmember Roy echoed the above comments.

Councilmember Wareham echoed the above comments.

Councilmember Conrad congratulated the Recreation Department on a successful Family Fun Night. He also thanked the VFW for hosting the Memorial Day Ceremony.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Mayor Sippel, seconded by Deputy Mayor Coombs. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

  
Frank Sippel, Mayor

  
Township Clerk

Approved: 