

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – June 6, 2022

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on June 6, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Township Hall, 2600 Bayshore Road, Villas, New Jersey.

The Deputy 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 Deputy 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

Oaths of Office:

Lieutenant Michael Majane

Chief Lewis shared Lieutenant Majane's biography and Mayor Sippel administered his Oath of Office.

Lt. Majane's mother, Dolores, and daughter, Aubrey, held the Bible as his wife, Erin, pinned his badge.

Lieutenant John Armbruster Jr.

Chief Lewis shared Lieutenant Armbruster Jr.'s biography and Mayor Sippel administered his Oath of Office.

Lt. Armbruster's wife, Adrienne, and daughters, Madison and Chloe, held the Bible as his daughter, Emma, pinned his badge.

Lieutenant Brian McEwing

Chief Lewis shared Lieutenant McEwing's biography and Mayor Sippel administered his Oath of Office.

Lt. McEwing's wife, Jodie, held the Bible as his father, Brian McEwing Sr., pinned his badge.

Chief Lewis shared words of confidence in his staff as well as the future of the Police Department.

Mayor Sippel thanked family and friends of the Police Department for their love and support.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – May 16, 2022

Res. #2022-179 Approval for Payment of Vouchers \$884,439.68

Res. #2022-180 Approving Change Order #1 to Remington & Vernick Engineers for the Construction Phase of the Reconstruction of Sherriff Taylor Blvd and Roadway Striping Program

Res. #2022-181 Resolution of the Township of Lower Consenting to the Issuance by the Township of Lower Municipal Utilities Authority of an Additional Not To Exceed \$3,000,000 Revenue Bonds (Junior Lien) to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, and to the Issuance of a Project Note in Anticipation of the Issuance Such Revenue Bonds, for the Financing of Certain Water System Capital Improvements

Res. #2022-182 Authorizing the Disposal of Township of Lower Surplus No Longer Needed for Public Use

Res. #2022-183 Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (E. Utsch)

Res. #2022-184 Annual Renewal of Liquor Licenses for the Year 2022-2023

Res. #2022-185 Authorization for Refund of Taxes

Res. #2022-186 DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant (\$5,042.45)

Res. #2022-187 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A-4-87, Chapter 159 (Alcohol Edu. Rehab Fund \$4,737.97)

Res. #2022-188 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (K. Walker, Jr. \$2,874.59)

Res. #2022-189 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (M. Gamble \$3,869.)

- Res. #2022-190 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Process Third Quarter "Estimated" Tax Bills, Due August 1, 2022
- Res. #2022-191 Authorizing Payment for 2022 Regional School Taxes
- Res. #2022-192 Bid Acceptance and Contract Award to Supply Fireworks Display Including Barge for Independence Day Event Years 2023 and 2024 With a 2025 Option
- Res. #2022-193 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract to Forerunner Industries Inc. for Floodplain Management Program
- Res. #2022-194 Approving a Professional Service Contract with DeBlasio & Associates for the Construction Phase of Reconstruction of Mowery Avenue, Harvard Street, Peters Road and Howland Avenue (LT-C-024)
- Res. #2022-195 Bid Acceptance and Contract Award of Reconstruction of Mowery Avenue, Harvard Street, Peters Road and Howland Avenue (LT-C-024)

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

Regular Agenda

- Ord. #2022-05 Re-Appropriation and Amendatory Bond Ordinance of the Township of Lower, in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, Providing for Various Improvements for Recreation and Administration and Re-Appropriating \$235,629.54 (Consisting of Re-Appropriated Excess Bond Proceeds in the Amount of \$120,214.26 and Re-Appropriations of \$115,415.28 (Including Excess Authorization of Bonds and Notes in the Amount of \$109,919.31) From Existing Bond Ordinances to Finance the Costs Thereof. 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				
ROY	X		X				
PERRY		X	X				
SIPPEL			X				

- Ord. #2022-06 Bond Ordinance Providing for Various 2022 Capital Improvements, By and In the Township of Lower, In the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey (The "Township"); Appropriating \$1,980,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,700,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Costs Thereof. This is the second reading and Public Hearing of this Ordinance. This Ordinance has been published, posted and made available to the public.

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CONRAD			X				
COOMBS		X	X				
ROY			X				
PERRY			X				
SIPPEL	X		X				

Manager's Report

Manager Laffey gave an update on Wilson Drive and the Schellenger's Landing project.

Administrative Reports

Monthly Reports – Finance

Call to the Public – no comments

Council Comments

Mayor Sippel encouraged residents to exercise their privilege to vote and to sign up for the new Rave notification system. He also announced the Independence Day Festival, the Township Newsletter, DPW summer hours, and the Wednesday, June 22nd Council meeting.

Deputy Mayor Perry pointed out the Resolutions approving additional paving projects within the Township.

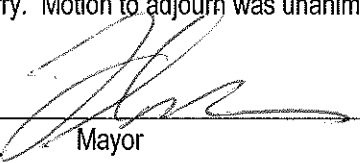
Councilmember Roy reminded motorists to use caution on the roads as the school year comes to a close.

Councilmember Coombs informed about sharing Council coins with the Lower Township Board of Education and reiterated Councilmember Roy's comments about using caution on the roads.

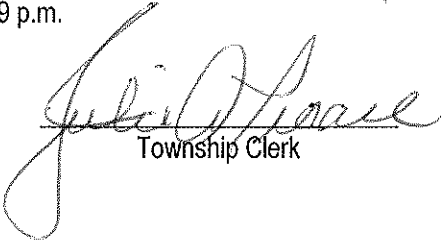
Councilmember Conrad commented on upcoming road projects and reminded to use caution on the roads. He also thanked the Villas VFW for their Memorial Day Service and announced the lineup of events at Clem Mulligan.

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 5:29 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved: June 22, 2002