

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – May 5, 2025

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on May 5, 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 via phone
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

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – April 21, 2025

Res. #2025-173 Authorization for the Payment of Vouchers \$ 935,275.32

Res. #2025-174 Authorizing the pay out of Terminal Leave (E. Kreis \$22,218.72)

Res. #2025-175 Approval for Greater Cape May Elks Lodge 2839 to conduct a Flea Market

Res. #2025-176 Authorization for the use of Donated Funds

Res. #2025-177 Approval of Change Order #1 for Remington and Vernick Engineers Services for the Design Phase for the HVAC Replacement Project at the Township of Lower Municipal Building and Construction & Zoning Building

Res. #2025-178 Approving a Professional Service Contract with DeBlasio & Associates for the Clem Mulligan Sports Complex Storm Sewer Pump Station (LT-C-067)

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

Regular Agenda

Res. #2025-179 Approval of an Alcoholic Beverage Control License Place To Place Transfer – Expansion of Licensed Premises – License #0505-33-012-012 R L Farms t/a Fish House

This Transfer has been published and no objections have been received.

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

Res. #2025-180 Approval of an Alcoholic Beverage Control License - Person to Person Transfer of Liquor License #0505-33-017-007 from the Bay House Restaurant to PRJ2, LLC t/a The Local Tavern

This Transfer has been published and no objections have been received.

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

Administrative Reports

Treasurer

Public Comment – no comments

Council Comments

Mayor Sippel announced information regarding the following: Youth Summer Camp, Seasonal Pool Passes, VFW Memorial Day Service, and Healthy Youth Coalition Beach Clean-up.

Deputy Mayor Coombs wished everyone a happy Cinco de Mayo.

Councilmember Roy – no comments

Councilmember Wareham – no comments

Councilmember Conrad reminded about Family Fun Night which will include a bike rodeo.

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 5:06 p.m.


Frank Sippel, Mayor


Township Clerk

Approved: *May 19, 2025*