

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – July 6, 2022

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 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 Roland Roy, Jr.
Deputy Mayor David Perry
Mayor Frank Sippel

Also present: Paul Baldini, Conflict Attorney and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk

Work Session

Proclamation Presentation - Reverend Ernest R Soprano

Mayor Sippel and Council presented a proclamation to Reverend Ernest Soprano congratulating him on his retirement and thanking him for his service to the residents of Lower Township.

Reverend Soprano thanked Mayor and Council for this honor and shared his fondness for Lower Township.

LTPD Recognition of Awards – Detectives Narcotics Award

Officer Eric Danze – Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Officer Jonathan Scheck – Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Chief Lewis recognized Lieutenant Brian McEwing, Detectives Kaitlin Black, Micahel James, Eric Danze, James Mathis and Corey Scheid as recipients of the Detectives Narcotics Award. Chief Lewis shared his appreciation for this great unit of detectives.

Mayor Sippel acknowledged Patrol Officer Eric Danze and Patrol Officer Jonathan Scheck, recipients of the Recognition of Excellence Awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – June 22, 2022 and June 29, 2022

Res. #2022-218 Approval of Vouchers \$ 550,897.51

Res. #2022-219 A Resolution Requesting Release of Performance Guarantee for Island West Development, LLC, Block 697, Lots 3-7, Escrow #Z20-02-06

Res. #2022-220 Authorizing Pay Out of Terminal Leave (A.Magnavita \$28,311.97)

Res. #2022-221 Authorizing the Sale of Township of Lower Surplus No Longer Needed for Public Use on GOVDEALS Online Auction

Res. #2022-222 Renewal of Commercial Excavation (Gravel Pit) Licenses

Res. #2022-223 A Resolution Authorizing the Bikes & Beer Cape May Brewing Bike Ride Event Scheduled for September 24, 2022

Res. #2022-224 A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Comcast Business for VoIP Telephone and Internet Service
Ordinance #2022-08 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 475, Parks and Recreation, Subsection 16, Memorial Bench Dedication Program, of the Code of the Township of Lower. This is the first reading of this Ordinance, the second reading and public hearing will be July 16, 2022

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

Regular Agenda

Res. #2022-225 Bid Acceptance and Contract Award of 2022 NJDCA Small Cities Program; Cloverdale Avenue, Evergreen Avenue and Spruce Avenue Storm Sewer Improvement (LT-C-026)

Deputy Mayor Perry motioned to **TABLE Resolution #2022-225**, seconded by Councilmember Roy.

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

Call to the Public

Judy Gillis, Villas, thanked the volunteers who helped with clean-up after the fireworks.

Council Comments

Mayor Sippel commented on the success of the Independence Day Festival, thanking all employees who helped and reminded about Family Fun Night.

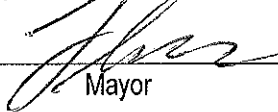
Councilmember Conrad – no comments

Councilmember Roy reminded residents to check on elderly neighbors and pets during the hot summer months.

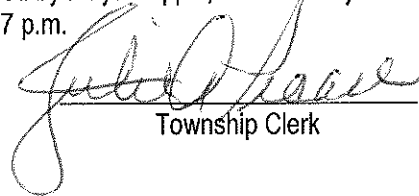
Deputy Mayor Perry echoed above comments and thanked all participants in the Independence Day Festival.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Mayor Sippel, seconded by Councilmember Roy. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved: July 18, 2022