

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – October 21, 2024

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on October 21, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the meeting room of 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 Amy Belasco, Township Registrar

### Work Session

VFW Presentation- Mayor Sippel Thanks VFW for all their work and their dedication to taking care of the Veterans and all active deployed military. Mayor read a certificate to Commander VFW Bill Howard & Quarter Master Tom Sipple. Council Member Coombs read a certificate and presented them with an American flag that was flown over in Iraq.

Public Hearing-Renewal of Liquor License #0505-31-024-001; Sunset Beach Sportsman's Club, 6 Sunset Blvd, Lower Twp.

Mayor read letters into the record from the Dep & Sportsman's Club solicitor Chris Gillen-Schwartz. Amy Belasco, read the requirements of a Club License and expressed that they do meet those requirements. Mayor asked for any comments from the Sportsman's Club. Chris Gillen-Schwartz, Sportsman's club attorney, expressed the club's compliance with meeting the requirements for a club license. Chris Gillen-Schwartz explained how great of an asset to the community that the club is with donations and charitable events. The club has done everything to be a pillar in the community and to be a beneficial part of the Township. Thanked council for consideration and respectfully requested renewal of license.

Mayor asked for anyone else to address council from the Club.

Emily Catheran- addressed council as the club's current president and asked to please renew the license.

Mayor asked for Solicitor Robert Belasco's comments.

Solicitor Robert Belasco suggested they meet all criteria to renew the license.

Mayor asked for a motion to approve the license. Deputy Mayor Perry second the motion.

Res.# 2024-336 A resolution Authorizing the Renewal of Liquor License #505-31-04-001

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

### Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – October 7, 2024

Res. #2024- 337 Authorization for the Payment of Vouchers \$384,127.62

Res. #2024- 338 Approval for Cape May Hallowed Half Marathon

Res. #2024-339 Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of one Motorola police radio to Lower Township Fire Safety

Res. #2024-340 Authorization for Refund of Taxes

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

**Regular Agenda**

Ordinance #2024-15 An Ordinance amending chapter 90, Police Department , article iii, off-duty police services in order to modify compensation rates from private persons and entities for extra -duty details for Police-related matters. This is the first reading of Ordinance 2024-15. The second reading and public hearing will be scheduled for November 18, 2024.

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

**Administrative Reports**

Monthly Reports – Clerk, Construction, Dog, Tax, Treasurer, Vital

**Public Comment** - None

**Council Comments**

Council Member Conrad- Haunted Trails Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>, Great event and thanked the volunteers who put the event on and all their hard work.

Council Member Coombs- Halloween is coming up Please be careful on the roads. Be sure to get out and vote.

Council Member Roy- No comment

Deputy Mayor Perry- No comment

Mayor Sippel- Lower Township Haunted Trails October 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-9pm, Halloween Trick or Treating 5pm -8pm, Lower Township's Veterans Day Parade Saturday Nov 9<sup>th</sup> at 11am, and reminder to vote

**Closed Session**

Res. # 2024- 341 A Resolution Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12 Attorney/Client Privilege


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

Council Adjourned to Closed Session at 5:25 pm.

Council returned to Open Session at 6:03 pm.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Mayor Sippel, seconded by Councilmember Coombs. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

  
 Frank Sippel, Mayor

  
 Karen Brown / Dep clerk  
 Township Clerk

Approved: November 4, 2024