

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-12

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2025  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF  
LOWER, IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW  
JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$2,880,000 THEREFOR AND  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,735,000 BONDS OR  
NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE  
COSTS THEREOF**

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF LOWER, IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not  
less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or purposes to be undertaken by the Township of Lower, in the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey (the "Township"). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the aggregate sum of \$2,880,000, said sum being inclusive of a down payment in the aggregate amount of \$145,000 for said improvements or purposes as required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the "Local Bond Law"). The down payment is now available by virtue of a provision or provisions in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Township for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

**SECTION 2.** For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$2,880,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$2,735,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Township in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$2,735,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

**SECTION 3. (a)** The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued, include, but are not limited to, as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(i) <b><u>Recreation</u></b> – Various Improvements To Township Parks And Recreation Facilities Including, But Not Limited to, Pool Renovations, Repaving Of Millman Parking Lot, Resurfacing Of Recreation Complex Floors And Installation Of Pickle Ball Courts;	\$1,116,576	\$1,059,747	\$56,829	15.00 years
(ii) <b><u>Public Works (DPW)</u></b> – Acquisition And Installation, As Applicable, Of Various Equipment Including, But Not Limited To, A Stake Body Truck, Pickup Trucks With Plow, Office Furniture, Road Signage And Various Miscellaneous Shop Equipment;	\$561,296	\$533,231	\$28,065	5.93 years



<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(iii) <b><u>Police Department</u></b> - Acquisition And Installation, As Applicable, Of Various Equipment Including, But Not Limited To, Weapons, Radios, Various Hardware, Software And Office Equipment, And Vehicles; And	\$643,468	\$611,295	\$32,173	5.00 years
(iv) <b><u>Administration</u></b> – General Capital Improvements, And/Or Acquisition And Installation, As Applicable, Of Equipment Including, But Not Limited To, Water Main Extension At the DPW Building, Computer Hardware And Software Upgrades for Various Township Offices And The Acquisition Of Vehicles.	\$558,660	\$530,727	\$27,933	16.20 years
TOTALS	<u>\$2,880,000</u>	<u>\$2,735,000</u>	<u>\$145,000</u>	

(b) The aggregate estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is \$2,735,000.

(c) The aggregate estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$2,880,000, the excess amount thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor is the aggregate down payment available for said purposes.

(d) All such improvements or purposes set forth in Section 3(a) shall include, but are not limited to, as applicable, all engineering, architectural and design work, surveying, construction planning, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration, and also shall include all work, materials, equipment, accessories, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

**SECTION 4.** In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Cape May make a contribution or grant in aid to the Township for the improvements and purposes authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Township prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Cape May. In the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Cape May shall be received by the Township after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose.

**SECTION 5.** All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer of the Township shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8.1. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at a public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of



payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**SECTION 6.** The capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital programs as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, is on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Township and is available for public inspection.

**SECTION 7.** The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are improvements which the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of said purposes within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 11.23 years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Township and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$2,735,000 and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$576,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements herein before described.

**SECTION 8.** The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the principal of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

**SECTION 9.** The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue the bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 9 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

**SECTION 10.** The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The Township Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation



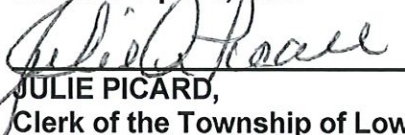
thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

**SECTION 11.** The Township covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Code of the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this bond ordinance.

**SECTION 12.** This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING

DATED: April 7, 2025

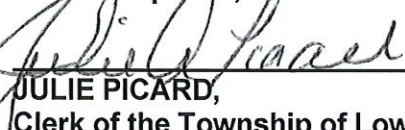
  
JULIE PICARD,  
Clerk of the Township of Lower


  
Thomas Conrad, Councilman

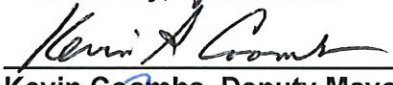
  
Joseph Wareham, Councilman

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

DATED: April 21, 2025

  
JULIE PICARD,  
Clerk of the Township of Lower

  
Roland Roy, Councilman

  
Kevin Coombs, Deputy Mayor

  
Frank Sippel, Mayor

APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR ON THIS 21 DAY OF April, 2025.

  
FRANK SIPPEL,  
Mayor of the Township of Lower