

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – November 2, 2020

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on November 2, 2020 at 7:00 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 Kevin Coombs
Councilmember Roland Roy, Jr.
Deputy Mayor David Perry
Mayor Frank Sippel

Also present: James Ridgway, Township Manager, David Stefankiewicz, Township Solicitor and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk

Work Session

Update from Office of Emergency Management - Ed Donohue

Ed Donahue, OEM Coordinator, shared a briefing of his annual emergency management report. The full report includes OEM's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and a statistical update on COVID-19 cases in Lower Township. Mr Donahue gave an update on emergency shelters, Code Blue warming center operations, CMC hazard mitigation plan, and application for the Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMAA) Grant. He also thanked Deputy OEM Coordinators Gary Douglass and Eileen Kreis and all first responders, as well as Marty Pagliughi and John Edwards from County OEM for their continued assistance.

Mayor Sippel thanked Mr. Donahue for his time and hard work.

Manager Ridgway also thanked and commended Mr. Donahue for his diligent work.

Councilmember Conrad thanked Mr. Donahue for his hard work and humility.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes and Closed Session Minutes October 19, 2020

Res. #2020-279 Payment of Vouchers \$ 697,071.77

Res. #2020-280 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Body Armor)

Res. #2020-281 A Resolution Requesting Release of Maintenance Guarantee for 8100 Bayview, LLC; Block 820 Lot 2.05; Escrow P16-09-05

Res. #2020-282 A Resolution Requesting Release of Demolition Bond for Block 315, Lot 11 (\$5,000)

Res. #2020-283 Transfers of 2020 Appropriations

Res. #2020-284 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (K. Boyle \$5,626.74)

Res. #2020-285 A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Firearms no longer Needed to a Licensed Firearms Dealer for Private Sale (W.Mastriana)

Res. #2020-286 A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Firearms no longer Needed to a Licensed Firearms Dealer for Private Sale (R.Hartman, Jr)

Res. #2020-287 Approval of Change Order #1 to Remington & Vernick Engineers for the Construction Phase of the Reconstruction of Star Avenue from Carolina Avenue to Greenwood Avenue Project (\$72,775)

Res. #2020-288 Approval of Change Order #1 for Tax Appeal Attorney (\$5,000)

Res. #2020-289 Approving a Professional Service Contract with DeBlasio & Associates for the Design Phase of the Resurfacing of Miami Avenue, Florida Avenue, Jacksonville Avenue, Tampa Avenue and Elks Lodge Alley (\$39,000)

Res. #2020-290 Award National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Omnia Partners (Formerly US Communities) to Purchase One (1) Canon Colorwave 3600 Wide Format 2 Roll Printer with Scanner (\$23,954.00)

Res. #2020-291 Local Government Emergency Fund (CRF) Grant (\$196,417)

Res. #2020-292 Approving a Professional Service Contract with Engineering Design Associates for Engineering Services on the Army Corps Delaware Bay Dredging Project (\$5,000)

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

Regular Agenda

Manager's Report

Manager Ridgway gave Council an update on financial assistance from the State regarding COVID-19 expenses and informed of a grant application regarding rental assistance for landlords. He gave an update on the 2021 Summer Concert Series, and spoke about the Township's efforts with flood remediation relief. Lastly, he updated Council on his efforts with Short Term Rental compliance.

Administrative Reports

Treasurer – 3rd Qtr

Council Comments

Mayor Sippel shared news from the Villas Fishing Club about donating to families in need for Thanksgiving. He announced the Veteran's Day Parade and reminded about Election Day and the fall leaf and branch schedule.

Deputy Mayor Perry informed of his conversation with County engineer regarding the intersection of Tabernacle and Shunpike Roads. He also shared an update from Mr. Church about pending road projects within the Township.

Councilmember Roy – no comments

Councilmember Coombs reminded voters to return their election ballots.

Councilmember Conrad commented on the Halloween festivities, Foster House repairs, Villas road improvements and flood protection.

Mayor Sippel announced the Veteran's Day Ceremony at Villas VFW.

Call to the Public

Eileen Kreis, Villas, thanked all participants for a successful trunk-or-treat.

Closed Session

Res. #2020-293 Resolution Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12. **PERSONNEL**

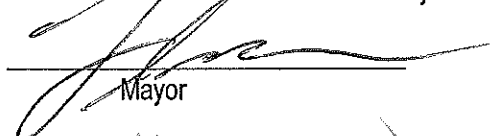
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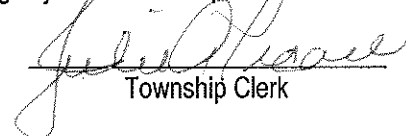
Council adjourned to Closed Session at 7:30 p.m.

Council returned to Open Session at 7:40 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Deputy Mayor Perry, seconded by Councilmember Coombs. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.


Mayor


Township Clerk

Approved: *Nov 16, 2020*