

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – April 4, 2022

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on April 4, 2022 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 – via phone

Also present: Michael Laffey, Township Manager, David Stefankiewicz, Township Solicitor and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk

Work Session

2022 Budget Hearing – Councilmember Conrad commented in favor of a zero increase and complimented the financial team for a job well done. Councilmember Roy agreed.
No public comments.

Res. #2022-128 Adoption of 2022 Budget

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

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – March 21, 2022

Res. #2022-129 Authorization for the Payment of Vouchers \$1,224,891.14

Res. #2022-130 A Resolution Adopting a Revised Personnel Policy Manual for the Township of Lower

Res. #2022-131 Authorization for Refund of Taxes

Res. #2022-132 A Resolution Opposing the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Proposed Coastal Regulations

Res. #2022-133 Authorizing the Sale of Township of Lower Surplus No Longer Needed for Public Use on GovDeals Online Auction Website

Res. #2022-134 Resolution for Self-Examination of Budget

Ordinance #2022-03 – An Ordinance of the Township of Lower Amending Chapter 157, Alcoholic Beverages, Subsection 157-7(B), of the Code of the Township of Lower. This is the first reading of this Ordinance. The second reading and public hearing is scheduled for May 2, 2022.

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

Regular Agenda

Ordinance #2022-02 – An Ordinance Adopting a Redevelopment Plan for the Fulling Mill Road Project as an Area in need of Redevelopment Identified as Block 410.01; Lots 82,83,84 & 87.01 in the Township of Lower, State of New Jersey and Amending the Zoning Map Accordingly. This is the second reading and public hearing of this Ordinance. This Ordinance has been published, posted and made available to the public.

Councilmember Conrad reminded that the Zoning Board has approved the Redevelopment Plan.

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

Manager's Report

Manager Laffey gave a brief update on the Clem Mulligan Sports Complex and several paving projects in the Township including Bayshore Road, Wilson Drive, Delaware Ave., Millman Lane, Sherriff Taylor Blvd. and Cresse Lane.

Public Comment

Kelly unknown, Carolina Ave., addressed Council to voice frustration with the negative youth activity going on at Clem Mulligan Park.

Councilmember Conrad addressed the above concerns and informed of increased police patrols in that area.

Manager Laffey reiterated the same and voiced optimism that increased organized activities at the park will reduce the negative presence.

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad announced the grand opening of Clem Mulligan Sports Complex and gave a brief update on projects in Ward 1.

Councilmember Coombs voiced anticipation of the grand opening at Clem Mulligan as well as Little League Opening Day.

Councilmember Roy – no comments

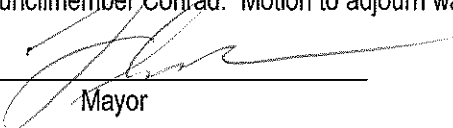
Deputy Mayor Perry commented on Bayshore Road improvements and encouraged residents to notify the Township regarding noticeable beach path hazards. He also inquired about CAFRA permits for beach path improvements. Manager Laffey explained the delay.

Mayor Sippel – no comments

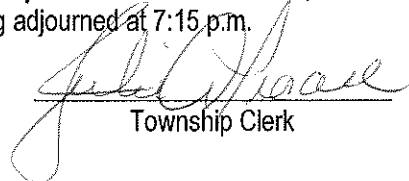
Manager Laffey announced the Spring Fling and Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Recreation Department.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Coombs, seconded by Councilmember Conrad. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved:  April 18, 2022