

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – August 15, 2022**

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on August 15, 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: Michael Laffey, Township Manager, Robert Belasco, Township Solicitor and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk

**Work Session**

Proclamation - Supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2022 Statewide Labor Day Crackdown  
 Mayor Sippel read the Proclamation pledging Lower Township's support of Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2022 Statewide Labor Day Crackdown from August 19<sup>th</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Consent Agenda**

- Approval of State Firemen's Association Membership Application: Mathew V. Franco, Town Bank
- Approval of Minutes - August 1, 2022
- Res. #2022-259 Authorization for the Payment of Vouchers \$ 690,227.16
- Res. #2022-260 Authorizing Payment of 2022 County Taxes (Third Quarter)
- Res. #2022-261 Award National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcwell to Allegiance Trucks, LLC for One (1) New 2022 International CV515 SFA Box Truck with Liftgate (\$103,591.)
- Res. #2022-262 Certification to Local Finance Board of Receipt and Review of Audit Sections General Comments & Recommendations
- Res. #2022-263 A Resolution Requesting Release of Maintenance Guarantee for Cape May Landing, Inc.; Block 510, Lot(s) 14.01, 15.01 & 16; Escrow P16-10-03
- Res. #2022-264 A Resolution Authorizing the Continued Use of Thirty (30) Google Chromebook Laptop Computers by the Lower Township Elementary School District
- Res. #2022-265 Body Armor Replacement Program
- Res. #2022-266 Appointment to Position of Lower Township Police Chaplain
- Res. #2022-267 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:4-87, Chapter 159
- Res. #2022-268 Approval of Contribution to Lower Township Chamber of Commerce
- Res. #2022-269 Approving Change Order #7 to Fred M Schiavone Construction for Additional Drainage and Fencing Configuration at Clem Mulligan Sports Complex Renovation Project (LT-C-020)
- Res. #2022-270 Approving Change Order #1 to Fred M Schiavone Construction for Additional Drainage for 2022 NJDCA Small Cities Program; Cloverdale Avenue, Evergreen Avenue and Spruce Avenue Storm Sewer Improvements (LT-C-026)
- Ord. #2022-09 An Ordinance Amending Chapter Seven Entitled "Traffic" of the General Ordinances of the Township of Lower. This is the first reading of this Ordinance. The second reading and public hearing is scheduled for September 7, 2022.

Mayor Sippel commented on Resolution #2022-262, commending all departments on a favorable Audit.

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

**Engineer's Report**

Cody Stanford gave Council an update on the Township engineering projects being handled by DeBlasio & Associates, including: NJDEP CAFRA Permit; Cloverdale, Evergreen and Spruce Storm Sewer Improvements; Clem Mulligan Renovations; Reconstruction of Mowery Ave., Harvard St., Peters Rd. and Howland Ave.; Diamond Beach Park Improvements; Reconstruction of Fire Lane; Replacement of Various Pavilions; and Municipal Pool Renovations.

**Manager's Report**

Manager Laffey informed that the Cloverdale, Evergreen and Spruce Storm Sewer Improvements project will be starting sooner than anticipated.

**Monthly Report -**

Clerk, Construction, Dog, Vital

**Public Comment** – no comments

**Council Comments**

Councilmember Conrad reminded residents to be cautious of school kids at bus stops.

Councilmember Roy – no comments

Deputy Mayor Perry voiced pleasure with infrastructure projects getting completed.

Mayor Sippel recognized the LT Police Department on a great Youth Camp and reminded about Family Fun Night and the next Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Closed Session**

Res. #2022-271 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, Attorney-Client Privilege**

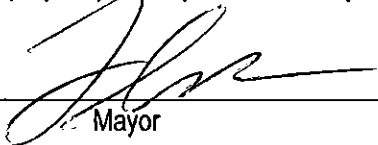
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CONRAD			X				
COOMBS							X
ROY			X				
PERRY		X	X				
SIPPEL	X		X				

Council adjourned to Closed Session at 5:10 p.m.

Council returned to Open Session at 6:13 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Conrad, seconded by Deputy Mayor Perry. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Township Clerk

Approved: *September 7, 2022*