

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 17, 2020

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on August 17, 2020 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 Kevin Coombs
- Councilmember Roland Roy, Jr.
- Deputy Mayor David Perry
- Mayor Frank Sippel

Also present: James Ridgway, Township Manager, David Stefankiewicz, Township Solicitor and Amy Belasco, Clerk's office

Work Session

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes/Closed Session Minutes - August 3, 2020

Res. #2020-223 Payment of Vouchers \$ 214,518.16

Res. #2020-224 Authorization for Refund of Taxes (4 Properties)

Res. #2020-225 A Resolution Acknowledging the Award of a 24 Month Contract, Expiring August, 2022, to Constellation Newenergy, Inc and Direct Energy Business, LLC for Electric Generation Supply Services for the Township of Lower and SJPC Cooperative Members

Res. #2020-226 A Resolution Supporting the Proposed Bus Stop Locations Located Along US Route 9 Within the Township of Lower as Recommended by the New Jersey Department of Transportation

Res. #2020-227 Lower Cape Alliance

Res. #2020-228 A Resolution Reappointing Sarah VanSeeters to Serve as Interim Court Administrator for the Township of Lower

Res. #2020-229 Annual Renewal of Liquor Licenses for the Year 2020-2021

Res. #2020-230 Approval of Change Order #1 for Mott MacDonald for Professional Landscape Architecture and Engineering Services for Jonathan Hoffman Park Playground Renovations (\$47,400)

Res. #2020-231 Approving a Professional Service Contract with Mott MacDonald for Professional Engineering Services for the Recreation Center HVAC Project (\$69,950.00)

Res. #2020-232 Approving Change Order #2 for Mott MacDonald for Professional Landscape Architecture and Engineering Services for Clem Mulligan Sports Complex Renovations (\$47,000)

Res. #2020-233 Award National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcewell to JESCO for one (1) 2020 John Deere 60G Compact Excavator (\$75,000)

Ordinance #2020-15 - An Ordinance Enacting Chapter 96, Public Construction Contracts, of the Code of the Township of Lower, Establishing "Responsible Bidder" Requirements with Regards to Public Construction Projects Awarded Throughout the Township – this is the first reading of this Ordinance. The second reading and Public Hearing will be scheduled for September 9, 2020

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

Regular Agenda

Res. #2020-234 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (M.Perry \$2,427.23)

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

Manager's Report

Manager Jim Ridgway addressed Council and gave an update on Rotary Park stating that as soon as the DEP permits are secured, the project will be ready to go out to bid. He also reminded that the Township has a \$400,000 grant on this project. He gave an updat on the Jonathan Hoffman Park Project stating that a pre-construction meeting has been scheduled. He also gave an update on Roseann Avenue stating that the final payment has been approved and the closeout documents are in hand. Manager Ridgway stated that an Open Space Application has been delivered to the County today. He then spoke on the Township's Recreation programs stating that pre-registration for soccer will begin shortly and that the Township is awaiting the football league's decision.

Administrative Reports

Monthly Reports – Clerk, Construction, Dog, Fire, Tax, Treasurer, Vital
Personnel Action Report

Council Comments

Councilman Conrad questioned the status of the Foster House and Manager Ridgway will get the information to him. Councilman Conrad spoke on the Township's Concert series and then thanked the Department of Public Works for such a great job during the storm and the on-going cleanup.

Councilman Coombs thanked the Lower Township School Districts for all the hard work they have been putting in getting ready for the new school year.

Deputy Mayor Perry spoke about Roseann Avenue being complete.


Mayor Sippel thanked the Department of Public Works for the excellent job they are doing and reminded all residents that they are the same trucks both picking up trash and recycling and doing the storm cleanup. The Mayor also let everyone know that we currently have two football teams, one for 3rd and 4th grade and one for 5th and 6th grade.

Mayor Sippel reminded everyone that the next meeting will be Wednesday, September 9, 2020 and will be at 7:00.

Call to the Public – no comments

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Coombs, seconded by Councilmember Roy. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.



Mayor



Township Clerk

Approved: *Sept. 9, 2020*