

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – August 19, 2024

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on August 19, 2024 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: Michael Laffey, Township Manager, Robert Belasco, Township Solicitor and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – August 5, 2024

- Res. #2024-270 Authorization for the Payment of Vouchers \$ 1,316,583.88
- Res. #2024-271 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and open Contract to Fred M. Schiavone Construction, Inc. for Various Repairs to Roseanne Avenue (LT-G-2024)
- Res. #2024-272 Authorization for the Refund of Taxes
- Res. #2024-273 Approval of Change Order #2, Final As-Built Quantities and Contract Reduction for Beach Access Path Project (LT-C-038)
- Res. #2024-274 Approving Change Order #1 to Fred M. Schiavone Construction, Inc. for a No-Cost 35 Day Contract Time Extension for Francis Avenue Emergency Storm Sewer Piping at Ohio Pump Station (LT-C-045)
- Res. #2024-275 Authorizing the Sale of Township of Lower Surplus No Longer Needed for Public Use on GOVDEALS Online Auction Website
- Res. #2024-276 Approval for Beach to Brewery 10K
- Res. #2024-277 Approval for Run the Vineyards
- Res. #2024-278 A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Shared Service Agreement Between the County of Cape May and the Township of Lower for Public Safety Answering, Dispatch and Related Services
- Res. #2024-279 Approval of Change Order #2 for DeBlasio & Associates for Additional Construction Services for the Francis Avenue Storm Sewer Improvements Construction Phase (LT-C-045)
- Res. #2024-280 A Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, 2024-2026 Spotted Lanternfly Population Reduction/Chemical Control Treatment Opportunity Grant
- Res. #2024-281 Contract Award 2024 Ram Promaster Cargo Van Tradesman 2500 High Roof 159" New Jersey ESCNJ Cooperative #23/24-11

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

Administrative Reports

Clerk, Construction, Dog, Tax, Treasurer, Vital

Public Comment

Alex Filipov, 117 Town Bank Road, addressed Council to voice concern about speeding on Town Bank Road. Mayor Sippel assured Mr. Filipov that Manager Laffey will contact the Police Chief to address the matter. Deputy Mayor Perry stated that the County has reduced the speed limit on Town Bank Road from 40 mph to 35 mph.

Council Comments

Mayor Sippel announced the Children's Fund Concert and reminded taxpayers to contact the Governor's office to voice opposition to the proposed NJPACT Rules.

Deputy Mayor Perry – no comments

Councilmember Roy – no comments

Councilmember Coombs – no comments

Councilmember Conrad urged residents to voice their opposition to the NJPACT Rules to Governor Murphy's office.

Closed Session

Res. #2024-282 A Resolution Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12 Attorney/Client Privilege


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

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

Council returned to Open Session at 6:10 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Mayor Sippel, seconded by Deputy Mayor Perry. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



 Frank Sippel, Mayor



 Township Clerk

Approved: *Sept 4, 2024*