

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – June 21, 2021

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on June 21, 2021 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, David Stefankiewicz, Township Solicitor and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk

### Work Session

Certificates – Cub Scout Troop #87 – Mayor Sippel

Mayor Sippel thanked Cub Scout Troop #87, led by Tiffany Hand, for their volunteer services during clean-up day along the Cold Spring path. Certificates of appreciation were presented to Bryson Corea, Colin Beckman, Emma Cossaboon, Harper Corea, Savannah Gillespie, Robert Christman, Charles Erb, Nevaeh Gillespie, Bryan Cossaboon and Edward Erb.

Public Hearing – Renewal of Liquor License #0505-31-024-001; Issued to: Sunset Beach Sportsman's Club, 6 Sunset Boulevard

Mayor Sippel identified receipt of the following documents as part of the record: letter from NJ Fish & Wildlife dated 04/27/2021, letter from NJ Attorney General's Office dated 06/16/2021, and a legal brief from Attorney Michael Malinsky, representing Sunset Beach Sportsman's Club, dated 06/17/2021.

Michael Malinsky, Esq., introduced Dan Keenan, spokesman for the Sunset Beach Sportsman's Club.

Dan Keenan, head Trustee for Sunset Beach Sportsman's Club, addressed Council to present a petition signed by over 50 club members in support of the renewal of the Club's liquor license.

Jim Robinson, 30+ years member of Sunset Beach Sportsman's Club, addressed Council with documents and photos proving the heritage of the Club, the Club members and the Club's location, including the signed Charter from the State of NJ dating back to 1949, as well as an aerial photo showing the property designated for the Club over 49 years ago. In addition, he shared the Club's history of giving and community outreach and thanked Council for considering the Club's request to continue their legacy.

Larry Hume, Sunset Beach Sportsman's Club member and business neighbor, addressed Council in favor of the Club's continued operation and characterized the Club as a positive staple in the community.

Michael Malinsky pointed out arguments contained in his brief about the operation of the Club at the current location since 1957 and respectfully requested Council consider the renewal of the Club's liquor license.

Vernon George Hoffman, 610 Sunset Blvd., eldest Club member, gave testament to the Club's community outreach and requested Council renew the Club's liquor license.

Emily Kaithern, Club Chairperson, spoke in favor of the Club's community outreach and respectfully requested that Council renew the Club's liquor license.

Solicitor Stefankiewicz advised Council of their legal obligation to determine if the Club has met the eligibility requirements to renew the Club's liquor license, and cautioned them against interfering in any land dispute between the State of NJ and Sunset Beach Sportsman's Club.

Clerk Picard read the statutory requirements for a club license, based upon the State of NJ Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), all of which, in her opinion, the Sunset Beach Sportsman's Club has met.

Solicitor Stefankiewicz agreed that Sunset Beach Sportsman's Club has met all ABC requirements for renewal.

Res.#2021-203 Council Action on Liquor License #0505-31-024-001

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

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of Minutes – June 7, 2021

Res. #2021-204 Authorization for the payment of vouchers \$ 703,462.09

Res. #2021-205 Authorizing the Payout of Terminal Leave (T.Egan \$21,258.44)

Res. #2021-206 Authorizing the Payout of Terminal Leave (D.Johns \$14,767.58)

Res. #2021-207 Authorizing the Payout of Terminal Leave (R.Small \$6,533.80)

Res. #2021-208 Authorizing the Payout of Terminal Leave (S.Smith \$11,330.00)

Res. #2021-209 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (\$ 725.00 JIF Cyber Risk)

Res. #2021-210 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (\$2,000 JIF Optional Safety Budget)

Res. #2021-211 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (\$2,750 JIF Safety Incentive Award)

Res. #2021-212 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (\$1,000 JIF Wellness Incentive)

Res. #2021-213 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (\$79,025 Clean Communities)

Res. #2021-214 A Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application and the Execution of a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Fire Lane

Res. #2021-215 Revise Resolution to Add All Traffic Solutions, Inc. to the Annual New Jersey State Contract Vendor Listing Pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-12a

Res. #2021-216 Authorizing the Disposal of Township of Lower Surplus No Longer Needed for Public Use

Res. #2021-217 Authorizing the Sale of Township of Lower Surplus No Longer Needed for Public Use on GOVDEALS Online Auction Website

Res. #2021-218 Reappointment to the Planning Board (S.Supplee)

Res. #2021-219 Resolution Authorizing Cape May limousine to Transfer a Limousine License

Res. #2021-220 Annual Renewal of Liquor Licenses for the Year (2021-2022)

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

Res. #2021-221 Authorization for 2021 Incentive Award for Insurance Waiver (\$52,500)

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

Res. #2021-222 A Resolution Amending Resolution #2021-58 and Resolution #2021-172 Designating Inspira Medical Centers, Inc. to be the Sole Provider of Emergency Medical Services in Lower Township Effective June 19, 2021.

Mayor Sippel gave a brief summary of Resolution #2021-222, amending the date of the previous resolution.

James Sanford, Diamond Beach, thanked Manager Laffey for his efforts and voiced expectation for improved response times to Diamond Beach.

Manager Laffey thanked the entire team for bringing this to fruition.

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

Res. #2021-223 Approval of Change Order #1 to Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc for the Reconstruction of Miami Avenue, Florida Avenue, Jacksonville Avenue, Tampa Avenue and Elks Alley Project for an Additional Storm Sewer Installation (\$33,054.)

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

**Manager's Report**

Manager Laffey thanked Cub Scout Troop #87 for their help with the spring clean-up and offered Non-profit Organizations interested in receiving a donation through the Clean Communities Grant to contact Linda Thomas.

**Engineer's Report**

Cody Stanford gave Council an update on the following engineering projects being handled by DeBlasio & Associates: Reconstruction of Wilson Drive, Resurfacing of Miami, Florida, Jacksonville, Tampa and Elks Lodge Alley, Diamond Beach Park Improvements, Seaview Ave. Drainage Improvements, NJDEP CAFRA Permit, Recreation Center HVAC Upgrades, Flooding Investigation on Cloverdale, Evergreen & Spruce Aves., Clem Mulligan Park Renovations and the 2022 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application.

Councilmember Conrad shared information with Mr. Stanford pertaining to flooding investigation on Cloverdale, Evergreen and Spruce Avenues.

**Administrative Reports**

Monthly Reports – Clerk, Construction, Dog, Finance, Tax, Vital

**Public Comment**

James Sanford, Diamond Beach, thanked Manager Laffey for handling the beach access issue on Rochester Ave. He also expressed concern about water quantity in Diamond Beach and voiced disfavor with the planning board's approval of additional units at ICONA.

Solicitor Stefankiewicz corrected Mr. Sanford's assertion with regard to the planning board. A brief exchange ensued. Mr. Sanford requested that Council investigate the water issue in Diamond Beach.

**Council Comments**

Councilmember Conrad acknowledged Cub Scout Troop #87.

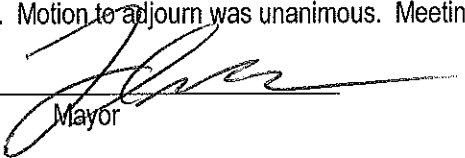
Councilmember Coombs thanked Manager Laffey for his accomplishment with Inspira. He also gave an update on scheduled paving for Bayshore Road and congratulated LCMR class of 2021.

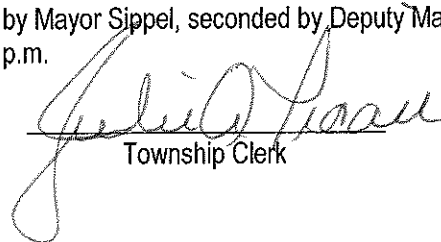
Councilmember Roy gave an update on the Sewer Expansion Project in Ward 3.

Deputy Mayor Perry noted progress being made on Township infrastructure projects and explained the permit process with regard to the comments about water quantity in Diamond Beach.

**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 5:58 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Township Clerk

Approved: July 6, 2021