

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – May 2, 2022

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on May 2, 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 – via phone
Councilmember Roland Roy, Jr.
Deputy Mayor David Perry
Mayor Frank Sippel

Also present: Michael Laffey, Township Manager, David Stefankiewicz (via phone), Township Solicitor, and Amy Belasco, clerk's office

Work Session

Presentation of Certificates – Lower Township Boys 5th & 6th Grade Travel Basketball Team – 2022 League Champions

Mayor Sippel presented certificates of congratulations on behalf of Township Council to the Lower Township Boys 5th and 6th Grade Travel Basketball Team players and Coach John Brunner.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – April 18, 2022

Res. #2022-143 Authorization for the payment of vouchers \$ 691,056.81

Res. #2022-144 A Resolution Requesting Release of Demolition Bond for Block 537, Lot 1.01, 207 Shore Drive

Res. #2022-145 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159

Res. #2022-146 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159

Res. #2022-147 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159

Res. #2022-148 A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Cops in Shops Funding Summer Shore Initiative 2022

Res. #2022-149 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Cops in Shops)

Res. #2022-150 Authorizing use of Facsimile Signature for Municipal Tax Accounts

Res. #2022-151 Authorizing the Sale of Township of Lower Surplus No Longer Needed for Public Use on GovDeals Online Auction

Res. #2022-152 A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Shared Service Agreement between the Township of Lower and the Delaware River and Bay Authority in Connection with the Summer Concert Series at the Cape May Ferry Terminal

Res. #2022-153 Approval of Change Order #1 to Axon Enterprises Inc. for the Axon Body 3 Camera Project

Mayor Sippel motioned to move Res. #2022-152 to the Regular Agenda.

On the Consent:

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

Regular Agenda

Res. #2022-152 A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Shared Service Agreement between the Township of Lower and the Delaware River and Bay Authority in Connection with the Summer Concert Series at the Cape May Ferry Terminal

Mayor Sippel gave an update on the status of negotiations with the DRBA regarding the Summer Concert Series. He stated it is in the Township's best interest not to enter into an agreement at this time.

Motion to **Table Res. #2022-152** made by Deputy Mayor Perry, seconded by Councilmember Roy.

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

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 second reading and public hearing for this Ordinance. This Ordinance has been published, posted and made available to the public.

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

Manager's Report

Manager Laffey gave an update on paving projects throughout the Township and spoke briefly about the Clem Mulligan Sports Complex.

Mayor Sippel recommended the next newsletter be inclusive of the activities scheduled for Clem Mulligan.

Call to the Public – no comments

Council Comments

Councilmember Conrad thanked Manager Laffey for the update on Clem Mulligan.

Councilmember Roy thanked the Township for much needed improvements and asked for continued patience with delays and inconveniences.

Deputy Mayor Perry commented in favor of various paving projects and also requested patience from the public.

Mayor Sippel thanked Manager Laffey and staff for the work getting done throughout the Township. He also complimented OEM for their proactive measures and informed about the availability of the Police Department Report.

Closed Session

Res. #2022-154 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. **Attorney-Client Privilege**

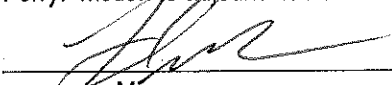
	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONRAD			X				
COOMBS							X
ROY			X				
PERRY		X	X				
SIPPEL	X		X				

Council adjourned to Closed Session at approximately 5:25 p.m.

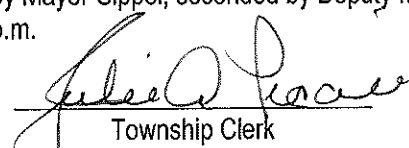
Council returned to Open Session at approximately 6:23 p.m.

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 6:24 p.m.



 Mayor



 Township Clerk

Approved: *May 16, 2022*