

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – October 17, 2022

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on October 17, 2022 at 7:00 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 and Robert Belasco, Township Solicitors and Karen Fournier, Deputy Township Clerk

### Work Session

#### Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – October 3, 2022

- Res. #2022-319 Authorization for the payment of vouchers \$ 481,538.68
- Res. #2022-320 A Resolution Approving the Annual Level of Compensation for the Commissioners of Fire District #1 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-88 and Local Finance Notice 2021-16
- Res. #2022-321 Resolution Acknowledging the Award of a Twelve (12) month Contract to UGI Energy Services for Natural Gas Supply Service under the South Jersey Power Cooperative for the Township of Lower
- Res. #2022-322 Authorizing the Sale of Township of Lower Surplus No Longer Needed for Public Use on Govdeals Online Auction Website
- Res. #2022-323 Approval of Change Order #1 for Engineering Services for the Construction Phase of Fire Lane; Bayshore Road to Sunnyside Drive Project (LT-C-029) (\$30,000)
- Res. #2022-324 Approval for Pyrotecnico Fireworks Inc to Load and Unload a Fireworks Barge in Lower Township
- Res. #2022-325 Authorization for the Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time (J. Felsing #3,116.66)
- Res. #2022-326 Approval for Cape May Hallowed Half Marathon (Oct 29, 2022)
- Res. #2022-327 Approval of Change Order #1 to Paul Baldini, Esq. As Conflict Counsel (\$5,000)
- Res. #2022-329 Approval for Lower Township Veterans Day Parade

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

### Regular Agenda

#### Engineer's Report

Marc DeBlasio provided Council with an update on the following engineering projects being handled by DeBlasio & Associates including: Reconstruction of Mowery Ave., Harvard St., Peters Rd., Howland and Miami Aves.; Cloverdale, Evergreen and Spruce Storm Sewer Improvements; Reconstruction of Fire Lane; Diamond Beach Park Improvements; Replacement of Various Pavilions; Municipal Pool Renovations; and all completed Township Roadway Improvements.

Mayor Sippel thanked Manager Laffey and DeBlasio & Associates for seeing these projects through. Councilmember Conrad and Deputy Mayor Perry also thanked the engineers for the work they've completed and for the savings to the taxpayers.

**Monthly Reports -**

Clerk, Construction, Dog, Finance, Vital

**Public Comment** – no comments

**Council Comments**

Councilmember Conrad thanked everyone who helped with the benefit concert and commented on the importance of infrastructure projects.

Councilmember Coombs – no comments

Councilmember Roy commended the MUA on the sewer installations being done in Ward 3.

Deputy Mayor Perry thanked everyone involved with the benefit concert and voiced favor with the venue for future events.

Mayor Sippel commented in favor of the benefit concert and thanked the Optimist Club for managing the fund. He also announced the following upcoming events: Trunk or Treat; Free Flu Shots; Haunted Trails; Trick or Treat; Veterans' Day Parade; and Tree Lighting Ceremony.

**Closed Session**

Res. #2022-328 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, Personnel, Contracts**

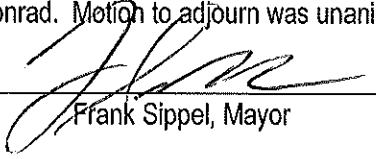
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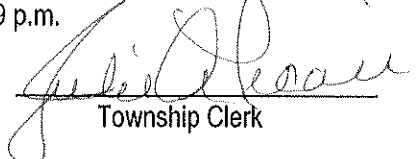
Council adjourned to Closed Session at 7:12 p.m.

Council returned to Open Session at 7:58 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Mayor Sippel, seconded by Councilmember Conrad. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

  
Frank Sippel, Mayor

  
Township Clerk

Approved: *NOV 7, 2022*