

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – October 18, 2021

The meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey was held on October 18, 2020 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 Deputy 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

Proclamation Presentation to Ptlm Robert Fessler & Ptlm Jordan Saini – Mayor Sippel

Mayor Sippel presented proclamations, on behalf of Council, to Patrolman Robert Fessler and Patrolman Jordan Saini, honoring them for their quick, heroic efforts in saving the life of a drowning child in Lower Township.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes – October 4, 2021

Res. #2021-313 Authorizing the payment of vouchers \$ 1,054,475.48

Res. #2021-314 Certification of Best Practices Inventory

Res. #2021-315 A Resolution Authorizing a Request for Funds from the Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority (\$160,000)

Res. #2021-316 Approval of Contribution to Lower Township Chamber of Commerce (\$3,500.)

Res. #2021-317 A Resolution Adopting a Revised Personnel Policy Manual for the Township of Lower

Res. #2021-318 Insertion of Special Item of Revenue Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87, Chapter 159 (Body Armor \$11,742.)

Ordinance #2021-20; An Ordinance Amending Chapter 400, Land Development, of the Code of the Township of Lower, to Designate Class 5 Cannabis Retail Licenses and Class 6 Cannabis Delivery Licenses as Conditional Uses in the GB-1, MD-2, and Industrial Zoning Districts. This is the first reading of this Ordinance. The second reading and Public Hearing has been scheduled for 11/15/21.

Motion to **TABLE Resolution #2021-317** moved by Deputy Mayor Perry, seconded by Councilmember Conrad.

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

On the Consent Agenda:

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

Manager's Report

Manager Laffey gave an update on several projects including: the Clem Mulligan Improvement Project; Flooding Investigation on Cloverdale, Evergreen and Spruce Avenues; Diamond Beach Drainage Improvements; Eroding Beach Paths; and Bayshore Road Paving Project. He also informed about rerouting the Rotary Christmas Parade due to the paving project.

Engineer's Report

Cody Stanford gave Council an update on the existing engineering projects being handled by DeBlasio and Associates, including: Reconstruction of Wilson Drive; Diamond Beach Park Improvements; Flooding Investigation on Cloverdale, Evergreen, and Spruce Avenues; Clem Mulligan Sports Complex Renovations; Reconstruction of Atlantic, Howland, Mowery Avenues and Millman Lane; Municipal Pool Improvements; Concept Design for Rotary Park; and Park Pavilion Improvements.

Mayor Sippel inquired about the process of notifying residents and businesses about road closures due to construction.

Mr. Stanford informed that the responsibility falls on the contractor.

Administrative Reports

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

Call to the Public

Bill Greenfield, Villas, addressed Council to inquire about the berm.

Councilmember Conrad informed that the Township is awaiting word from the Army Corps. of Engineers.

Mr. Greenfield also voiced a desire to change the order of the agenda.

Mayor Sippel reminded about the intent of Public Comment.

Council Comments

Mayor Sippel announced the following upcoming events: Trunk-or-Treat; Coombs/Douglass Run; Shred Day; Trick-or-Treat; Veteran's Parade; Early Voting; Flu Clinics; and the Rotary Christmas Parade.

Deputy Mayor Perry reminded residents about Fire Prevention Month and to check smoke detectors and heaters.

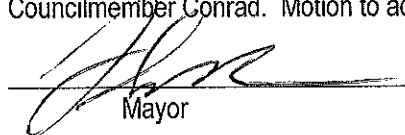
Councilmember Roy informed residents of a proposal from the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife for a restoration project at Pond Creek Marsh.

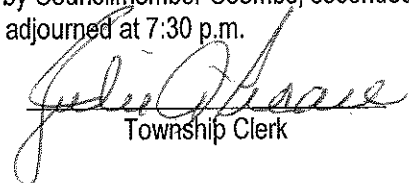
Councilmember Coombs – no further comments

Councilmember Conrad thanked the Rec. Dept., Rotary and HCSV for a successful Pumpkin Festival. He also informed about the MUA sewer expansion project.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, motion to adjourn moved by Councilmember Coombs, seconded by Councilmember Conrad. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


Mayor


Township Clerk

Approved: *Nov. 1, 2021*