

Lower bonds for road, flood-remediation projects

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VILLAS — With its 2024

municipal budget in place, Lower Township continues its campaign of road and flood-remediation projects

and capital purchases for various departments. At a May 7 meeting, Lower Township Council intro-

duced a \$3.6 million bond ordinance for roadway and drainage improvements, including Corson Lane, Frances Avenue, Howland Avenue, Holmes Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard from Adriatic to Beach Avenue, as well as rehabilitation and/or replacement of Village Road bulkheads and Delaware Bay outfall pipe extensions.

Council introduced a \$4.8 million bond ordinance for various capital improvement projects including \$1.4 million for parks and \$1 million for the Department of Public Works to buy a tub grinder, pole barn, stake body truck, refuse truck and shop equipment.

The bond ordinance includes \$651,900 for the Lower Township Police Department for data collection equipment including cameras, an automat-

ic license plate reader, electronic speed signs, a trailer, software and office equipment, an all-wheel drive vehicle and two passenger vehicles.

A total of \$1.6 million of the bond is earmarked for township administration including replacement of roofs, heating and air conditioning systems at various buildings, acquisition of emergency equipment, computer hardware and software upgrades and office equipment and furniture.

Council approved a \$10,000 professional services contract with DeBlasio and Associates for survey, engineering and permitting phases for a bulkhead and stairway at the Village Road beach. The bulkhead will connect to two existing residential bulkheads to the north and south of the street end.

Due to the proximity to Delaware Bay, permits will be required from the state Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corps of Engineers.

According to a memo from DeBlasio, the Village Road bulkhead will be incorporated into the Delaware Bay outfall extension project to reduce permit application fees.

The contract does not include the final bulkhead design, bid-ready construction documents and construction phase services.

Council approved an \$18,000 change order with DeBlasio and Associates for additional outfall pipes for Beverly Road, Wildwood Avenue, Arbor Road and Cloverdale Avenue. The contract includes survey, engineering and permitting which involves multiple agencies.

On April 30, flooding occurred at Frances Avenue that requires installation of storm sewer piping from Frances Avenue to the Ohio Avenue pump station. The Department of Public Works implemented bypass pumping 24 hours per day during rainstorms to mitigate flooding.

The township received two quotes for the project and awarded a \$582,800 contract to Fred Schiavone Construction. A \$38,000 contract was approved for DeBlasio and Associates for professional services for the construction phase for emergency repairs including shop drawings and full-time construction observation.

Council awarded a \$20,000 contract for engineering and survey services to DeBlasio and Associates for replacement of the storm sewer from Holmes Avenue, Gorham Avenue and Scott Avenue.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWNSHIP OF LOWER SMALL CITIES PROGRAM

The Township of Lower is completing a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program. Small Cities Project #2020-02292-0088-00 in the amount of \$400,000.00 improved ADA accessibility at Rotary Community Park.

In accordance with Community Development Citizen Participation requirements, a public hearing is being held in order to review the performance and status of activities and to identify future Community Development activities for the Small Cities Program. This second hearing is in addition to the public hearings that were held during development of this project prior to submission of the Small Cities application.

Interested citizens are invited to attend this hearing on May 29, 2024 at 1:00 pm at the Lower Township Municipal Building, 2600 Bayshore Road, Villas, New Jersey 08251. Citizens are advised that they can send written comments to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing and Community Resources, NJ Small Cities CDBG Program, P.O. Box 806, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0806, during a ten-day period following this public hearing.

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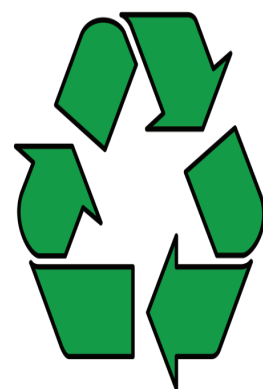
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WHEN: Saturday, May 18, 2024
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