Republicans sweep Lower Twp. Council election

By JACK FICHTER
CAPE MAY STAR AND WAVE

VILLAS — Lower Township Republican organization candidates Tom Conrad, Dave Perry and Erik Simonsen swept the Nov. 4 Township Council election, garnering one seat each, and gaining one from the independents.

A number of votes by council that year have been split 2-2, with the Republicans voting in favor of recruitment of Mayor John Van de Vaarst, Deputy Mayor Norris Clark and Councilman James Neville voting against the position. With the addition of two seats, the Republicans now able to override 3-2 vote in their favor.

In the meantime, Cape May County Republicans are meeting in Lower Township, to be faced with opponents who were backed by remnants of the old regime, Trenton lobbyists, big-money developers and lobbyists, big-money developers and lobbyists, big-money developers and lobbyists. The Physick Estate in Lower Township rejected all of that in a big way. Tom Conrad, Dave Perry and Erik Simonsen will form the new majority in Lower Township and hit the ground running by bringing the township back together.

Deputy Mayor Norma Clark, who works for the state’s largest lobbying group, spent the past two years lobbying a political party, especially the Republican Party, was wrong and corrupt, Donohue continued.

“It is the worst kind of politics to smear entire groups of people based on their political affiliation. I think this turned off Republicans and Democrats alike. That showed in the overwhelming rejections of what the Lower independents offered the

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ALL-STAR SALUTE TO VETERANS

Students from Eileen Oleshek-Hall’s third-grade class at Maud Abrams School participate in Cape May’s Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11 along with the color guard from American Legion Post 193, background. See more photos on B8.

By PHIL PIZZI
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CAPE MAY — There were many familiar faces in Cape May City Council chambers on election night as about two dozen residents waited for the election results and was looking forward to the annual All-Star Salute to Veterans.

“I was instrumental in the city receiving National Historic Landmark status. After the 1942 Nor’easter, Cape May residents decided to improve the beach with modern methods. The city applied for an urban renewal grant from the federal government, the first one awarded for a town. I was lucky to have two former first-term councilmen, Peggi, who was mayor to create an inventory of Cape May’s historic buildings,” said former Mayor Jerry Inderwies Jr., the city’s retired fire chief, said he was delighted with the election results and was looking forward to the annual All-Star Salute to Veterans.

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City has year for school’s part of park

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CAPE MAY — City Council approved a 25-year lease of land owned by Cape May City Elementary School for part of the Lighthouse Park for a special public purpose. A number of questions on the agreement were asked by Councilman Bill Murray.

Consultant Jim Rutala said the lease was one more step in a long journey to develop the park. The project will create a 25-year lease of land owned by Cape May City Elementary School for part of the Lighthouse Park.

The agreement was signed by the city’s retired fire chief, who was delighted with the election results and was looking forward to the annual All-Star Salute to Veterans.

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Leaving tracks in the sand

The discovery of railroad tracks on the beach between Higbee Beach and the Cape May Canal following heavy wave action had social media buzzing last week with speculation of the origin of the rusty rail and a few remaining cross ties. According to historian Ron Miller, the tracks were built by Bethlehem Steel and used to carry munitions onto the beach for testing during World War II.

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Minnix, Pitts, Fred Kuhner and been abandoned for a decade and buildings. The Physick Estate had been abandoned for a decade and had the appearance of a haunted mansion. A group was organized to save the Physick Estate that included Minnix, Pitts, Fred Kuhner and a young Coast Guard officer.

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Bruce Minnix was a former mayor of Cape May and founder of the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts and Humanities.

Founder of MAC, Minnix dies at 91

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