

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

August 14, 2012

PRESENT: Mayor John Coiro, presiding, Council President Phil Puglise, Councilman John Waryas, Councilman Jim Niland, Councilman Lou D'Angelo, Councilwoman Carolyn Fontanella, Councilwoman Debra Andriani, Municipal Clerk Joseph Wassel and Municipal Attorney Robert Corrado.

ABSENT: None.

Mayor John Coiro called the meeting to order and asked the Municipal Clerk to call the roll.

Municipal Clerk Wassel recited the Prayer of the Meeting followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with the public participating.

Mayor Coiro asked the Clerk to read the statement of the meeting.

The Municipal Clerk read the following statement: This meeting of the Mayor and Council held on this day is being held in accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 of the State of New Jersey as amended. The agenda for this meeting has been prepared and distributed to the Mayor and Council and a copy has been on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Coiro asked if any members of the Council, the Municipal Clerk or the Municipal Attorney wished to address the Council.

There were no reports.

CITIZENS HEARD:

Dr. Albert Cattafi, 18 Independence Trail: Started by saying that he didn't know if he was making a complaint or just a statement, but the residents of Hickory Hill are upset with the amount of taxes that they pay and they don't get any services such as the

street sweeper, police patrols, etc., and never sees their Council representative until just before Election Day. Said that he has heard people say that the tax increase is due to the County and if that is the case, he thinks that we should send a letter to the Freeholders. Mayor Coiro: Explained that in our form of government all six Council people represent all the residents of Totowa. Continued by explaining their taxes—rate versus assessment; schools portion, county portion and the local (town) portion and that for the overall tax rate, Totowa's portion is only 21% of the total bill. Remarked that you may have received my letter with your tax bill, and said that our local increase was only 1%, with the other 1% coming from tax appeals, while the County increase was 8%. Told him that services are for all residents even if you don't use them and said that your development's roads are private and that is why we don't send the street sweeper, but did ask the Police Chief to send the patrol cars through. Further disclosed that your assessments should take into account any lack of services do to their private community. A conversation ensued.

There was a motion by Councilman Niland, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of July 24, 2012. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilman Puglise and Councilman Waryas abstained from the voting.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve Resolution No. 2012-17 for the payment of bills. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to acknowledge receipt of the Certification of Property Tax Bill mailing by the Deputy Tax Collector. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

There was a motion by Councilman Niland, seconded by Councilman Puglise to approve a grade increase for Patrolman Park Balloutine from Grade 4 (\$77,344.) to Grade 3 (\$88,011.), effective August 10, 2012. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Upon the recommendation of the Police Chief, there was a motion by Councilman Niland, seconded by Councilman Puglise to appoint Robin Sangastiano as a part time Police Matron. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

I, Mayor John Coiro, with the advice and consent of the Council do hereby appoint Robin Sangastiano as a part time Police Matron for a term of one year ending on December 31, 2012.

There was a motion by Councilman Niland, seconded by Councilman Puglise to confirm the appointment. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Niland, seconded by Councilman Puglise to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Purchase And Delivery Of Two Vehicles For The Borough Of Totowa Police Department. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 90-2012

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF TWO (2) VEHICLES FOR THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Police Chief has requested that two (2) new police vehicles be purchased and added to the Borough of Totowa fleet; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that there is a need for two (2) new police vehicles in order to maintain and keep the fleet updated; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to authorize the purchase of these vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract No. 15-A has been awarded to Celebrity Ford, LLC d/b/a Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07962 for the purchase of the one (1) 2013 Ford Police Interceptor Sedan, Model P2M and one (1) 2013 Ford Police Interceptor Explorer, Model K8A and related equipment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State laws, the purchase of the police vehicles may be authorized without public bidding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize the purchase of one (1) 2013 Ford Police Interceptor Sedan Crown from Celebrity Ford, LLC d/b/a Beyer Ford in the amount of Twenty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Eight and 00/100 Dollars (\$23,738.00) and one (1) 2013 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Explorer from Celebrity Ford, LLC d/b/a Beyer Ford in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Three and 00/100 Dollars (\$25,543.00) per vehicle for a total cost of Forty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-One and 00/100 Dollars (\$49,281.00).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize the Municipal Clerk and Police Chief to execute any and all instruments relating thereto.

There was a motion by Councilman Niland, seconded by Councilman Puglise to approve payment of the annual contribution for 2012 to the Borough of Totowa First Aid Squad, Inc. in the amount of \$15,000.00. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A letter from Jill Dolinsky thanking Patrolman Jamie Titus for his professionalism during a motor vehicle accident she had on Union Boulevard on July 2, 2012 was received and filed, with a copy to be placed in his personnel jacket.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

A letter was received requesting a special, unpaid leave of absence for DPW Laborer Keith Wright. There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Niland to approve the request. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A letter of retirement was received from part time DPW employee Russell Crapella. There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Niland to accept his retirement and send him a letter of thanks for his many years of service. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A letter from Library Director Anne Krautheim thanking the DPW for all their assistance during the library expansion project was received and filed.

COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Puglise to add the following item to the agenda. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to adopt the following Resolution: Approval To Submit A Grant Application And Execute A Grant Agreement With The New Jersey Department Of Transportation For The Transportation Enhancement Program For The Borough Of Totowa Union Boulevard Revitalization And Streetscape Project. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 91-2012

RESOLUTION: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA, UNION BOULEVARD REVITALIZATION AND STREETScape PROJECT

WHEREAS, The Federal Aid Transportation Enhancement Program strives to ensure that transportation enhancements are an integral part of our transportation investment policy; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Enhancement funding is to be used to support non-traditional transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa has completed the visioning process and preliminary engineering for Phase Three of the Union Boulevard Revitalization and Streetscape Project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa has committed \$558,000 towards the completion of this project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa wishes to apply for additional funding for this project through the NJ DOT Transportation Enhancement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa will assume the responsibility with regard to maintenance and upkeep of this streetscape project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey formally approves the grant application for Phase Three of the Union Boulevard Revitalization and Streetscape Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as *TE-2012 Totowa Borough 00203* to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Totowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Totowa and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

COMMITTEE ON LIAISON & INSPECTION:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Waryas to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between The City Of Paterson, Department Of Health And Human Services, Division Of Health And The Borough Of Totowa. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 92-2012

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PATERSON, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF HEALTH AND THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to enter into a health care services agreement with the City of Paterson, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the agreement, the City of Paterson, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health will furnish health care services of a technical and professional nature pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-1, et seq. and N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq.: and

WHEREAS, these technical and professional services include but are not limited to public health administration, health education, public health nursing education promoting and providing immunization, tuberculosis control, sexually transmitted disease control and HIV/Aids prevention; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the aforementioned technical and professional services is Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight and 00/100 Dollars (\$9,888.00) for a twelve (12) month period; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to enter into this agreement with the City of Paterson, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health and memorialize the terms thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize the Borough of Totowa to enter into an agreement with the City of Paterson, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health for the furnishing of health services of a technical and professional nature pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-1, et seq. and N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the Borough of Totowa does hereby authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute any and all necessary instruments relating thereto.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

I, Mayor John Coiro, do hereby appoint Nico Stabile as a Board of Recreation Commissioner for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2016.

This is a Mayor's appointment and does not require Council consent or confirmation.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve the Application For Special Permit For Social Affair from the State Of New Jersey Division Of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the Totowa Borough Republican Club for Sunday, September 9, 2012 from 12:00 – 8:00 p.m. to be held at the recreational areas at The PAL. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There being no further business to come before the Council, there was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas that the meeting be adjourned. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Joseph Wassel, RMC
Municipal Clerk