

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

January 8, 2013

PRESENT: Mayor John Coiro, presiding, Council President Phil Puglise, Councilman John Waryas, Councilman Lou D'Angelo, Councilwoman Carolyn Fontanella, Councilwoman Debra Andriani, Councilman Anthony Picarelli, 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.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to dispense with the regular order of business in order to enable the Mayor and Council to present Sports Award Certificates to the 2012 United County Cheering League "A" Squad Competition Cheerleaders, Advisors and Coaches for taking first place in Pom and "C" Squad Competition Cheerleaders, Advisors and Coaches for taking first place in Cheer Dance and Pom. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Mayor John Coiro announced that it is with great pleasure and pride that we are able to present these Sports Award Certificates to our cheerleaders and congratulated all on their accomplishments. Mayor Coiro started by calling up the Commissioners and then the Advisors, Coaches and Cheerleaders of the "C" Squad Champions for Cheer Dance and Pom and presented each with a Sports Award Certificate. Then Mayor Coiro continued by calling up the Commissioners, Advisors, Coach and Cheerleaders for the "A" Squad Champions for Pom and presented each with a Sports Award Certificate. Pictures were taken of each squad with their trophies. Mayor Coiro once again congratulated them all and announced that we would take a short recess.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to revert to the regular order of business. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

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

Councilman Waryas: Announced that the Totowa Public Library will have their 2nd Annual Italian Dinner Fundraiser on Monday, January 21, 2013 and tickets are still available.

Councilwoman Fontanella: Advised that Totowa will be participating in a statewide databank called NJ Register Ready for any resident who may need assistance during emergencies and wants to be included in the program. Remarked that we will be holding informational meetings for anyone interested.

CITIZENS HEARD:

Mike Mahometa, 269 Lincoln Avenue: Said that cars rocket up and down Lincoln Avenue who use it as a cut through and asked about getting a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Crosby and Lincoln Avenues and/or Chamberlain and Lincoln Avenues.

Mayor Coiro: Explained that the New Jersey Department of Transportation has an unwillingness to allow 4-way stops due to the lack of accidents at these locations. Told him that his neighbor has requested one at Chamberlain and Lincoln and we have had Engineer studies and our own traffic studies done to no avail. Asked Police Chief Robert Coyle to get more police presence in the area for speeding. Councilman Puglise: Asked Chief Coyle to place the speed monitor on Lincoln Avenue.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of December 11, 2012. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilman Picarelli abstained from the voting.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the Reorganization Meeting of January 1, 2013. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to approve Resolution No. 2013-02 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 D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to waive and eliminate any credits or balances for any account under \$10.00 for year 2012. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there are taxpayers who have minor credits or balances (under \$10.00) on their accounts regarding property taxes for the year 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is permitted to waive payment of these small credits or balances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to waive and eliminate any credits or balances for any account under \$10.00 for the year 2012.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to adjust the taxes for 2013 for Charles Scelba, 303 Boyle Avenue, Block 56, Lot 10.01 pursuant to a 100% Exemption for a 100% Permanent and Total Disability due to a wartime service connected disability. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION

Re: Charles Scelba
Block 56, Lot 10.01
303 Boyle Avenue
Totowa, NJ 07512

WHEREAS, Charles Scelba has applied for 100% Exemption for a 100% Permanent and Total Disability due to wartime service connected disability; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scelba has met all requirements for the exemption; and

WHEREAS, the 100% Disability became effective on June 21, 2012 and will be exempted from paying real estate taxes for the entire year of 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to adjust off the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2013 and the property will be listed on the 2013 tax list as "Exempt".

A retirement letter was received from Katherine A. Schroeter, effective January 1, 2013. There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to accept her resignation. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A letter from St. Joseph's Home For The Elderly, Little Sisters Of The Poor thanking Denise Zarek for her assistance with their 50/50 raffle application was received and filed with a copy to be placed into her personnel jacket.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to confirm the Certification List of eligible candidates for initial appointment to the Borough of Totowa Police Department. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, there was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman Puglise to appoint James Niland as Interim Superintendent/Public Works Manager. 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 James Niland as Interim Superintendent/Public Works Manager for a term of one year expiring December 31, 2013.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

There was no report.

COMMITTEE ON LIAISON & INSPECTION:

There was no report.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to introduce on first reading and advertise for public hearing the following entitled ordinance. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2013

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE ANNUAL SALARIES AND WAGES OF THE OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES AND THE APPOINTEES OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to introduce on first reading and advertise for public hearing the following entitled ordinance. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2013

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA CHAPTER 75 ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT", ARTICLE XII, "GENERAL RULES", SECTION 80, "OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT REGULATED".

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, 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 BPOE #2111 Passaic Valley Elks for February 3, 2013 from 2:00 p.m.—11:30 p.m. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve Raffle License Application Nos. 1678 & 1679 for the Pequannock Valley Rotary Club for a Tricky Tray and On-Premise 50/50, respectively, to be held on February 9, 2013 at The Bethwood. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve Raffle License Application Nos. 1682 & 1683 for Our Lady of the Holy Angels for a Tricky Tray and On-Premise 50/50, respectively, to be held on May 9, 2013 at The Bethwood. 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