

## **BOROUGH OF TOTOWA**

### **MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**November 26, 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 hold a public hearing on Ordinance No. 17-2013 as advertised. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Municipal Clerk Wassel announced that Ordinance No. 17-2013 has been advertised for public hearing for Tuesday, November 26, 2013.

Municipal Clerk Wassel read the legal notice and title of Ordinance No. 17-2013.

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

Mayor Coiro asked if any citizens wished to be heard on Ordinance No. 17-2013.

**CITIZENS HEARD:**

There were no citizens present who wished to be heard.

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

Municipal Clerk Wassel read Ordinance No. 17-2013 by title:

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-2013**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA  
CHAPTER 398 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", ARTICLE II, "PARKING",  
SECTION 11, "HANDICAPPED PARKING", AND ARTICLE XIII, "SCHEDULES",  
SECTION 65, "SCHEDULE XVIII: HANDICAPPED PARKING"**

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to adopt Ordinance No. 17-2013 on second and final reading. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

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.

Mayor Coiro: Commented that the new lectern/podium that you see has been donated by Councilman D'Angelo. The Mayor and Council all thanked Councilman D'Angelo.

Councilman Puglise: Advised that both he and Councilman Waryas attended the Fire Chief Election results and announced that the final tally was 54 votes for Vinnie Marciano and 4 votes for Jim Booth.

Councilwoman Andriani: Stated that the Annual Tree Lighting festivities will be held on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m. and also that the Board of Recreation will sponsor a Drop n Shop Fun Night on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 10:45 p.m. at Spa 23.

Councilman Waryas: Remarked that the Library will hold their Annual Open House on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

#### CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens present who wished to be heard.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of November 12, 2013. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilman D'Angelo and Councilwoman Fontanella abstained from the voting.

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to approve Resolution No. 2013-24 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 acknowledge receipt of the Report of Annual Tax Sale held on October 24, 2013 from Tax Collector Elaine Reddin. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A letter from Library Director Anne Krautheim inviting the Mayor and Council to view their Hurricane Sandy Photography Exhibition on December 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. was received and filed.

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

There was no report.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman Puglise to adopt the following Resolution Supporting A Grant Application To The New Jersey Department Of Environmental Protection For Funds To De-Snag/De-Silt The Passaic River. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 107-2013

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR FUNDS TO  
DE-SNAG/DE-SILT THE PASSAIC RIVER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa received a letter from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection advising of the availability of grant funds for the purpose of de-snagging/de-silting the Passaic River; and

WHEREAS, the maximum grant available for each municipality is \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the Borough of Woodland Park, the Borough of Totowa has identified a section of the Passaic River in need of de-snagging and de-silting; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa has determined this to be a priority project which will benefit residents by alleviating habitual flooding issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa has determined that the Borough of Totowa should apply for the aforementioned grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa, County of Passaic, New Jersey, authorizes the submission of an application to the aforementioned New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Grant Program.

A letter from the Wright Family thanking the Mayor and Council, Totowa, the Department of Public Works, Fire and Police Departments for the farewell given to Doug upon his passing was received and filed.

COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to authorize the Borough Attorney and the Borough Clerk to prepare the specifications and advertise for the receipt of bids for the Purchase, Delivery And Installation Of One New 125 KW Diesel Power Generator For The Municipal Complex. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$55,350.00 to the Borough of Woodland Park for the replacement of a portion of the 24" sanitary sewer force main shared by Little Falls, Totowa and Woodland Park. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON LIAISON & INSPECTION:

There was no report.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve Raffle License Application No. 1745 for St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly – Little Sisters of the Poor for an Off-Premise 50/50 to be held on March 17, 2014. 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.

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Joseph Wassel, RMC  
Municipal Clerk