

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

January 28, 2014

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 and Municipal Clerk Joseph Wassel.

ABSENT: Municipal Attorney Robert Corrado.

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. 01-2014 as advertised. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Municipal Clerk Wassel announced that Ordinance No. 01-2014 has been advertised for public hearing for Tuesday, January 28, 2014.

Municipal Clerk Wassel read the legal notice and the title of Ordinance No. 01-2014.

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. 01-2014.

CITIZENS HEARD:

Mike Mahometa, 269 Lincoln Avenue: Said that he read the Passaic Valley Today newspaper and asked if all employees are getting a 2% raise. Mayor Coiro: Answered yes, except for the Mayor and Council. Mr. Mahometa: Responded that is good.

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. 01-2014 by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2014

**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 Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to adopt Ordinance No. 01-2014 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.

Councilman Waryas: 1) Thanked the DPW, Allen Del Vecchio and the Police

Department for their handling of the recent storms and going above and beyond and also the Passaic County Road Department for filling in the pot holes on County roads;
2) Stated that the Library dinner last week was well attended and thanked everyone.

Councilwoman Andriani: Announced that the Board of Recreation is sponsoring a snow tube adventure on February 8th at Mountain Creek and tickets can be purchased on February 6th at the Library.

CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens 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 January 14, 2014. 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. 2014-03 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 Treasurer to issue refunds to various property owners pursuant to County Tax Court judgments. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there has been a County Tax Court Judgment (Added) to reduce the evaluation on the following property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of the Borough of Totowa is authorized to refund this amount.

<u>BLK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY/OWNER</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO:</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
167	14	296 Winifred Drive Ronald & Diane Dellanno	Ronald & Diane Dellanno	2013	21,633	17,000	\$97.43

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Treasurer to effectuate the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #13-00005, 2 Peterson Road, Block 149, Lot 21.04. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION

Certificate of Sale #13-00005
Block 149, Lot 21.04
Property: 2 Peterson Road, Totowa, NJ 07512
Owner: Lillian Zimmerman

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on October 24, 2013, a lien was sold on Block 149, Lot 21.04, also known as 2 Peterson Road in Totowa, for 2012 delinquent taxes and water; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #13-00005, was sold to Stonefield Investment Fund III, for 0% redemption fee and a \$22,500.00 premium; and

WHEREAS, Chase Bank the mortgage holder has effected redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #13-00005 in the total amount of \$12,346.99 as of 1/31/14.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$12,346.99 payable to Stonefield Investment Fund III, LLC, 21 Robert Pitt Drive, Suite 202, Monsey, NY 10952, for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #13-00005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$22,500.00 (premium) to the aforementioned lien holder.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to adopt the following Resolution Appointing A Risk Management Consultant. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 28-2014

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa recognize the need for the service of a Risk Management Consultant for the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, the services to be provided by the Risk Management Consultant shall include but are not limited to identifying the Borough's insurable Property and Casualty exposures and to reduce, assume or transfer the risk or loss; understanding the various coverage's available from the commercial insurance market; assisting in the preparation of applications, and reviewing certificates of insurance from contractors, vendors and other professional as needed; and

WHEREAS, Strategic Insurance Partners, 492 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey 07110 submitted a proposal to provide the necessary professional services for the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa did examine the proposal on January 28, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Strategic Insurance Partners possesses the necessary experience and expertise to perform the services and to serve as Risk Management Consultant for the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year effective January 1, 2014 until December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State laws, the award of a contract for these professional services 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 Borough of Totowa to enter into an agreement with Strategic Insurance Partners to provide Risk Management Consulting services for the Borough of Totowa.

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 instruments relating thereto.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing the Borough Of Totowa To Enter Into An Agreement With Broadview Networks For Voice Communications Network Services. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 29-2014

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA TO ENTER
INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BROADVIEW NETWORKS FOR
VOICE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK SERVICES

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 68-2012 dated May 8, 2012, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa authorized the purchase and installation of an AVAYA IP Office 500 Phone System for all of the municipal offices located within the Borough of Totowa Municipal Complex as well as at the Department of Public Works, Community Center and Office of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the purchase and installation of the updated phone system, including labor, parts and materials, was purchased via State of New Jersey Contract No. A80802 which had been awarded to Hunter Technologies, 38 Corbett Way, Eatontown, New Jersey 07724 for Telecommunication Equipment Services; and

WHEREAS, Hunter Technologies has completed the installation of the AVAYA IP Office 500 Phone System; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa recognize the need for a compatible voice communications network service provider for the updated phone system; and

WHEREAS, State of New Jersey Contract No. A85017 has been awarded to Broadview Networks, 800 Westchester Avenue, Rye, New York 10573 for Voice Communication Services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State laws, the award of a Voice Communications Network Service agreement pursuant to State Contract 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 Borough of Totowa to enter into an agreement with Broadview Networks to provide Voice Communications Network Service for the Borough of Totowa pursuant to State of New Jersey Contract No. A85017.

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 instruments relating thereto.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to approve the fireman's application, the purchase of fireman's equipment and authorize a fireman's physical for John P. Bateman for Fire Rescue Company No. 4. 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 hire Nicholas Romanelli and Domenick Coiro as Department of Public Works Laborers. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman Puglise to approve Change Order No. 1 for an Extension of Time to Mark Paving Company, Inc. for the Lincoln Avenue Improvements. 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. 02-2014

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA
CHAPTER 310 ENTITLED "SALES, SPECIAL", ARTICLE II, "SIDEWALK SALES",
SECTION 12 (F), "PERMIT FEES" & SECTION 17, "RESTRICTIONS" (A) & (B)**

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to adopt the following Proclamation In Honor Of Eagle Scout Daniel Martinez. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF EAGLE SCOUT DANIEL MARTINEZ

WHEREAS, Daniel Martinez, a member of Boy Scout Troop 777, has earned the status of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Martinez has served the Boy Scouts in an exemplary manner and is deserving of the honor bestowed upon him; and

WHEREAS, for Daniel's Eagle Scout Leadership Project he repaired three sunken concrete slabs on the sidewalk connecting a parking lot to the bookstore of the Iglesia Bautista Reformada in North Bergen; and

WHEREAS, for his project most of the work had to be completed within two days, which required more hours than anticipated. The old sidewalk, which had to be demolished, ended up being significantly deeper than originally thought, which complicated the work; and

WHEREAS, because of Daniel's project, this sidewalk is now in good condition and is no longer a safety hazard; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Martinez serves as an example to youth through his high level of personal achievement, leadership and community service and we are very proud that Daniel is a member of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa recognize the many hours Daniel devoted to attaining the status of Eagle Scout, working with diligence and making sacrifices in order to achieve this highly coveted rank.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey that special recognition be given to Daniel Martinez for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that this Proclamation be made a part of the permanent records of the Borough of Totowa.

Given in tribute, this 28th day of January, 2014 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman Puglise to approve Raffle License Application Nos. 1758 & 1759 for the Totowa Public Library Foundation, Inc. for a Tricky Tray and Off-Premise 50/50, respectively, to be held on June 1, 2014 at the Totowa PAL. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilwoman Andriani abstained from the voting.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve Raffle License Application No. 1760 for the Academy of St. Francis of Assisi for a Calendar Raffle for April, May & June 2014. 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 No. 1761 for the Special Olympics New Jersey, Inc. for an Off-Premise Merchandise Raffle to be held on May 5, 2014 at the North Jersey Developmental Center. 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 No. 1762 for the Totowa Parent Teacher Organization for a Tricky Tray to be held on May 2, 2014 at the Totowa 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