

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

September 9, 2014

PRESENT: Mayor John Coiro, presiding, Council President Phil Puglise, Councilman Lou D'Angelo, Councilwoman Carolyn Fontanella, Councilwoman Debra Andriani, Councilman Anthony Picarelli, Councilman Brendan Murphy, Deputy Municipal Clerk Kathryn Wasilewski and Municipal Attorney Robert Corrado.

ABSENT: Municipal Clerk Joseph Wassel.

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

Deputy Municipal Clerk Wasilewski 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 Deputy 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 Deputy Municipal Clerk or the Municipal Attorney wished to address the Council.

Councilwoman Andriani: 1) Announced that the pool had a successful season; 2) Stated that opening day for PAL Soccer went well on Saturday, September 6, 2014 and had a good turnout.

CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of August 26, 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. 2014-19 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 authorize the Borough Attorney and Borough Clerk to prepare the specifications and advertise for the receipt of bids for the Collection and Transportation of Recyclable Materials. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

A letter was received from Fire Chief Vincent Marciano requesting a day off with pay from the DPW on Friday, September 12, 2014 to attend the New Jersey State Firemen's Convention as delegate and to also take the Fire Chief's vehicle to the convention from September 10—14, 2014. There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Murphy to approve the request. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A letter from the Totowa Fire Department Fund Drive Committee advising that their annual fund drive will be September 8 – October 15, 2014, with their door-to-door campaign being held on October 12 –14, 2014 was received and filed.

A letter was received from Fire Chief Vincent Marciano advising that the Fire Department will be having an Open House – Membership Drive on Sunday, October 5, 2014 from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. and request to have Mitchell Avenue closed to traffic. There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Murphy to approve the request from Totowa Road to the end of the Fire Companies property. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

STREET CLOSING AUTHORIZED BY THE MAYOR

Under the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Borough of Totowa, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, by virtue of N.J.S.A. 40:67-16.9 and the Code of the Borough of Totowa Chapter No. 398-42, I Mayor John Coiro, do hereby order and direct that Mitchell Avenue between Totowa Road and the easterly property lines of Volunteer Fire Company and Fire Rescue Company be closed to vehicular traffic from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 5, 2014. I further direct that proper signs and barriers be erected at the intersections of Mitchell Avenue and Totowa Road and Mitchell Avenue and Union Boulevard and that the Totowa Police Department control and regulate, as well as enforce, this regulation.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Murphy to approve payment of the annual contribution for 2014 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.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

There was a motion by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Puglise to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Mayor and Council to go into executive session to discuss a personnel item(s) at the conclusion of the regular meeting agenda. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 89-2014

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4 et seq. the Open Public Meetings Act, the Governing Body of a municipality may exclude the public from a portion of a meeting; and

WHEREAS, prior to the exclusion of the public from a portion of the meeting the Governing Body shall first adopt a resolution at a meeting to which the public shall be admitted; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 b.(8) the Governing Body of a municipality may exclude the public from that portion of a meeting in which the Governing Body discusses personnel items.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that they go into Executive session to discuss personnel items(s) at the conclusion of the regular meeting's agenda.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the matters discussed in Executive session will be made public upon the resolution of the personnel items(s) discussed.

COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Repair And Replacement Of Various Doorway Entrances At The Municipal Complex. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 90-2014

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REPAIR AND REPAACEMENT OF VARIOUS DOORWAY ENTRANCES AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

WHEREAS, the Interim Superintendent of the Borough of Totowa Department of Public Works ("DPW") has recommended that several doorway entrances at the Borough of Totowa Municipal Complex need to be repaired and/or replaced including the front, side and rear entrance doorways as well as the Police Department entrance doorway; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to retain the services of a professional licensed company to repair and/or replace these doorway entrances at the Borough of Totowa Municipal Complex for safety and security reasons; and

WHEREAS, the Interim DPW Superintendent has solicited quotes from vendors for the repair and/or replacement of the various doorway entrances throughout the Borough of Totowa Municipal Complex; and

WHEREAS, Elliot Glass Company, Inc., 192 Lackawanna Avenue, Woodland Park, New Jersey 07424, has submitted a proposal for the repair and/or replacement of the various doorway entrances at a cost not to exceed Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$11,900.00), a copy of which is on file in the office of the Borough of Totowa Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Superintendent for the Borough of Totowa DPW has reviewed the proposal and recommended that the Borough of Totowa proceed with the necessary repair and/or replacement of the Municipal Complex doorway entrances; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State laws, the authorization of the repair and replacement work will not exceed the public bidding threshold and may be authorized without public bidding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby accept the proposal of Elliot Glass Company, Inc. for the repair and/or replacement of the Borough of Totowa Municipal Complex doorway entrances at a cost not to exceed Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$11,900.00).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize Elliot Glass Company, Inc. to perform the services as set forth in their proposal.

COMMITTEE ON LIAISON & INSPECTION:

A letter from a pool member thanking the lifeguards for their assistance throughout the season was received and filed.

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. 11-2014

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA
TO CREATE A NEW CHAPTER TO BE ENTITLED
“ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM”**

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve Raffle License Application No. 1795 for the DePaul Diocesan H.S. Parents Association for an On-Premise 50/50 to be held on November 6, 2014 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. 1796 & 1797 for the Montville Township H.S. Ice Hockey Association for a Tricky Tray and Off-Premise 50/50, respectively, to be held on November 14, 2014 at The Bethwood. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

At this time Mayor Coiro announced that we would take a ten minute recess before convening in executive session.

Mayor Coiro then announced that we would now go into executive session and would return, but may or may not have a resolution to the personnel item being discussed.

The following occurred in executive session:

The following people were present: Mayor John Coiro, Council President Phil Puglise, Councilman Lou D'Angelo, Councilwoman Carolyn Fontanella, Councilwoman Debbie Andriani, Councilman Anthony Picarelli, Councilman Brendan Murphy, Deputy Municipal Clerk Kathryn Wasilewski and Municipal Attorney Robert Corrado.

Mayor Coiro advised the Council that DPW Superintendent Jim Niland informed him that DPW Laborer Matt Laudi failed a random CDL Drug & Alcohol Test that was administered on August 25, 2014 and further that Mr. Laudi has experienced chronic absenteeism and lateness. Borough Attorney Corrado told the Mayor and Council that this is currently a Public Works Committee matter.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to return to open session. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Upon returning to the Council Chambers, Mayor Coiro announced the outcome of the personnel item discussed in executive session.

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

Kathryn Wasilewski
Deputy Municipal Clerk