

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

May 12, 2015

PRESENT: Council President Phil Puglise, presiding, Councilman Lou D'Angelo, Councilwoman Carolyn Fontanella, Councilwoman Debra Andriani, Councilman Anthony Picarelli, Councilman William Bucher, Municipal Clerk Joseph Wassel and Municipal Attorney Robert Corrado.

ABSENT: Mayor John Coiro.

Council President Phil Puglise 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.

Council President Puglise 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 D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to dispense with the regular order of business in order to hold a public hearing on Ordinance No. 08-2015 as advertised. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Municipal Clerk Wassel announced that Ordinance No. 08-2015 has been advertised for public hearing for Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

Municipal Clerk Wassel read the legal notice and the title of Ordinance No. 08-2015.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to open the public hearing. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Council President Puglise asked if any citizens wished to be heard on Ordinance No. 08-2015.

CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella 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. 08-2015 by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2015

**A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$127,677
FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO LINCOLN FIELD TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE
BOROUGH OF TOTOWA AND TO APPROPRIATE \$127,677 FROM
PASSAIC COUNTY OPEN SPACE GRANTS**

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to adopt Ordinance No. 08-2015 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 D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to revert to the regular order of business. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

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

Councilwoman Fontanella: Thanked the Fire Department for working overtime with the recent fires and also being pulled away from their families on Mother's Day.

Councilwoman Andriani: 1) Stated that last Tuesday, the Board of Health held their annual Rabies Clinic, with about 40 animals – mostly dogs – being brought in and thanked Nurse Darlene Walsh. 2) Announced that all Board of Recreation Pool and Summer Camp sign-ups will be held at the Library on May 15th & 20th.

CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of April 28, 2015. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve Resolution No. 2015-11 for the payment of bills. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilman Bucher to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Purchase And Delivery Of Two (2) Vehicles For The Borough Of Totowa Police Department. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 69-2015

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 Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07962 for the purchase of the two (2) 2015 Ford Police Interceptor Sedans 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 two (2) 2015 Ford Police Interceptor Sedans from Beyer Ford in the amount of Twenty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen 00/100 Dollars (\$23,916.00) per vehicle for a total cost of Forty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Two and 00/100 Dollars (\$47,832.00).

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.

A letter from resident Martin Blich thanking Sergeant James Eisele and Patrolman Sean Williams for their assistance on April 26, 2015 was received and filed, with copies to be placed in their personnel jackets.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

There was no report.

COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Leasing Of Real Property And Reservation Of Rights For A Portion Of The Property Identified As Lot 2, Block 170.02 In The Borough Of Totowa. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 70-2015

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEASING OF REAL PROPERTY AND
RESERVATION OF RIGHTS FOR A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED
AS LOT 2, BLOCK 170.02 IN THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa is the owner of real property located on Maltese Drive and identified as Lot 2, Block 170.02 on the official tax map of the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough have determined that this property is not needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to authorize the public leasing of a portion of the property located on Maltese Drive identified as Lot 2, Block 170.02 on the official tax map of the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 60-2010 dated June 15, 2010, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa authorized the leasing on two (2) parcels referred to as Parcel "A" and Parcel "B"; and

WHEREAS, bids will now be solicited for lease rights on one (1) parcel hereinafter referred to as Parcel "C"; and

WHEREAS, bids will be solicited for an annual leasehold with rent to be paid in equal monthly installments; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A 40:A12-14(a), the governing body may fix a minimum rental with the reservation of the right to reject all bids where the highest bid is not accepted; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 12-14(a) further provides that upon completion of the bidding the highest bid may be accepted or all of the bids may be rejected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize the leasing of the property located on Maltese Drive identified as a portion of Lot 2, Block 170.02 on the official tax map of the Borough of Totowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby establish a minimum rental fee of Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$15,000.00) per month for Parcel "C".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby reserve the right to reject all bids where the highest bid is not accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the advertisement for the public bidding of this lease shall include notice of the minimum rent and the reservation of rights.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to authorize the Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney to prepare the specifications and advertise for the receipt of bids for the removal and replacement of roofs at various public buildings. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve Change Order No. 2 for a net increase of \$8,100.00 and Payment Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$95,559.80 to Lou's Landscaping & Design, Inc. for the Lincoln Fields Drainage Improvements – Phases 2 & 3. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON LIAISON & INSPECTION:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Bucher to authorize the Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney to prepare and advertise for RFQ's for Professional Service Contract for Special Counsel. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A retirement letter was received from Hubert C. Vickerilla. There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Bucher to accept the letter of retirement with regrets. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to adopt the following Proclamation In Honor Of The 100th Birthday Of Esterina Dragone. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF ESTERINA DRAGONE

WHEREAS, Esterina Dragone was born in Montella, Italy on May 15, 1915 to Salvatore and Amelia DiGenoa; and

WHEREAS, Esterina was married to Guiseppe Dragone and they moved to the United States in 1953 settling in Paterson, New Jersey and then moving to Totowa in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Esterina and Guiseppe Dragone had 7 children, 20 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren and Esterina loves spending time with her family; and

WHEREAS, Esterina Dragone worked as a seamstress at the Style Sportswear Factory in Paterson; and

WHEREAS, Esterina Dragone is a member of St. James Church; and

WHEREAS, Esterina Dragone enjoys watching Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune and makes the best cup of espresso; and

WHEREAS, Esterina Dragone is known by her family and friends to be a truly kind person; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa wish to publicly honor Esterina Dragone on her 100th birthday.

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 Esterina Dragone as she celebrates her 100th birthday.

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

There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application No. 1853 for the St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly of the Little Sisters of the Poor for an Off-Premise 50/50 to be held on August 30, 2015. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application No. 1854 for the AC Milan Club of NJ, Inc. for a Casino Night to be held on June 11, 2015. 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 D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella that the meeting be adjourned. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Joseph Wassel, RMC
Municipal Clerk