

# **BOROUGH OF TOTOWA**

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

### **REORGANIZATION MEETING**

**January 1, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Council President Phil Puglise, presiding, Councilwoman Arlene Festa, Councilman Jim Niland, Councilwoman Carolyn Fontanella, Municipal Clerk Joseph Wassel and Municipal Attorney Robert Corrado.

**ABSENT:** None.

Council President Phil Puglise called the meeting to order and asked the Borough Clerk to call the roll.

Borough Clerk Joseph Wassel reported to the Council and the public that at the General Election held on November 2, 2010, John Coiro was elected as Mayor of the Borough of Totowa for a term of four (4) years and John Waryas and Louis D'Angelo were elected to the Council of the Borough of Totowa for a term of three (3) years.

Council President Puglise asked Councilwoman Arlene Festa to escort Mayor John Coiro to the dais so that the Oath of Allegiance and Office could be administered.

Council President Puglise asked the Honorable Judge Frank Donato to administer the Oath of Allegiance and Office to the Mayor Elect. Council President Puglise asked Mayor Coiro's wife Marygrace to join the Mayor and hold the Holy Bible.

A badge symbolic to the Office of Mayor was presented to Mayor Coiro by Council President Puglise.

Council President Puglise congratulated Mayor Coiro and welcomed him back as Mayor of the Borough of Totowa. The rest of the Council, the Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney also offered congratulations.

Mayor Coiro thanked everyone for their support and said he would share some other thoughts during his address and message to the citizens of Totowa.

Mayor Coiro asked Councilman Jim Niland to escort Councilman John Waryas and Councilwoman Carolyn Fontanella to escort Councilman Lou D'Angelo to the dais so that the Oath of Allegiance and Office could be administered.

Mayor Coiro asked the Honorable Judge Frank Donato to administer the Oath of Allegiance and Office to the Councilmen Elect. Mayor Coiro asked that Donna hold the Bible for her husband Councilman John Waryas and Cathy hold the Bible for her husband Councilman Lou D'Angelo.

Badges symbolic to the Office of Council were presented to Councilman Waryas and Councilman D'Angelo by Mayor Coiro.

Mayor Coiro congratulated Councilman Waryas and Councilman D'Angelo and welcomed them to the 2011 Borough Council. The rest of the Council, the Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney also offered congratulations.

Councilman Waryas thanked everyone for their support, his wife and family and said that it is an honor to serve as a Councilman for the Borough of Totowa.

Councilman D'Angelo thanked everyone and his wife and family and thanked the voters for their confidence and that he is humbled and honored to be a Councilman in the Borough of Totowa.

Mayor Coiro welcomed the guests and citizens to the annual Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Coiro announced that the Reorganization Meeting of the 2011 Borough Council was now in session.

Mayor Coiro asked the Borough Clerk to call the roll of the 2011 Borough Council.

**PRESENT:** Mayor John Coiro, presiding, Council President Phil Puglise, Councilman John Waryas, Councilwoman Arlene Festa, Councilman Jim Niland, Councilman Lou D'Angelo and Councilwoman Carolyn Fontanella.

**ABSENT:** None.

Mayor Coiro asked Monsignor Eugene Boland to give the invocation.

Mayor Coiro asked the public to join the Mayor and Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Statement of the Meeting as required by New Jersey Statutes was read by the Borough Clerk:

This meeting of the Mayor and Council held on this First Day of January, 2011, is being held in accordance with the Annual Notice of the Schedule of Meetings as required by 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 Borough Clerk.

Mayor Coiro called for the election of the Council President for the 2011 Borough Council.

Councilman Waryas nominated Councilman Phil Puglise for the position of Council President for the year 2011, seconded by Councilwoman Festa.

There being no further nominations, there was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilwoman Festa that Councilman Puglise be elected as Council President for the year 2011. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilman Puglise abstained from the voting.

Mayor Coiro announced that Councilman Phil Puglise has been elected as Council President of the Borough of Totowa for the year 2011.

Upon the recommendation of the Council, there was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to appoint Mario A. Batelli as Municipal Court Judge. 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 Mario A. Batelli as Municipal Court Judge of the Borough of Totowa for a term of three years expiring December 31, 2013.

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

Mayor Coiro asked the Honorable Judge Raymond A. Reddin to administer the Oath of Allegiance and Office to Municipal Court Judge Mario A. Batelli. Judge Batelli was joined by his family with his mom holding the Holy Bible.

Judge Reddin offered some words and background about Mario and said the Mayor and Council made a very wise choice. He told Mario that he has all the confidence in the world in him and that he was proud of him. Mayor Coiro also acknowledged Mario's past work as Prosecutor and said he looks forward to his future work as Judge.

Judge Batelli thanked the Mayor and Council for this appointment as Judge and also for his previous appointment as Prosecutor three years ago. Stated that he is looking forward to working as the Judge of the Borough of Totowa. Then thanked his family for all their support. A robe and gavel were presented to Judge Batelli by his family members.

Mayor Coiro acknowledged Totowa's own Kristin Corrado, Passaic County Clerk and Passaic County Counsel Bill Pascrell III who were in attendance.

Mayor Coiro announced that Councilman John Waryas will present the following resolutions to the Governing Body for their consideration and adoption.

### RESOLUTION NO. 01-2011

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa, that the By-Laws of the Borough Council, dated January 1, 1977 and amended January 1, 2011 are hereby adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa for the Year 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all proceedings of the Council not controlled by the provisions of these By-Laws shall be regulated by Robert's Rules of Order.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2011

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the Public Laws of 1975, Chapter 231, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa must set forth in annual notice a schedule of its meetings for the Year 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa, that this Council shall meet during the Year 2011 for its regular meetings, in the Council Chamber on the second floor in the Municipal Building, Totowa Road at Cherba Place, at 8:00 p.m., in accordance with the following schedule:

January 11 & 25	July 12 & 26
February 8 & 22	August 9 & 23
March 8 & 22	September 13 & 27
April 12 & 26	October 11 & 25
May 10 & 24	November 15 & 29
June 14 & 28	December 13 & 27

Reorganization Meeting: January 1, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this annual notice be filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk, that it be posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and be transmitted to The Herald News, The Record and The Today Paper.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2011

WHEREAS, P.L. 1983, Chapter 8, Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S. 40A:5-2, has been amended to require that each municipality designate a Cash Management Plan for the deposit of each local unit's monies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Cash Management Plan of the Borough of Totowa be and is hereby adopted.

A. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES:

1. The following financial institutions are designated official depositories:

CITIBANK  
HIGHLANDS STATE BANK

J.P. MORGAN CHASE BANK  
TD BANK  
VALLEY NATIONAL BANK  
WACHOVIA BANK  
N.J. CASH MANAGEMENT FUND

2. Designated official depositories are required to submit to the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Totowa a copy of the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking, Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act Notification of eligibility, which must be filed semiannually in the Department of Banking as of June 30th and December 31st of each year. Said Notices must be available for annual audit.
3. Designated official depositories are required to submit to the Chief Financial Officer a copy of institution's "Annual Report" on an annual basis.

B. DEPOSIT OF FUNDS:

All funds shall be deposited within Forty-Eight (48) hours of receipt in accordance with State statute.

1. Opening funds shall be deposited into interest bearing accounts to maximize interest earnings.
2. Capital and Debt service funds may be deposited into interest bearing accounts. Non-interest bearing accounts shall be regularly monitored for the availability of funds for investment.
3. Trust funds may be deposited into interest bearing accounts in accordance with the State statutes regulating the deposit of developer's escrow deposits. Non-interest bearing accounts should be regularly monitored for availability of funds for investment except where either State or Federal laws prohibit the earning of interest on such funds.
4. Payroll and agency remittance funds shall be maintained in regular checking accounts, only insofar as they serve to compensate the bank for payroll data processing services.

C. DEFINITION OF ALLOWABLE INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS:

The Borough may permit deposits and investments in such depositories as permitted in Section 4 of P.L. 1970, Chapter 236 (C.17:9-44) and other instruments specified below:

1. United States Treasury Bills (T-Bills)
2. Borough of Totowa Bonds or Notes
3. Commercial Bank Deposits and Certificates of Deposit (CD's)
4. Repurchase Agreements (Repo's)
5. Investments in Savings and Loan Association
6. United States Government Agency and Instrumentality Obligations
7. State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund
8. School District Obligations

D. DEFINITION OF ACCEPTABLE COLLATERAL AND PROTECTION OF BOROUGH ASSETS:

1. All designated depositories must conform to all applicable State statute concerning depositories of Public Funds.
2. All depositories shall obtain the highest amount possible F.D.I.C. and/or F.S.L.I.C. coverage of all Borough Assets (Demand and Certificate of Deposit).
3. Collateral will be required for all deposits and investments of the Borough, except for those in the State Cash Management Fund, collateral must have a market value of not less than 100 percent of all deposits and investments.
4. For pledges by depositories on Borough Funds, the following securities will be considered acceptable for pledges:
  - a. Any security backed by the U.S. Government.
  - b. Any direct obligation of any taxing authority within the Borough of Totowa.
  - c. Real Estate Mortgage Loans for Real Estate property located within the Totowa market area. Pledges of Real Estate Mortgage Loans shall be maintained at a market value of 115 percent of deposits.
  - d. All pledges of collateral must be indicated on an advice copy of the investment instrument which shall be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer or Treasurer.

E. COMPENSATING BALANCE AGREEMENTS:

Where compensating balances are used to offset bank expenses, an agreement between the bank and the Borough shall be executed, specifying the charge for each service. Said agreement shall be reviewed annually.

F. REPORTING PROCEDURES:

The Chief Financial Officer shall prepare for the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa the following investment reports:

1. MONTHLY REPORTING: A detailed listing of all investments purchased in the prior month, specifying the amount, interest percent per annum, number of days, period of investment and maturity date, interest amount at maturity and financial institutions with which investment is placed. This report shall be broken down by fund.
2. QUARTERLY REPORTING: A detailed summary analysis of all investments by fund, specifying the quarterly interest rate earned, quarterly interest earned on NOW and Savings Accounts and Year-To-Date total interest earnings.
3. The Treasurer shall prepare a schedule of outstanding investments for the independent auditors as of December 31st of each year and at other such times as required by the auditors.
4. The Treasurer shall also periodically provide analysis of average daily balances in interest bearing checking accounts vs. other investment vehicle potential.
5. All such reports may include a comparison of current investment income vs. forecast, prior year or market conditions.

G. DIVERSIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer shall closely examine investments to guard against the effects of a financial institution going into default. This may be accomplished through the practice of spreading the investments around in various designated official depositories.

H. MAXIMUM MATURITY POLICY:

Investments shall be limited to a maturity not to exceed one year on all operating funds unless a longer maturity is permitted within the provision of regulation promulgated by either the Federal or State Governments.

I. INVESTMENT PROCEDURES:

Bids for Certificates of Deposit and Repurchase Agreements will be solicited of at least three (3) designated depositories only if the amount is \$100,000 or greater.

Telephone bids will be solicited of designated depositories by the Chief Financial Officer or Treasurer or designated staff member.

The depository shall specify the principal amount of the investment bid on, interest rate and number of days used to calculate the interest to be paid upon maturity.

Interest paid shall be from the date the bid was awarded to the date of maturity.

All bidders may request the results of the bid after the bid is formally awarded.

A check or wire transfer of funds will be made available to the winning bidder on the same business day the bid is awarded.

Each quotation shall be documented to record the date and time of quote, the parties in the discussion, the instrument(s), maturities and rates. A bid form of the Borough may be used.

J. RETURN ON INVESTMENT:

Where the return on a proposed investment does not exceed the cost of making said investment by a minimum amount the Chief Financial Officer and/or Treasurer will not make the investment. The Chief Financial Officer and/or Treasurer shall have the discretion to award an investment to the bank wherein the funds reside, should that bank's quoted rate be less than other quoted rates received in the event that the differential in interest rates is less than 25 basis points, and providing that the term of the investment is less than fifteen (15) days.

K. CONTROLS:

When possible, the internal controls should provide for a separation of the investment placement functions and the accounting activity. Controls must be designed for telephone orders, wire transfers and securities safekeeping. Only specifically designated personnel shall be allowed to conduct this part of the transactions, and all activity should be subject to immediate written confirmation by the designated depository. The Treasurer shall review each day's activity.

L. BONDING:

The following officials shall be covered by surety bonds; said surety bonds to be examined by the independent auditor to insure their proper execution:

Collector/Treasurer  
Municipal Court Administrator  
Deputy Municipal Court Administrator  
Municipal Court Judge

Staff members of the Department of Finance not covered by separate surety bonds shall be covered by a Public Employee's Faithful Performance Bond in the minimum amount of \$50,000.00.

M. COMPLIANCE:

The Cash Management Plan of the Borough of Totowa shall be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:5-4.

N. The official charged with the custody of the monies of the Borough of Totowa shall deposit them as designated by the Cash Management Plan and shall thereafter be relieved of any liability or loss of such monies due to the insolvency or closing of any depository designated in the Cash Management Plan pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:5-2.

O. Where a conflict exists between this Cash Management Plan and State statute, the applicable State statute shall apply.

P. The Cash Management Plan shall be subject to the approval of the Borough Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2011

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that the Mayor, Borough Clerk and the Treasurer be hereby designated as the Official Signatories to sign all checks.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2011

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that the Deputy Tax Collector of the Borough of Totowa be named and designated as the Official Tax Search Officer of the Borough of Totowa.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2011

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that the Borough Clerk is hereby named and designated as the Official of the Borough of Totowa, to make Official Certificates of Searches as to Municipal Improvements authorized by Ordinances of the Borough of Totowa.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-2011

WHEREAS, it is necessary to have a person responsible for processing of all documents pertaining to the Public Employees Retirement System of the State of New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that the Borough Clerk is hereby named and designated as the Certifying Agent for documents pertaining to the Public Employees Retirement System.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2011

WHEREAS, it is necessary to have a person responsible for processing of all documents pertaining to the Police and Fireman's Retirement System of the State of New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that the Borough Clerk is hereby named and designated as the Certifying Agent for documents pertaining to the Police and Fireman's Retirement System.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2011

WHEREAS, it is necessary to have a person responsible for the processing of all Social Security Records.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that the Treasurer of the Borough of Totowa be named and designated as the Official in charge of Social Security Records.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2011

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that the Borough Clerk is hereby named and designated as the Official of the Borough of Totowa, to issue Official Certificates certifying whether or not a sub-division of lands has been recommended by the Planning Board and approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2011

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa must establish the interest rate for the delinquent taxes for the year 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge interest on delinquent taxes and assessment accounts as follows:

First 10 days of Tax Payments	No Penalty
Thereafter from the due date of Tax Payments for the 1st \$1,500.	8%
Thereafter, the balance in excess of \$1,500.	18%

And in addition to, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 as amended, the following schedule shall apply:

Up to \$1,500. delinquency	8%
Over \$1,500. delinquency	18%
Additional penalty for a delinquency over \$10,000. if not paid prior to the end of the calendar year.	6%

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2011

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa must establish the interest rate for the delinquent water bills for the year 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of

Totowa that the Water Registrar is hereby authorized and directed to charge interest on delinquent water accounts as follows:

First 30 days of Water Payments	No Penalty
Thereafter from the due date of Water Payments for the 1 <sup>st</sup> \$1,500.	8%
Thereafter, the balance in excess of \$1,500.	18%

And in addition to, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 as amended, the following schedule shall apply:

Up to \$1,500. delinquency	8%
Over \$1,500. delinquency	18%
Additional penalty for a delinquency over \$10,000. if not paid prior to the end of the calendar year.	6%

#### RESOLUTION NO. 13-2011

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa, that appointments of officers and employees, contracts and authorizations for services which were performed during the year 2010 and previously approved, be and are hereby ratified by the Mayor and Council for the year 2011.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 14-2011

WHEREAS, there is a need to designate the Official Signatories for Municipal Court General Account and Bail Account Checks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that the Municipal Court Judge, Court Administrator and the Two (2) Deputy Court Administrators be hereby designated as the Official Signatories to sign all Municipal Court General Account and Bail Account Checks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that any

two (2) of the above mentioned four (4) employees will be permitted to sign the checks at any given time.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2011

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA  
DESIGNATING A PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Division of Contract Compliance and Equal Employment Opportunity in Public Contracts ("Division of Contract Compliance") is charged with enforcing the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 provides that no public contract can be awarded nor any monies paid until the prospective contractor has agreed to comply with the approved Affirmative Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5, all New Jersey Public Agencies and Municipalities are required to annually designate a Public Agency Compliance Officer ("P.A.C.O.") and submit the name of the P.A.C.O. to the Division of Contract Compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that Joseph Wassel, RMC, Municipal Clerk, is hereby designated as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Borough of Totowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Division of Contract Compliance.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-2011

Resolution to introduce and adopt the 2011 Temporary Budget of the Borough of Totowa. (See attached budget)

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(2011 TEMPORARY MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO FOLLOW)

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There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman Puglise that the

foregoing resolutions be adopted. 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 approve Resolution No. 2011-01 for the payment of bills. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Coiro made the following appointments with the advice and consent of the Council for the year 2011 or for the term appointed.

#### APPOINTMENTS

POSITION	TERM/YEARS	APPOINTED
Deputy Municipal Clerk	1	Kathryn Wasilewski
Municipal Attorney	1	Robert E. Corrado
Tax Appeal Attorney	1	Piro, Zinna, Cifelli, Paris & Genitempo, P.C.
Municipal Auditor	1	Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP
Municipal Engineer	1	Alaimo Engineering
Municipal Planner	1	Kauker & Kauker, LLC
Bonding Attorney	1	
Chief Financial Officer	1	James M. Ten Hoeve
Treasurer	1	Lisa Nash
Tax Collector	1	James M. Ten Hoeve
Deputy Tax Collector	1	Elaine Reddin
Water Registrar	1	Carol Potoczak
Deputy Water Registrar	1	Jennifer Bernardo
Prosecutor	1	Matthew DiBrino
Public Defender	1	Ramsey Merhi
Court Administrator	1	Georgeann Gosnell
1st Deputy Court Clerk	1	Maryann Coral
2nd Deputy Court Clerk	1	Katherine Schroeter
Police Dispatcher	1	Mary Picarelli
Police Dispatcher	1	Carl Baker
Police Dispatcher	1	Daniel Urban
First Aid Director	1	Robert Barbieri
Police & Fire Mechanic	1	Fred Dell'Aquila
Fire Official	1	Allen Del Vecchio
Fire Inspector	1	Richard Schopperth
Fire Inspector	1	Donald Warnet
Inspections Coordinator	1	Hubert C. Vickerilla

Construction Code Official	1	Allan Burghardt
Building Sub-Code Official	1	Allan Burghardt
Zoning Officer	1	Allan Burghardt
Ass't. Const. Code Official	1	Joseph Van Koppen
Ass't. Bldg. Sub-Code Official	1	Joseph Van Koppen
Zoning Inspector	1	Joseph Van Koppen
Deputy Zoning Officer	1	Harold Eifler
Plumbing Sub-Code Official	1	Michael Baker
Electrical Sub-Code Official	1	
Fire Sub-Code Official	1	Richard Schopperth
Housing Officer	1	Allan Burghardt
Housing Officer	1	Harold Eifler
Housing Officer	1	Allen Del Vecchio
Board of Assessments	1	Brian Sullivan
Board of Assessments	1	Brendan Mulligan
Board of Assessments	1	Robert Kabana
Ethics Board	5	Joseph Palumbo
Board of Adjustment	4	Nicholas Fierro
Board of Adjustment	3 (Unexp)	Giovanni D'Ambrosio
Board of Adjustment (Alt. 1)	2	Michael Cortese
Board of Health	4	Hubert C. Vickerilla
Board of Health	4	John Krautheim, Jr.
Animal Control Officer	1	Lysa DeLaurentis
Library Board	5	Valerie D'Ambrosio
Library (Mayor's Alternate)	1	John Waryas
Parking Utility Commission	5	Vilmo DiPaolo
School Crossing Guard	1	Dorothy Martin
School Crossing Guard	1	Danielle Matthaiei
School Crossing Guard	1	Toni Ann Shpiruk
School Crossing Guard	1	Lynn Kabana
School Crossing Guard	1	Robin Romei
School Crossing Guard	1	Carlo Santaniello
School Crossing Guard	1	Susan Grotz
School Crossing Guard	1	Sharon Maley
School Crossing Guard	1	Frank Yennie
School Crossing Guard	1	Val Cholminski
School Crossing Guard	1	George Talbot
School Crossing Guard	1	Michelle DiGangi
School Crossing Guard	1	Christina Gurnari
School Crossing Guard	1	Frances Vogt
School Crossing Guard	1	George Bruno
School Crossing Guard	1	Linda Savage
Physician & Surgeon	1	Albert Ades
Physician & Surgeon	1	Joseph Vitale

Physician & Surgeon	1	Charles Macaluso
Physician & Surgeon	1	John Ambrose
Physician & Surgeon	1	Hossang Kipiani
Physician & Surgeon	1	Francis Ferrante
Physician & Surgeon	1	Scott Coleman
Physician & Surgeon	1	Frank Lima
Chaplain	1	Fr. Marek Krysiak
Chaplain	1	Rev. Mark Walden
Chaplain	1	Fr. Joseph Murphy
Chaplain	1	Rev. Carletta Aston

For each of the aforementioned appointments, there was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to confirm the appointments. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. For Library Board (Mayor's Alternate), there was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilwoman Festa to confirm the appointment. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilman Waryas abstained from the voting on this appointment.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to adopt the following professional resolution for the Borough Attorney. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL  
LEGAL SERVICES FOR 2011

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa requires the services of an attorney to serve as the Municipal Attorney for the Borough of Totowa and represent the interests of the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, the professional services to be provided by the Municipal Attorney include but are not limited to attending all meetings of the Mayor and Council and Committee meetings as required; preparing Resolutions, Ordinances and contracts; reviewing documents as requested; and performing all general legal services as needed; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa did advertise for receipt of sealed proposals for the professional legal services in accordance with its specifications entitled "Request for Proposals for the Position of Municipal Attorney for the Borough of Totowa"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa did receive proposals at its Municipal Building on

November 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Finance and Administration Committee did examine all proposals for professional legal services; and

WHEREAS, Robert E. Corrado, Esq., Corrado & Corrado, Esqs., 142 Totowa Road, Suite 2, Totowa, New Jersey 07512, has submitted a proposal to provide the professional legal services; and

WHEREAS, Robert E. Corrado, Esq., possesses the necessary experience and expertise to provide the professional legal services; and

WHEREAS, for providing the required services, the Borough of Totowa will compensate Robert E. Corrado, Esq. in accordance with the Fee Schedule set forth in their proposal, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Borough of Totowa Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract shall be for a period of one year commencing on January 1, 2011 and terminating on December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the professional legal services shall be awarded as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

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 a contract with Robert E. Corrado, Esq. to serve as the Borough of Totowa Municipal Attorney and provide professional legal services.

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 necessary instruments relating thereto.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to adopt the following professional resolution for the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 18-2011

#### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR 2011 TAX APPEALS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa requires the services of an attorney to serve as Special Tax Counsel for the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, the professional services to be provided by the Tax Attorney include but are

not limited to defending against all tax appeals filed against the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa did advertise for receipt of sealed proposals for the professional legal services in accordance with its specifications entitled "Request for Proposals for the Position of Tax Attorney for the Borough of Totowa"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa did receive proposals at its Municipal Building on November 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Finance and Administration Committee did examine all proposals for professional legal services; and

WHEREAS, Piro, Zinna, Cifelli, Paris & Genitempo, P.C., 360 Passaic Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey 07110, has submitted a proposal to provide the professional legal services; and

WHEREAS, Piro, Zinna, Cifelli, Paris & Genitempo. P.C., possesses the necessary experience and expertise to provide the professional legal services; and

WHEREAS, for providing the required services, the Borough of Totowa will compensate, Piro, Zinna, Cifelli, Paris & Genitempo. P.C. in accordance with the Fee Schedule set forth in his proposal, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Borough of Totowa Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract shall be for a period of one year commencing on January 1, 2011 and terminating on December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the professional legal services shall be awarded as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

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 a contract with Piro, Zinna, Cifelli, Paris & Genitempo, P.C. to serve as the Borough of Totowa Tax Attorney and provide professional legal services.

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 necessary instruments relating thereto.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to adopt the following professional resolution for the Borough Auditor. On roll call vote, all members of

the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL  
AUDITING SERVICES FOR 2011

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to retain the services of a professional accounting firm to serve as the Municipal Auditor for the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, the professional services to be provided by the Municipal Auditor include but are not limited to auditing the financial statements for the Borough of Totowa; preparing the unaudited annual financial statement; review and certification of the annual budget; and preparing the annual debt statement; and performing all general auditing services as needed; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa did advertise for receipt of sealed proposals for the professional auditing services in accordance with its specifications entitled "Request for Proposals for the Position of Municipal Auditor for the Borough of Totowa"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa did receive proposals at its Municipal Building on November 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Finance and Administration Committee did examine all proposals for professional auditing services; and

WHEREAS, Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP, a New Jersey Limited Liability Partnership having its principal place of business at 17-17 Route 208, Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410, has submitted a proposal to provide the required auditing services, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Borough of Totowa Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP possesses the necessary experience and expertise to perform the professional auditing services; and

WHEREAS, for providing the required services, the Borough of Totowa will compensate Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP in accordance with their proposal; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract shall be for a period of one year commencing on January 1, 2011 and terminating on December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the professional auditing services shall be awarded as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

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 a contract with Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP to serve as the Borough of Totowa Municipal Auditor and provide professional auditing services.

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 necessary instruments relating thereto.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to adopt the following professional resolution for the Borough Engineer. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL  
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR 2011

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to retain the services of a professional engineering firm to serve as the Municipal Engineer for the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, the professional services to be provided by the Municipal Engineer include but are not limited to attending meetings of the Mayor and Council, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment as required; preparing plans, designs and specifications for all public works and improvement projects; reviewing all subdivision, site plan and variance applications; and performing all general engineering services as needed; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa did advertise for receipt of sealed proposals for the professional engineering services in accordance with its specifications entitled "Request for Proposals for the Position of Municipal Engineer for the Borough of Totowa"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa did receive proposals at its Municipal Building on November 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering and Public Property Committee did examine all proposals for professional engineering services; and

WHEREAS, Alaimo Group Consulting Engineers, a New Jersey Corporation having its principal place of business at 200 High Street, Mt. Holly, New Jersey 08060, has submitted

a proposal and Fee Schedule to provide the required engineering services; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Alaimo Group Consulting Engineers possesses the necessary experience and expertise to perform the professional engineering services; and

WHEREAS, for providing the required services, the Borough of Totowa will compensate Alaimo Group Consulting Engineers in accordance with the Fee Schedule set forth in their proposal, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Borough of Totowa Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract shall be for a period of one year commencing on January 1, 2011 and terminating on December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the professional engineering services shall be awarded as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

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 a contract with Alaimo Group Consulting Engineers to serve as the Borough of Totowa Municipal Engineer and provide professional engineering services.

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 necessary instruments relating thereto.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to adopt the following professional resolution for the Borough Planner. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 21-2011

#### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES FOR 2011

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa requires the services of a professional planner to provide general consulting services on an as-needed basis to assist the Borough of Totowa, Planning Board and Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa did advertise for receipt of sealed proposals for the professional planning services in accordance with its specifications

entitled "Request for Proposals for the Position of Municipal Planner for the Borough of Totowa"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa did receive proposals at its Municipal Building on November 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Liaison and Inspection Committee did examine all proposals for professional planning services; and

WHEREAS, Kauker & Kauker, LLC, a limited liability company having its principal place of business at 356 Franklin Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481, has submitted a proposal to provide the required planning services, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Borough of Totowa Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Kauker & Kauker, LLC possesses the necessary experience and expertise to perform the professional planning services; and

WHEREAS, for providing the required services, the Borough of Totowa will compensate, Kauker & Kauker, LLC in accordance with their proposal; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract shall be for a period of one year commencing on January 1, 2011 and terminating on December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the professional planning services shall be awarded as a fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

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 a contract with Kauker & Kauker, LLC to serve as the Borough of Totowa Municipal Planner and provide professional planning services.

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 necessary instruments relating thereto.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing Contract For Animal Control Services For 2011. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 22-2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR  
ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES FOR 2011

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to retain the services of a qualified company to serve as Animal Control Officer for the Borough of Totowa by providing a variety of animal control services for the residents of the Borough of Totowa and for the public good; and

WHEREAS, All Humane Animal Control, 781 Ringwood Avenue, Wanaque, New Jersey 07465 has submitted a proposal to provide the animal control services for the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, All Humane Animal Control and more specifically, Lysa DeLaurentis, possess the necessary experience and expertise to perform the services and to serve as Animal Control Officer for the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, for providing the required services, the Borough of Totowa will compensate All Humane Animal Control at the agreed upon rate of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,250.00) per month not to exceed Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$15,000.00) per year; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year effective January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State laws, the contract for such 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 a contract with All Humane Animal Control for animal control services at the rate of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,250.00) per month.

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 necessary instruments relating thereto.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing Contract With Lifestar Response Of New Jersey, Inc. For Supplemental Medical Transportation Services For 2011. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH LIFESTAR RESPONSE  
OF NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR SUPPLEMENTAL MEDICAL  
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR 2011

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that there is an on-going need to supplement the voluntary ambulance services presently being provided to its residents and the visitors of Totowa by the Borough of Totowa Volunteer First Aid Squad; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa had previously entered into contracts with Lifestar Response of New Jersey, Inc. (hereinafter "Lifestar") wherein medical transportation services were offered to the residents; and

WHEREAS, the contract with Lifestar was performed in a professional manner and Lifestar has the necessary personnel and equipment to continue to provide the medical transportation services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa has determined that it would enter into a contract with Lifestar wherein supplemental medical transportation services would be offered to residents and visitors of Totowa who would be liable to them for the cost of same; and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract will be effective for a period of one year commencing on January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa has determined that the awarding of this contract for the aforementioned services will not cause the municipality to exceed the public bidding threshold.

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 a contract with Lifestar for supplemental medical transportation services.

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 necessary instruments relating thereto.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing Contract With Eagle Medical Services For Supplemental Medical Transportation Services For 2011. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH EAGLE MEDICAL SERVICES  
FOR SUPPLEMENTAL MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR 2011

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that there is an on-going need to supplement the voluntary ambulance services presently being provided to its residents and the visitors of Totowa by the Borough of Totowa Volunteer First Aid Squad; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have previously entered into a contract with Eagle Medical Services, 20 Parish Drive, Wayne, New Jersey 07470 (hereinafter "Eagle Medical") wherein medical transportation services were offered to the residents as a supplement to the services presently provided by the Volunteer First Aid Squad and Lifestar Response of New Jersey, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa has determined that it would enter into a contract with Eagle Medical wherein supplemental medical transportation services would be offered to residents and visitors of Totowa who would be liable to them for the cost of same; and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract will be effective for a period of one (1) year commencing on January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the awarding of this contract for the aforementioned services will not cause the municipality to exceed the public bidding threshold.

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 a contract with Eagle Medical for supplemental medical transportation services.

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 necessary instruments relating thereto.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Borough Of Totowa Towing List For 2011. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA  
TOWING LIST FOR 2011

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to establish a list of towing services to be used by the Borough of Totowa Police Department for the towing and

storing of motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, a towing list shall be kept with the Borough of Totowa Police Chief; and

WHEREAS, all towing services placed on the towing list shall be available to respond to a call in accordance with a towing rotation schedule of on-call status established by the Borough of Totowa Police Chief; and

WHEREAS, when the need arises, the Borough of Totowa Police Department will call the towing service on the top of the list, which is on-call with the towing rotation schedule. The towing service called shall be placed on the bottom of the towing list and not called again until all other towing services have been called; and

WHEREAS, all towing services shall respond to a call in any part of the Borough within twenty (20) minutes of a call. If a towing service does not respond within (20) minutes of a call, the towing service next on the list shall be called and entitled to provide services as needed; and

WHEREAS, if a towing service is unavailable to perform the required services when called by the Borough of Totowa Police Department, said towing service shall be charged with a call and placed at the bottom of the list, and the next available on-call towing service shall be called; and

WHEREAS, all towing services shall be performed in a safe manner and shall be responsible for ensuring the proper and safe storage of all motor vehicles towed; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Police Chief has recommended that the following towing services be placed on the towing list for the Borough of Totowa:

1. Classic Towing  
210 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Paterson, New Jersey 07501
2. Frank Leah Garage Inc.  
6 Wilson Avenue  
Totowa, New Jersey 07512
3. Piggy's Towing  
160 Union Boulevard  
Totowa, New Jersey 07512
4. Tony's Auto Body II  
84 Union Boulevard

Totowa, New Jersey 07512

5. Totowa Tire Service  
589 Union Boulevard  
Totowa, New Jersey 07512

WHEREAS, these towing services have the appropriate vehicles, related equipment and storage facilities and maintain the required licenses and insurance to perform these necessary services for the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, the towing list shall be in use for a period of one (1) year effective January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby establish a towing list of the above companies to be used by the Borough of Totowa Police Department for the towing and storage of vehicles.

The following appointments were made by Mayor Coiro and do not require Council consent or confirmation:

POSITION	TERM/YEARS	APPOINTED
Planning Board Class IV	4	Anthony Murphy
Planning Board Class IV (Alt. 1)	2	Roy Vandebree
Planning Board Class III	1	Louis D'Angelo
Planning Board Class II	1	Ernest Paese, Jr.
Board of Recreation	5	Donna Alvino
Shade Tree Commission	5	Kevin Condon
Senior Citizen Coordinator	1	Maria Murphy
Local Assistance Board	1	Arlene Festa
Local Assistance Board	4	Gordon Geiger

Mayor Coiro announced the following Council Committees for the year 2011. The first Councilman/woman listed is the Chairman/woman of that Committee.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

WARYAS      D'ANGELO      FONTANELLA

PUBLIC SAFETY

NILAND PUGLISE WARYAS

PUBLIC WORKS

PUGLISE NILAND FESTA

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC PROPERTY

D'ANGELO FONTANELLA PUGLISE

LIAISON AND INSPECTION

FESTA WARYAS D'ANGELO

LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCES

FONTANELLA FESTA NILAND

Mayor Coiro asked Monsignor Eugene Boland to give the benediction.

Mayor Coiro gave his annual New Year's State of the Municipality Address and Message to the Citizens of the Borough of Totowa.

Dear Fellow Residents,

It is hard for me to believe that eleven years have already passed since you first elected me as the mayor of Totowa. The time has passed quickly and I have truly enjoyed my time as your mayor. I am honored to be your mayor and look forward to serving our wonderful community for another four years. I congratulate both Councilman Waryas and Councilman D'Angelo on their re-election. They are both dedicated councilmen who serve our town and residents well. I know that they join me in thanking all of you for your support and assistance during the recent campaign in helping the three of us to be re-elected in 2010.

On this New Year's Day, I would like to review some of the events and accomplishments that took place in our town during the past year and to announce some of the plans we

have for 2011.

Beginning with recreation, I am pleased to report that the soccer field at Minnisink Road will be completely renovated in 2011. We applied for and were successful in having our grant application for funding approved by the Passaic County Open Space Fund for \$238,000 to improve the soccer field at Minnisink Road. This grant will allow us to grade and level the field properly, bring in dirt where necessary, plant new grass where needed, and install an underground sprinkler system that should allow our soccer players to have years of enjoyment. Due to the grant received, these improvements will be made without cost to our community's taxpayers.

As for our roads, there is much to talk about. In 2010, the entire length of Grant Avenue was reconstructed and curbs and aprons were installed. Due to utility work being done, we are delaying the final pavement of Grant Avenue until 2011. The entire length of Grant Avenue is being reconstructed with funding from the NJ Department of Transportation. With these grants, the improvements to Grant Avenue will be completed in 2011 at little cost to our residents.

In 2010, Totowa Road was repaved from Union Boulevard to the Paterson border with funding from the federal government. This portion of Totowa road was in desperate need of improvement and we are thankful that it was repaved without any financial contribution from our residents. Some of the curbs were also reconstructed along the upper portion of Totowa Road. In 2011, old style street signs and stop signs similar to those on Union Boulevard will be installed on Totowa Road and intersecting streets from Memorial School to Willard Avenue

In 2009, Union Boulevard was adorned with new street signs, stop signs, bus shelters, pavers and cross walks. We have received numerous compliments from our residents regarding these improvements, which were installed through a federal grant at no cost to our taxpayers. In 2009, we also received an additional \$400,000 from the federal government to continue our streetscape program. This additional grant allowed us to install more old style street lamps and brick pavers on Totowa Road, which we have begun in 2010 and will complete in 2011. In addition, we will complete our improvements on Union Boulevard from Totowa Road to Route 80 in 2011. New curbs and sidewalks will be installed where necessary and the entire stretch of road will be paved.

Our shade tree commission has continued to be quite active this year. In 2008, Totowa received a grant for \$349,000 for the acquisition and installation of new trees within our community. The Shade Tree Commission has planted well over 200 trees in 2009 with this grant and is busy planning where and what types of trees will be planted in 2011 as this will be the last year for Totowa to utilize the grant. Again, this is at no cost to our taxpayers.

All of the accomplishments of the past year would not be possible without the support of our volunteers. Be they fire fighters, first aid squad members, PAL members, PTO

members or a member of one of our municipal boards, the time and effort of all of our town's volunteers are truly appreciated by the Council and me. I'd also like to congratulate all of the appointees confirmed here today; especially our new municipal judge, Mario Batelli.

And now it's time to discuss finances. The Council and I recognize the economic times we live in today. As you just heard me emphasize throughout the course of this address, we perform many of our improvements in Totowa by obtaining grants and thus, saving our taxpayers the burden of funding these improvements to our town. And despite the fact that Totowa's state aid from Trenton decreased by \$370,000 in 2010, we made difficult choices with our 2010 budget and had a zero increase in the municipal portion of your property tax bill. The Council and I were pleased to have no increase for our struggling taxpayers even though our costs continue to rise due to state mandated costs such as pension contributions, health care premiums, storm water regulations, and other costly mandates. But even with no tax municipal tax increase, our property taxes continue to rise. Our share of the county tax burden continues to escalate. Our share of the high school budget now stands at 42% even though we send 33% of the students to Passaic Valley. I believe that our disproportionate share of County and high school taxes is due to the revaluation that we were mandated to undertake in 2008. With property values declining over the past two years, the Council authorized a revaluation to take place in 2010 in an attempt to bring fairness to all of our taxpayers and hopefully reverse the trend we were experiencing from the County and high school. Each property owner should have received their revised value by now and it will be reflected on your property tax bill in 2011.

Even in the face of these rising costs that are out of our control, we are determined to be fiscally prudent. For the past eight years, we have been diligent in not increasing our debt and paying off our liabilities. We did not purchase any needed equipment until we saved up for its cost. And so, on June 15, 2011, Totowa will make its final debt payment and we will become one of only a handful of municipalities to be debt free. Our core belief is that we should pay currently to meet our obligations and not borrow.

And as much as the state and county have thrown at us in 2010, through the efforts of this Council, Totowa continues the distinction of having the lowest average residential property tax bill of the 16 municipalities in Passaic County as well as the lowest tax rate. As reported in the Bergen Record, the average property tax bill in Totowa is at least \$1,000 per home less than our neighboring communities. The Council and I will once again work hard to maintain the lowest tax rate for our residents.

The Council and I will remain active in our community's affairs in 2011. I am confident that we can weather the economic storm here in Totowa. On behalf of our Council members, I would like to wish everyone a healthy and peaceful New Year.

Thank you.

Mayor Coiro then thanked his wife and family for tolerating the demands of the job.

Mayor Coiro acknowledged and thanked Retired Monsignor Boland, Retired Judge Donato and Judge Reddin for their participation in the Reorganization Meeting.

Mayor Coiro invited everyone in attendance to the Barnyard & Carriage House on behalf of the Republican Club/Party to enjoy some refreshments.

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 to January 11, 2011. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

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Joseph Wassel, RMC  
Municipal Clerk