

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

April 26, 2011

PRESENT: Mayor John Coiro, presiding, Council President Phil Puglise, Councilman John Waryas, Councilwoman Arlene Festa, Councilman Jim Niland, Councilman Lou D'Angelo, Councilwoman Carolyn Fontanella, Municipal Clerk Joseph Wassel and Municipal Attorney Robert Corrado.

ABSENT: None.

Mayor 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 the 2011 Municipal Budget as advertised. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Municipal Clerk Wassel announced that the 2011 Municipal Budget has been advertised for public hearing for Tuesday, April 26, 2011.

Municipal Clerk Wassel read the Municipal Budget Notice.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to adopt the following Resolution Re: Waiver Of Reading In Full The 2011 Municipal Budget. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 44-2011

RE: WAIVER OF READING IN FULL THE 2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 permits that the Budget as advertised may be read by its title providing that at least one week prior to the date of the hearing a complete copy of the approved budget shall

- a) be posted in a public place where public notices are customarily posted; and
- b) is made available to each person requesting the same during said week and during the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa has complied with the aforesaid requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council that the Borough of Totowa is hereby permitted to waive the reading in full, of the Municipal Budget for the year ending December 31, 2011.

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 the 2011 Municipal Budget.

CITIZENS HEARD:

Ralph Marana, 131 Greene Avenue: Asked what the taxes will go up by. Mayor Coiro: Responded, that is a hard answer because of the reassessment and it all depends on your individual reassessment. Ralph Marana: Asked about the County and the schools and what the town was doing. Mayor Coiro: Informed him about the projections for both the County and the schools and said that we locally have cut a couple positions through attrition, that all employees except the police only received 2% increases and that we will be negotiating with the PBA towards the end of this year.

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.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to adopt the following Resolution To Amend The 2011 Municipal Budget. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 45-2011

Resolution Re: Resolution To Amend 2011 Budget

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2011 was approved on the 22nd day of March 2011; and

WHEREAS, the public hearings on said budget have been held as advertised; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Totowa, County of Passaic, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2011 be made:

CURRENT FUND	From	To
Anticipated Revenues		
1. Surplus Anticipated	\$ 1,833,000	\$ 1,849,700
5. Subtotal General Revenues (Items 1,2,3, and 4)	5,081,198	5,097,898
6. Amount to be raised by taxes for Support of Municipal Budget		
a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	11,165,853	10,314,140
c) Minimum Library Tax		835,013
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget	11,165,853	11,149,153

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for certification of the 2011 local municipal budget so amended.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to adopt the following Resolution To Adopt The 2011 Municipal Budget. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 46-2011

(RESOLUTION TO FOLLOW)

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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.

There were no reports.

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 April 12, 2011. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve Resolution No. 2011-10 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 Waryas, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$8,689.78 to Robert U. Del Vecchio Pension Trust to effectuate the redemption of Certificate of Sale #10-00001 on 4 Columbus Avenue, Block 75, Lot 23. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION

Certificate of Sale #10-00001
Block 75, Lot 23

Property: 4 Columbus Avenue
Totowa, NJ 07512

Owner: Marjan Kasapinov

WHEREAS, at the municipal tax sale held on October 21st, 2010, a lien was sold on Block 75, Lot 23, also known as 4 Columbus Avenue for 2009 delinquent taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #10-00001 was sold to Robert U. Del Vecchio Pension Trust, for an 18% redemption fee; and

WHEREAS, Marjan Kasapinov, owner has effected redemption of certificate #10-00001 in the amount of \$8,689.78, as of 4/26/11.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$8,689.78 payable to Robert U Del Vecchio Pension Trust, P.O. Box 196, Hawthorne, NJ 07507

There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$5,912.61 to Robert U. Del Vecchio Pension Trust to effectuate the redemption of Certificate of Sale #10-00002 on 6 Columbus Avenue, Block 75, Lot 24. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION

Certificate of Sale #10-00002
Block 75, Lot 24

Property: 6 Columbus Avenue
Totowa, NJ 07512
Owner: Marjan Kasapinov

WHEREAS, at the municipal tax sale held on October 21st, 2010, a lien was sold on Block 75, Lot 24, also known as 6 Columbus Avenue for 2009 delinquent taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #10-00002 was sold to Robert U. Del Vecchio Pension Trust, for an 18% redemption fee; and

WHEREAS, Marjan Kasapinov, owner, has effected redemption of certificate #10-00002 in the amount of \$5,912.61, as of 4/26/11.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$5,912.61 payable to Robert U Del Vecchio Pension Trust, P.O. Box 196, Hawthorne, NJ 07507.

There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$6,110.55 to Robert U. Del Vecchio Pension Trust to effectuate the redemption of Certificate of Sale #10-00003 on 8 Columbus Avenue, Block 75, Lot 27. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION

Certificate of Sale #10-00003
Block 75, Lot 27

Property: 8 Columbus Avenue
Totowa, NJ 07512
Owner: Marjan Kasapinov

WHEREAS, at the municipal tax sale held on October 21st, 2010, a lien was sold on Block 75, Lot 27, also known as 8 Columbus Avenue for 2009 delinquent taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #10-00003 was sold to Robert U. Del Vecchio Pension Trust, for an 18% redemption fee; and

WHEREAS, Marjan Kasapinov, owner, has effected redemption of certificate #10-00003 in the amount of \$6,110.55, as of 4/26/11.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$6,110.55 payable to Robert U Del Vecchio Pension Trust, P.O. Box 196, Hawthorne, NJ 07507.

There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to adopt the following resolution endorsing the submission of the 2010 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application and Tax Reimbursement Certification to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 47-2011

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2010 Recycling Tonnage Grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that Totowa hereby endorses the submission of the Recycling Tonnage Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Joseph Wassel, Certified Recycling Professional, 537 Totowa Road at Cherba Place, Totowa, NJ, 07512, to ensure that the application is properly filed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the monies received from the Recycling Tonnage Grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

There was a motion by Councilman Niland, seconded by Councilman Puglise to approve a grade increase for Patrolman Brian Britting from Grade 6 (\$54,908) to Grade 5 (\$65,367), effective April 17, 2011. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Niland, seconded by Councilman Puglise to approve a grade increase for Patrolman Gary Potenzone from Grade 5 (\$65,367) to Grade 4 (\$75,827), effective April 24, 2011. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Niland, seconded by Councilman Puglise to approve a fireman's application, the purchase of fireman's equipment and authorize a fireman's physical for Kenneth J. La Placa for Riverview Park Fire Company. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A notice from Police Chief Robert Coyle advising that the Totowa Police Department will participate in the 2nd Annual Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. was received and filed.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

There was no report.

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 Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilwoman Festa 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. 06-2011

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$30,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A FILTRATION SYSTEM FOR THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA AND TO APPROPRIATE \$30,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilwoman Festa to adopt the following Proclamation In Honor Of Timothy Polizzi. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF TIMOTHY POLIZZI

WHEREAS, Timothy Polizzi began his Scouting career as a Cub Scout with St. James Cub Scout Pack 26 in Totowa, New Jersey before moving on as a Boy Scout first with Troop 102 in Little Falls and then Troop 102 in Wayne ; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Polizzi has dedicated himself to fulfilling the necessary requirements to attain the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Polizzi has learned many skills while working to obtain the required merit awards for an Eagle Scout including responsibility, interacting with others and personal management, and has also learned valuable life lessons through volunteering with Scouting; and

WHEREAS, for his Eagle Scout Service Project, Timothy Polizzi volunteered at Camp Hope in West Milford where he built park benches, fixed leaking water fountains in the pool and built a new water fountain for the pool; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Polizzi with the help of his family was able to commit and devote his time to achieving his goal of Eagle Scout while attending Passaic Valley High School where he played football, tennis and bowling, was a member of the Italian Club, Art Club and President of the Gamers Club; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, Timothy Polizzi plans to stay active with Troop 102 while pursuing a Degree in Law Enforcement and volunteering as a Borough of Totowa Fireman.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey do hereby give special recognition to Timothy Polizzi upon achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and Council congratulate Timothy Polizzi on obtaining this prestigious honor.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this Proclamation be made a part of the permanent records of the Borough of Totowa and that a copy of said Proclamation be presented to Timothy Polizzi and his family.

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