

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

June 28, 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 John Coiro called the meeting to order and asked the Municipal Clerk to call the roll.

Municipal Clerk Wassel recited the Prayer of the Meeting followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with the public participating.

Mayor Coiro asked the Clerk to read the statement of the meeting.

The Municipal Clerk read the following statement: This meeting of the Mayor and Council held on this day is being held in accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 of the State of New Jersey as amended. The agenda for this meeting has been prepared and distributed to the Mayor and Council and a copy has been on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

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

Councilman D'Angelo: Announced that Father Joseph Murphy is retiring and wished him well and that Father Patrick Ryan will be the new priest at St. Francis of Assisi and would like to wish him well also.

CITIZENS HEARD:

Mike Burns, 20 Claremont Avenue: Said he hasn't been to a meeting in about eight months and would like an update on the speeding issue on his street. Councilman Niland: Responded that he had the most recent report at the last meeting, but did not have it handy now. Asked Police Chief Robert Coyle to provide the update. Police Chief Coyle: Read off some various statistics. Mayor Coiro: Asked Mr. Burns if he saw the Record, where it listed Totowa as second in tickets issued. Mr. Burns: Said he is not concerned about the overall number of tickets issued, he wants to know about Claremont. Councilman Niland: Asked to set up a meeting next week. Mr. Burns: Responded that meetings haven't worked in the past. A conversation ensued. Mr. Burns: Asked about the speed/traffic monitor. Councilman Niland: Advised him that he has a meeting with the manufacturer on obtaining the use of a solar powered one.

Donald Bender, 34 West 36th Street, Woodland Park: Stated that he is still waiting for the crosswalk at the Glover Avenue Bridge and that even though they can't cut the ADA ramp asked why we just can't stripe it, because cars don't stop. Mayor Coiro: Advised him that we just received an email from the County Engineer who has prepared a plan that will put in the crosswalk on the Paterson side. Mr. Bender: Said that one is better than none. A conversation ensued. Mayor Coiro: Told him that he would print out the email and send it to him.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of June 14, 2011. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

The following letter of resignation—read by Councilman Waryas—was received from Councilwoman Arlene Festa. There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to accept her resignation with hesitation and many regrets. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilwoman Festa abstained from the voting.

Arlene Festa
159 Stewart Terrace
Totowa, NJ 07512

April 14, 2011

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

It is with mixed emotions that I submit my resignation as councilwoman of the Borough of Totowa, effective as of July 1, 2011.

It has been my honor to serve as a councilwoman for the last 12 years and my pleasure to serve the residents of Totowa.

I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve with Mayor John Coiro and Council members; I have enjoyed working with each one of you as you are all so special to me.

Thank you for the friendship and caring you have given to me. I am also proud of the work we have done together and I will continue to support you and our community.

Sincerely,
Arlene Festa

Mayor Coiro: Expressed that 12 years ago you took my spot and I was very happy to see you join the Council. Since then I have been happy to see how you have handled the many, various issues confronting your Committee, including the walking path and various grants. Commented that is all we can ask of a public servant and that you will be missed.

Councilman Puglise: Told her don't be a stranger, make sure you come around to see us.

Councilman Niland: Said that it has been an honor to serve with you and you have been my role model.

Councilman D'Angelo: Communicated that being a rookie on the Council you really showed me the way.

Councilwoman Fontanella: Thanked her on a personal and professional level.

There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve Resolution No. 2011-14 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 Reimbursement For 2010 Street Lighting And Snow Removal Costs To Hickory Hills Homeowners Association Pursuant To A Municipal Services Agreement With The Borough Of Totowa. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 60-2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT FOR 2010 STREET LIGHTING AND SNOW REMOVAL COSTS TO HICKORY HILLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION PURSUANT TO A MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

WHEREAS, in accordance with New Jersey's Municipal Services Act, the Borough of Totowa is required to either perform certain specified services on roads and streets for qualified private communities or to reimburse these communities in accordance with the statute; and

WHEREAS, Hickory Hills is a residential gated community located in the Borough of Totowa within which all of the roads located throughout the development are private; and

WHEREAS, Hickory Hills Homeowners Association is a not-for-profit entity that operates and administers the general affairs of this qualified private community as defined by N.J.S.A. 40:67-23.2; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 36-2008, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa entered into a municipal services agreement with the Hickory Hills Homeowners Association to provide partial reimbursement for street lighting and snow removal services for the residents of the Hickory Hill community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to authorize payment to the Hickory Hill Homeowners Association for costs incurred in 2010 for street lighting and snow removal services in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize payment to the Hickory Hills Homeowners Association for reimbursement of costs incurred in 2010 for street lighting and snow removal services pursuant to the terms of the Municipal Services Agreement with the Borough of Totowa.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

There was no report.

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 adopt the following resolution authorizing the Borough Clerk to renew the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control liquor licenses for the 2011/2012 license term. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 61-2011

WHEREAS, the liquor licenses that have been issued by the Borough of Totowa during the year 2010/2011 will expire on June 30; and

WHEREAS, State and Municipal regulations require that liquor licenses be renewed prior to July 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, applications have been made by the holders of liquor licenses as issued by the Borough of Totowa during the year 2010/2011, and said holders of licenses have made application that their licenses be renewed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that the Municipal Clerk be authorized to issue said license to the following licensed premises for the year 2011/2012 and that a copy of each application for each licensed premise be forwarded to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

1612-33-001-010	Apple Food Service of Totowa, Inc.
1612-33-002-004	Mediterraneo Restaurant, Inc.
1612-33-003-002	Anthony Murphy, Inc.
1612-33-004-007	Murphy's Steakhouse, LLC
1612-33-005-002	The Bethwood Corporation
1612-44-006-005	DTJ, Ltd.
1612-33-007-004	Crestview Motel, Inc.
1612-44-009-007	Daystar Trading Company
1612-33-010-009	New Sushi, LLC
1612-33-011-005	Totowa Barnyard, Inc.
1612-31-012-001	Totowa Boro Memorial Post #227
1612-31-013-001	Italian American Ind Club of Totowa
1612-31-014-001	Passaic Valley Elks Lodge BPOE #2111

There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilwoman Festa to approve the Special Permit To Extend Licensed Premises for Anthony Murphy, Inc. on Sunday, July 17, 2011. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilwoman Festa to approve Raffle License Application Nos. 1584 & 1585 for the Borough of Totowa First Aid Squad, Inc. for an On-Premise Merchandise and On-Premise 50/50, respectively, to be held on July 31, 2011 at the Borough of Totowa recreational areas at the PAL. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilwoman Festa to approve Raffle License Application No. 1586 for the BPOE #2111 Passaic Valley Elks for an Off-Premise 50/50 to be held on September 9, 2011. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

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

Joseph Wassel, RMC
Municipal Clerk