

## BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

### MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

March 11, 2014

**PRESENT:** Mayor John Coiro, presiding, Council President Phil Puglise, Councilman John Waryas, Councilman Lou D'Angelo, Councilwoman Carolyn Fontanella, Councilwoman Debra Andriani, Councilman Anthony Picarelli, 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 Waryas: Reported that at the last Library meeting, Board President Janet Saunders announced that she felt that they have never had a better working relationship with the Mayor and Council than they do now. Mayor Coiro: Responded that he is very appreciative of that sentiment.

## CITIZENS HEARD:

Mike Mahometa, 269 Lincoln Avenue: Said that he read two things in the Record, 1) That Totowa is one of only two schools who still hold their elections in April instead of November and asked why. Mayor Coiro: Explained that first of all the school board is not under our purview, but said that he understands—and though he is not speaking for the Board of Education—that the Board still wants to allow the residents to vote on their budget and if it moves to November they don't get that option any longer. Mr. Mahometa: 2) That the Borough is getting a \$150,000 grant along with Woodland Park to de-snap the Passaic River and asked if it will start with the island by the Hillery Street Bridge. Mayor Coiro: Advised that we applied jointly because the application would hold more weight since we both border the same portion of the river, but that it will mainly focus on de-snagging and de-silting.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of February 25, 2014. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to approve Resolution No. 2014-06 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 Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to approve a grade increase for Patrolman Nicholas Varcadipane from Grade 4 to Grade 3, effective March 14, 2014. 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 certify the following names of the next three (3) qualified candidates on the Police Department Initial Appointment Certification List. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Sean Williams  
Michael Bastante  
Mark Aue

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, there was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to appoint Sean Williams as a Probationary Patrolman of the Borough of Totowa Police Department with the swearing in ceremony to be held on March 25, 2014. 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 Sean Williams as a Probationary Patrolman of the Borough of Totowa Police Department with the swearing in ceremony to be held on March 25, 2014.

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.

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman Puglise to authorize the Borough Clerk and the Borough Attorney to prepare the specifications and advertise for the receipt of Request For Proposals for Professional Services for Acquisition and Demolition of Five Flood Properties. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to adopt the following resolution authorizing the application to the Passaic County Community Development Block Grant Program. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

## RESOLUTION NO. 39-2014

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council for the Borough of Totowa authorizes the application for and use of requested funds in the amount of \$139,750 from the Passaic County Community Development Block Grant Program for Phase IV of the Borough's Sewer Lining Project. If awarded funds, the Borough of Totowa shall implement the activities in a manner to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

A letter was received from the Italian American Club requesting permission to use the Municipal Parking Lot on Sunday, April 6, 2014. There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to grant permission. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

### COMMITTEE ON LIAISON & INSPECTION:

There was no report.

### COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve Raffle License Application No. 1770 for the St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly of the Little Sisters of the Poor for an On-Premise 50/50 to be held on April 2, 2014 at The Bethwood. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve Raffle License Application No. 1771 for Lincoln Fire Company for an Off-Premise 50/50 to be held on June 10, 2014. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve Raffle License Application Nos. 1772, 1773 & 1774 for HSA Demarest for a Tricky Tray, On-Premise 50/50 and Off-Premise 50/50, respectively, to be held on May 2, 2014 at The Bethwood. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve Raffle License Application Nos. 1775 & 1776 for Friends of Wayne Animals, Inc. for a Tricky Tray and On-Premise 50/50, respectively, to be held on April 10, 2014 at The Bethwood. 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.

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Joseph Wassel, RMC  
Municipal Clerk