

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

August 25, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic and the Governor's Executive Order 107, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b), this meeting was not open to the public, but was held by remote means on Zoom.

PRESENT: Mayor John Coiro, presiding, Council President Lou D'Angelo, Councilwoman Debra Andriani, Councilman Anthony Picarelli, Councilman William Bucher, Councilman John Capo, Councilwoman Lisa Palazzo, Municipal Clerk Joseph Wassel and Municipal Attorney Kristin 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.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to dispense with the regular order of business in order to hold a public hearing on Ordinance Nos. 09-2020 & 10-2020 as advertised. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Municipal Clerk Wassel announced that Ordinance Nos. 09-2020 & 10-2020 have been advertised for public hearing for Tuesday, August 25, 2020.

Municipal Clerk Wassel read the legal notice and the title of Ordinance No. 09-2020.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani 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 watching via Zoom wished to be heard on Ordinance No. 09-2020.

CITIZENS HEARD:

Mayor Coiro announced that we have not received any emailed questions pertaining to Ordinance No. 09-2020.

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

Municipal Clerk Wassel read Ordinance No. 09-2020 by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2020

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA
CHAPTER 398 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", ARTICLE II, "PARKING",
SECTION 7, "PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS"
AND ARTICLE XIII, "SCHEDULES", SECTION 46,
"SCHEDULE II: NO PARKING CERTAIN HOURS"**

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to adopt Ordinance No. 09-2020 on second and final reading. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Municipal Clerk Wassel read the legal notice and the title of Ordinance No. 10-2020.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani 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 watching via Zoom wished to be heard on Ordinance No. 10-2020.

CITIZENS HEARD:

Mayor Coiro announced that we have not received any emailed questions pertaining to Ordinance No. 10-2020.

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

Municipal Clerk Wassel read Ordinance No. 10-2020 by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2020

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA
CHAPTER 398 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", ARTICLE II, "PARKING",
SECTION 6, "PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES" AND ARTICLE XIII,
"SCHEDULES", SECTION 45, "SCHEDULE I: NO PARKING"**

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to adopt Ordinance No. 10-2020 on second and final reading. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani 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.

Mayor Coiro asked if any citizens watching via Zoom wished to be heard on any matter.

CITIZENS HEARD:

Mayor Coiro announced that we have not received any emailed questions pertaining to the public portion of the meeting through 7:30 p.m.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of August 11, 2020. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilman Picarelli and Councilman Bucher abstained from the voting.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve Resolution No. 2020-18 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 Picarelli seconded by Councilman D'Angelo, to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Treasurer to issue refunds to various property owners pursuant to State Tax Court judgments. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there has been a State Tax Court Judgment to reduce the evaluation on the following.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of the Borough of Totowa is authorized to refund this amount.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Property/Owner</u>	<u>Payable To:</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
39	1	169 Union Blvd. Rosemary Monteyne	Spiotti & Esposito, PC	2018	1,750,000	1,675,000	\$1,787.25
				2019	1,750,000	1,675,000	<u>1,791.00</u>
Total Check:							\$3,578.25

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, there was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to hire Danielle Mulroony as an Administrative Clerk for the Finance/Tax/Water Department. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to approve a grade increase for Patrol Officer James Jurewicz from Grade 7 to Grade 6. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

There was no report.

COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

There was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to accept the following bids for the Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation – Phase IX. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Standard Pipe Services Newark, DE 19702	\$121,925.00
National Water Main Cleaning Kearny, NJ 07032	\$140,235.00

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, there was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to adopt the following resolution to award the contract for the Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation – Phase IX. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-2020

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR SANITARY SEWER
MAIN REHABILITATION – PHASE IX

WHEREAS, in August of 2011, the Borough of Totowa suffered the devastating effects of Hurricane Irene which resulted in unprecedented flooding throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, following the Hurricane, the Borough of Totowa Municipal Engineer recommended the rehabilitation of portions of the sanitary sewer mains located throughout the municipality; and

WHEREAS, to date, eight Phases of the on-going Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation Project have been completed; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Municipal Engineer has now recommended the rehabilitation of existing sanitary sewer mains within Boyle Avenue, from Franklin Place to Totowa Road; and

WHEREAS, the work consists primarily of the installation of cured-in-place lining for approximately 900 linear feet of existing sanitary sewer main; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa received a Block Grant from Passaic County through the Community Development Block Grant Program for the additional rehabilitation work; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa did advertise for receipt of sealed bids in accordance with the specifications entitled “Borough of Totowa, FY 2019 Community Development Block Grant Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation - Phase IX, Contract No. 2020-1”; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa did receive sealed bids at its Municipal Building on August 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the apparent low bid was submitted by Standard Pipe Services, LLC, 567 Walther Road, Newark, Delaware 19702 in the amount of \$121,925.00, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Borough of Totowa Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that the bid submitted by Standard Pipe Services, LLC be accepted as the lowest responsible bid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby accept the bid by Standard Pipe Services, LLC for the Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation – Phase IX as the lowest responsible bid for the total sum of \$121,925.00.

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.

COMMITTEE ON LIAISON & INSPECTION:

There was no report.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was no report.

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

Joseph Wassel, RMC
Municipal Clerk