

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

November 26, 2019

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.

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

Mayor Coiro: Thanked Recreation Director Mark Monteyne, all the volunteers, the support of all the vendors and all who came out in that nasty weather for the 5K. Said it was a good time and a job well done.

Councilwoman Andriani: Reiterated the Mayor's thoughts on the 5K, said it was a great event and also thanked the Police, Fire and Passaic Valley Band.

Councilman D'Angelo: 1) Also concurred on the Turkey Trot; 2) Announced the following results of the Fire Chief's Election – Richard Schopperth – 39 votes, Donald Warnet – 14 votes, with one non vote.

Councilwoman Andriani: Announced the following: 1) The Library annual Holiday Party will be held on December 4th at 6:30 p.m.; 2) The annual Tree Lighting will be held on December 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Coiro: Remarked that we will also have the Parade of Fire Trucks on November 30th at 6:00 p.m.

CITIZENS HEARD:

Mike Mahometa, 269 Lincoln Avenue: 1) Wished all a Happy Thanksgiving; 2) Said he loves the lighted wreaths on the old fashioned lights; 3) Asked if the fire hydrants will be marked with flags before the snow begins to fall. Mayor Coiro: Answered that the fire hydrants will be marked with flags.

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 November 12, 2019. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. 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. 2019-24 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>
173	1.01	711 Union Blvd.	Jennifer R. Jacobus Trustee for North Jersey Federal Credit Union	2017	4,797,000	4,200,000	\$14,083.23
				2018	4,797,000	4,200,000	\$14,226.51
				2019	4,797,000	4,200,000	<u>\$14,256.36</u>
			Mail to: Jacobus & Associates, LLC 201 Littleton Road, 1 st Floor Morris Plains, NJ 07950				
						Total Check:	\$42,566.10

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 due to overpayment of 4th Quarter 2019 taxes. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there has been an overpayment of 4th quarter 2019 taxes on the property listed below; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer is entitled to a refund; and

WHEREAS, the chart sets forth the refund as follows:

Block	Lot	Property Owner	Payable To	Overpayment
57	3	260 Boyle Ave. Ismail DOAA	Corelogic Attn:Refund Dept. PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760	\$1,574.31

77	7	93 Barnert Ave. Gurrieri, E & K	Karen & Ernest Gurrieri 93 Barnert Ave Totowa, NJ 07512	\$ 930.32
101	8	100 Bogert St. Reginald Beauharnais	Reginald Beauharnais PO Box 8105 Saddle Brook, NJ 07663	\$ 466.45

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the overpayment shall be refunded to the taxpayer, as stated above, and the Treasurer is authorized to issue separate checks for the refunds, which shall be paid to the stated property or taxing authority.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing Cancellation Of Outstanding Checks. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 123-2019

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS

WHEREAS, there exists numerous, old, outstanding checks on the bank reconciliations of the General and Net Payroll bank accounts; and

WHEREAS, the old, outstanding checks have been investigated by the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer and it has been determined that these old, outstanding checks should be cancelled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Totowa that the following old, outstanding checks in the amount of \$1,442.33 in the General and Net Payroll bank accounts be and the same are hereby cancelled.

<u>Bank Account</u>	<u>Amount Cancelled</u>
General Account	\$ 1,183.69
Net Payroll Account	<u>258.64</u>
	<u>\$ 1,442.33</u> (A)

(A) A detailed listing of the outstanding checks to be cancelled will be retained on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

Letters from Riverview Park Fire Company, Inc. and Fire Chief Rich Schopperth advising of the removal of firefighter Jay Tempe from their membership were received and filed.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilwoman Palazzo to approve Payment Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$51,037.42 to Mike Fitzpatrick & Son, Inc. for the Jefferson Place & Raphael Road Improvements. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilwoman Palazzo to approve Payment Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$39,676.28 to Manor II Electric, Inc. for the DPW Garage and Shepherds Lane Pump Station Generator Improvements. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilwoman Palazzo to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Replacement Of One Unit Heater At The DPW Building. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 124-2019

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF
ONE UNIT HEATER AT THE DPW BUILDING

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Department of Public Works ("DPW") Superintendent has advised that one unit heater at the Borough of Totowa DPW Building is no longer working properly and recommended that this equipment be removed and replaced; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that there is a need for this equipment at the Borough of Totowa DPW Building; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to authorize the removal and replacement of the unit heater; and

WHEREAS, 454 Mechanical LLC, 14 Masklee Court, Totowa, New Jersey 07512 has submitted a proposal for the removal and replacement of the unit heater in the amount of \$6,485.00, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Borough of Totowa Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State laws, the removal and replacement of the unit heater 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 removal and replacement of the unit heater by 454 Mechanical LLC in the amount of \$6,485.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize the Municipal Clerk and DPW Superintendent to execute any and all instruments relating thereto.

COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

There was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve Payment Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$334,562.20 to National Water Main Company for the Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation – Phases VII & VIII. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Replacement Of Boiler No. 1 Circulator Pump At The Municipal Complex. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 125-2019

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF
BOILER NO. 1 CIRCULATOR PUMP AT MUNICIPAL COMPLEX**

WHEREAS, the Boiler No. 1 Circulator Pump at the Borough of Totowa Municipal Complex is no longer working properly and this equipment must be removed and replaced; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that there is a need for this equipment at the Borough of Totowa Municipal Complex; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to authorize the removal and replacement of the Boiler No. 1 Circulator Pump; and

WHEREAS, 454 Mechanical LLC, 14 Masklee Court, Totowa, New Jersey 07512 has submitted a proposal for the removal and replacement of the Boiler No. 1 Circulator Pump in the amount of \$4,580.00, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Borough of Totowa Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State laws, the removal and replacement of the Boiler No. 1 Circulator Pump 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 removal and replacement of the Boiler No. 1 Circulator Pump by 454 Mechanical LLC in the amount of \$4,580.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize the Municipal Clerk to execute any and all instruments relating thereto.

COMMITTEE ON LIAISON & INSPECTION:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Bucher to authorize Municipal Attorney Kristin M. Corrado, Esq. and Planning Board Attorney Richard Briigliodoro, Esq. to serve as Co-Counsel with Assigned Counsel Carl Mazzie, Esq. in the litigation entitled Three Crown Development LLC and Greentree Development LLC vs. Planning Board of the Borough of Totowa and Borough of Totowa, Docket No.: PAS-L-3466-19. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Palazzo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application No. 2185 for the Academy Of St. James Of The Marches for a Calendar Raffle to be held during January, February & March, 2020. 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 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