

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

August 10, 2021

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

ABSENT: Councilman William Bucher and Councilwoman Lisa Palazzo.

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.

Municipal Clerk Wassel 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.

Councilwoman Andriani: Reminded everyone that tomorrow night's summer concert is the Jersey Sound at the Municipal Complex.

Mayor Coiro: Said he heard that we had a very successful summer camp this year with a lot of positive feedback and thanked Recreation Director Mark Monteyne, Camp Director Tricia Monteyne and their staff.

Mayor Coiro asked if any citizens wished to be heard.

CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

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 July 27, 2021. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve Resolution No. 2021-17 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 Extension Of Grace Period For Payment Of 3rd Quarter 2021 Taxes. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 85-2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF GRACE PERIOD FOR
PAYMENT OF 3RD QUARTER 2021 TAXES

WHEREAS, the 3rd Quarter tax payment is normally due on August 1, with a 10 day grace period; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa will not be able to print and mail out the 2021 Final/2022 Preliminary Tax Bills on time because of a delay; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa by law must allow the taxpayers a period of 25 days from the date of the mailing of the tax bill to make payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby extend the grace period for the 3rd Quarter taxes to September 10, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that tax payments received after the extended grace period of September 10, 2021 will be charged interest back to the original due date of August 1, 2021 as required by law.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to acknowledge receipt of the Report of Audit for the year ended December 31, 2020 and that the recommendations will be reviewed by the Governing Body. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

A retirement letter was received from Police Dispatcher Mary Picarelli, effective September 1, 2021. There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to accept her letter and wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilman Picarelli abstained from the voting.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to approve the fireman's application, the purchase of fireman's equipment and authorize a fireman's physical for Jeremy R. Kalokitis for Volunteer Fire Company No. 1. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to approve the Agreement between the Borough of Totowa and Matthew Antola to participate in the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program pursuant to P.L. 1998, c. 145 and authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the same. 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 no report.

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 the Application For Social Affair Permit from the State Of New Jersey Division Of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the Macedonian Orthodox Church "St. Nikola" to be held on September 11 & 12, 2021 from 12:00 – 9:00 p.m. (rain dates September 18 & 19, 2021). 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 the Application For Social Affair Permit from the State Of New Jersey Division Of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the Totowa Borough Republican Club for Sunday, September 12, 2021 from 12:00 – 8:00 p.m. to be held at the recreational areas at The PAL. 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. 2231 & 2232 for FOWA Rescue, Inc. for a Tricky Tray and On-Premise 50/50 to be held on October 6, 2021 at The Grand. 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. 2233 for the Borough of Totowa Public Library Foundation for a Calendar Raffle to be held during the months of October, November & December 2021. 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