

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

November 23, 2021

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

ABSENT: Councilman John Capo.

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.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to dispense with the regular order of business in order to enable the Mayor and Council to present Sports Award Certificates to the 2021 Totowa Tigers 3rd & 4th Grade Pee Wees and 7th & 8th Grade Seniors, North Bergen Junior Youth Football League Patriot Bowl Champions players and coaches. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Mayor John Coiro asked Woodland Park Mayor Keith Kazmark to join him in front of the dais – since we now have the unique situation where we have joined forces between our two towns and our talented youth now compete together as one team – and

announced that we are very happy to be able to present these Sports Awards – and in person – one due to the pandemic and the other because we haven't had a championship team in a while. Mayor Coiro congratulated all the football players and coaches and mentioned how football teaches you about teamwork, hard work and dedication. Mayor Coiro also remarked that an added benefit of being teammates with players from Woodland Park (or Totowa) now, is that you get to know your classmates prior to arriving at Passaic Valley High School before your freshman year.

Mayor Kazmark congratulated the Tigers and said enjoy this moment because you are not always going to win the championship and referenced the joint baseball teams that won championships over the summer.

Mayor Coiro advised that he would start with the 3rd & 4th Grade Pee Wees and began by calling up all the coaches and presented each with a Sports Award Certificate. Coach Mike McGovern gave a recap of their season. Mayor Coiro then called up the players and presented each with a certificate. Mayor Coiro continued with the 7th & 8th Grade Seniors by calling up all the coaches and presenting them with a Sports Award Certificate. Coach Lou Puerta gave a recap of their season. Mayor Coiro followed by calling up the players and presenting each with a Sports Award Certificate.

Pictures were taken of each team. Mayor Coiro again congratulated both championship teams and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He then announced that we would take a short recess.

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.

Councilman D'Angelo: Thanked all for participating in the Turkey Trot, along with Recreation Director Mark Monteyne, the Board of Recreation, Councilwoman Andriani, the Police Department and the Department of Public Works and said that we had 600 participants.

Mayor Coiro: Agreed that the 600 participants was an unbelievable number and said everybody did a great job.

Councilwoman Andriani: 1) Thanked Recreation Director Monteyne for the Turkey Trot; 2) Reminded all that this Saturday is the Holiday Parade being sponsored by the

Totowa and West Paterson Fire Departments; 3) Announced our Holiday Tree Lighting will be held on Friday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. and will be live and in person.

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 November 9, 2021. 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. 2021-24 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 due to overpayment of 4th Quarter 2021 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 2021 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
50	3	86 Hobart Pl. Mrugank U & Prerana M	Mrugank U & Prerana M Mehta	\$ 365.77

		Mehta	86 Hobart Pl. Totowa, NJ 07512	
65	11	205 Gordon Ave. Enrique J & Michelle Gomez Jr.	Enrique J & Michelle Gomez Jr. 205 Gordon Ave. Totowa, NJ 07512	\$4,420.97
75	10	9 Claremont Ave. Gladys S Diaz & Jerry Lizardi	Corelogic Attn: Refund Dept. PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760	\$1,660.89
84	3	58 St. James Pl. Christopher & Tracy Borgese	Christopher & Tracy Borgese 58 St. James PL. Totowa, NJ 07512	\$ 71.64
137	11	14 Wentick St. Ryan & Diana Tercias	Corelogic Attn: Refund Dept. PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760	\$2,897.22

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 approve payment of the 2021 annual contribution to the Totowa Seniors and the Happy Seniors. 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 accept the following bids for Collection and Transportation of Recyclable Materials. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount Bid</u>
Gaeta Recycling Co., Inc. Paterson, NJ 07503	One (1) Year	\$ 282,000.00
	Three (3) Years	\$ 750,000.00
	Five (5) Years	\$1,200,000.00

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, there was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to adopt the following resolution to award the contract for Collection and Transportation of Recyclable Materials. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 111-2021

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa did advertise for receipt of sealed bids for collection and transportation services for residential and municipal recyclable materials in accordance with its specifications entitled "Specifications and Proposal for Collection and Transportation of Recyclable Materials in the Borough of Totowa, County of Passaic, New Jersey 2021"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa did receive bids at its Municipal Building on November 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa on November 23, 2021 did examine all bids for the collection and transportation services called for in the specifications; and

WHEREAS, the lone bid was submitted by Gaeta Recycling Co., Inc., 278 Railway Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey 07503 with a bid in the amount of \$750,000.00 for a three year period effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that the bid submitted by Gaeta Recycling Co., Inc. 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 of Gaeta Recycling Co., Inc. the for collection and transportation of residential and municipal recyclable materials for the Borough of Totowa for the sum of \$750,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024; and

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.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to accept the following bids for Collection and Transportation of Vegetative Waste. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount Bid</u>
Gaeta Recycling Co., Inc. Paterson, NJ 07503	One (1) Year	\$210,000.00
	Three (3) Years	\$615,000.00
	Five (5) Years	\$950,000.00

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, there was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to adopt the following resolution to award the contract for Collection and Transportation of Vegetative Waste. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 112-2021

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR VEGETATIVE WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa did advertise for receipt of sealed bids for collection and transportation services for residential and municipal recyclable materials in accordance with its specifications entitled "Specifications and Proposal for Collection and Transportation of Vegetative Waste in the Borough of Totowa, County of Passaic, New Jersey 2021"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa did receive bids at its Municipal Building on November 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa on November 23, 2021 did examine all bids for the collection and transportation services called for in the specifications; and

WHEREAS, the lone bid was submitted by Gaeta Recycling Co., Inc., 278 Railway Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey 07503 with a bid in the amount of \$210,000.00 for a one year period effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that the bid submitted by Gaeta Recycling Co., Inc. 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 of Gaeta Recycling Co., Inc. the for collection and transportation of residential and municipal vegetative waste for the Borough of Totowa for the sum of \$210,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022; and

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 PUBLIC SAFETY:

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Bucher to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Purchase And Delivery Of Two Mobile Radios For The Two 2021 Ford Explorer Interceptor SUV's For The Borough Of Totowa Police Department. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 113-2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF TWO MOBILE
RADIOS FOR THE TWO 2021 FORD EXPLORER INTERCEPTOR SUV'S FOR
THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 102-2021 dated October 12, 2021, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa authorized the purchase and delivery of two Ford Police Interceptor Sports Utility Vehicles ("SUVs") for the Borough of Totowa Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Police Chief has requested the purchase and delivery of new mobile radios that will be used for the new Police Department vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that there is a need for this equipment which will enable Totowa's Patrol Officers to perform their duties; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to authorize the purchase and delivery of new mobile radios for the Borough of Totowa Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract No. 41 has been awarded to Northeast Communications, 244 East Union Turnpike, Wharton, New Jersey 07885 for the purchase and delivery of new mobile radios; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State laws, the purchase of and delivery of this equipment 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 purchase and delivery of two new mobile radios and all related equipment for the Borough of Totowa Police Department from Northeast Communications in the amount of \$5,343.72.

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

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Bucher to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Purchase And Installation Of Two Lighting Packages For The Two 2021 Ford Explorer Interceptor SUV's For The Borough Of Totowa Police Department. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 114-2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TWO LIGHTING PACKAGES FOR THE TWO 2021 FORD EXPLORER INTERCEPTOR SUV'S FOR THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 102-2021 dated October 12, 2021, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa authorized the purchase and delivery of two Ford Police Interceptor Sports Utility Vehicles ("SUVs") for the Borough of Totowa Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the vehicles will require the installation of emergency lights and sirens; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to authorize the purchase and installation of the necessary lighting packages for the two 2021 Ford Explorer Interceptor SUV's; and

WHEREAS, State of New Jersey Contract No. 17-FLEET 007602-2021 was awarded to General Sales Administration t/a Major Police Supply, 47 N. Dell Avenue, Kenil, New Jersey 07847 for the purchase and installation of lighting packages; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State laws, the purchase of and installation of this equipment 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 purchase and installation of two lighting packages for the new 2021 Ford Explorer Interceptor SUV's from Major Police Supply in the amount of \$22,819.50.

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

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilwoman Palazzo to adopt the following Resolution To Submit A Grant Application And Execute A Grant Agreement With The New Jersey Department Of Transportation For The 2022 Local Transportation Funds Grant Application For The Maltese Drive Improvements Project. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 115-2021

RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2022 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE MALTESE DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa continues to develop projects that will improve access and maintenance on public roads; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa's Engineer has provided plans specifically designed to address and improve traffic flow, safety issues and maintenance on our roads; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa has identified Maltese Drive to be in desperate need of repair.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa formally approve the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as LTPF-2022-Maltese Drive Improvements Project-00072 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Totowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Totowa and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

A letter was received from the Passaic County Board of County Commissioners advising that Totowa has been awarded a FY2021 Passaic County Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$100,762 for Sanitary Sewer Lining on Lincoln Avenue between Franklin Place and Union Boulevard. There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to accept the grant funds. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Borough Clerk To Set Up A Public Sale/Online Auction Of Personal Property No Longer Needed For Public Use. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 116-2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH CLERK TO SET UP A PUBLIC SALE/ONLINE AUCTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 provides for the Manner and Method of Sale or Other Disposition of Personal Property; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa may by resolution authorize the sale of its personal property not needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have at this time determined that there are various vehicles, equipment and other personal property of different make and model that are no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the taxpayers of the Borough of Totowa that the Mayor and Council dispose of these items at public sale/online auction to the highest bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize the Borough Clerk to set up a public sale/online auction for personal property no longer needed for public use.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Borough Of Totowa To Enter Into A Joint Defense Agreement With The Third Party Defendants In The Matter Entitled Occidental Chemical Corp. V. 21st Century Fox America, Et. Al., United States District Court For The District Of New Jersey, Case No. 18-11273. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 117-2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA TO ENTER INTO A JOINT DEFENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE THIRD PARTY DEFENDANTS IN THE MATTER ENTITLED OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL CORP V. 21ST CENTURY FOX AMERICA, ET AL., UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY, CASE NO. 18-11273

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa has been named as a third-party defendant in the matter entitled Occidental Chemical Corp V. 21st Century Fox America, et al., United States District Court for the District Of New Jersey, Case No. 18-11273; and

WHEREAS, more specifically, Occidental Chemical Corporation ("Occidental") has filed a federal lawsuit seeking contribution and cost recovery under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"). against the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners ("PVSC") and its member municipalities including the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, Occidental and the original defendants in the this litigation are alleging that the Borough of Totowa and the third-party defendants have contributed to the contamination be discharging contaminants into the Passaic River; and

WHEREAS, the third-party defendants have determined that it is mutually beneficial to collectively prepare a joint defense to the litigation and share the services of expert witnesses and consultants; and

WHEREAS, the third-party defendants desire to memorialize the joint defense efforts in an agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that the Borough of Totowa should participate in the joint defense of this litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize the Borough of Totowa to enter into a Joint Defense Agreement with the third-party defendants in the Occidental Chemical Corp V. 21st Century Fox America, et al. litigation.

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 instruments relating thereto.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Borough Of Totowa To Enter Into A Liaison Counsel Agreement With The Third Party Defendants In The Matter Entitled Occidental Chemical Corp. V. 21st Century Fox America, Et. Al., United States District Court For The District Of New Jersey, Case No. 18-11273. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 118-2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA TO ENTER INTO A LIAISON COUNSEL AGREEMENT WITH THE THIRD PARTY DEFENDANTS IN THE MATTER ENTITLED OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL CORP V. 21ST CENTURY FOX AMERICA, ET AL., UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY, CASE NO. 18-11273

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 117-2021 dated November 23, 2021, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa authorized the Borough of Totowa to enter into a Joint Defense Agreement in the matter entitled Occidental Chemical Corp V. 21st Century Fox America, et al., United States District Court for the District Of New Jersey, Case No. 18-11273; and

WHEREAS, a number of the third-party defendants comprised of the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners ("PVSC") and it's member municipalities, including the Borough of Totowa, have organized into the PVSC Group; and

WHEREAS, the PVSC Group has agreed to designate liaison counsel and will share the costs of liaison counsel fees and set the scope of liaison counsel's responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, liaison counsel will perform a number of duties for the PVSC Group including but not limited to appearing at conferences and hearings, oversee the filing of motions, assisting with procedural issues promoting the efficient conduct of the litigation; and

WHEREAS, the PVSC Group desire to memorialize the scope of liaison counsel's duties in an agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that the Borough of Totowa should participate in this liaison counsel agreement for this litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize the Borough of Totowa to enter into a Liaison Counsel; Agreement with the PVSC Group in the Occidental Chemical Corp V. 21st Century Fox America, et al. litigation.

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 instruments relating thereto.

COMMITTEE ON LIAISON & INSPECTION:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Bucher to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Borough Of Totowa To Enter Into A Deed Restriction With Sunset Ridge Development, LLC For Affordable Housing Units. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 119-2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA TO ENTER INTO A
DEED RESTRICTION WITH SUNSET RIDGE DEVELOPMENT, LLC
FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS

WHEREAS, Sunset Ridge Development, LLC, (hereinafter "Sunset Ridge") is the owner of real property commonly known and designated as Block 2, Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4 and Block 3, Lots 1, 1.01, 3, 6, 7 & 8 on the official Tax and Assessment Map of the Borough of Totowa and is located at 617 Preakness Avenue in the I-3 Restricted Industry District; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Zoning Board of Adjustment at its public meetings held on June 8, 2016 and July 13, 2016 granted preliminary and final site plan approval for the application filed by Sunset Ridge for the 617 Preakness Avenue property, subject to certain conditions and restrictions; and

WHEREAS, one of the conditions of the approval granted by the Borough of Totowa Zoning Board of Adjustment was the requirement that Sunset Ridge include eight affordable rental units for the project which will consist of one very low income unit, four low income units and three moderate income units; and

WHEREAS, in order for Sunset Ridge to comply with this requirement, it is necessary for Sunset Ridge and the Borough of Totowa to enter into a Deed Restriction for the eight units for a period of 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to enter into the Deed Restriction with Sunset Ridge in accordance with the approval's granted for this development project; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa further desire to enter into the Deed Restriction as part of the Borough of Totowa's compliance with New Jersey's Affordable Housing mandates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize the Borough of Totowa to enter into a Deed Restriction with Sunset Ridge Development, LLC.

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 LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Palazzo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to adopt the following Proclamation In Honor And Celebration Of The Fiftieth Anniversary Of Festa Memorial Funeral Home. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

PROCLAMATION IN HONOR AND CELEBRATION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF FESTA MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME

WHEREAS, Robert P. Festa Sr., a father of three, grandfather of five, teacher, and certified social worker, entered the funeral industry in 1954. After graduating from Mc Allister School of Embalming and the American Academy of Embalming and Mortuary Research, he worked in the funeral trade industry for various firms. On December 17, 1972, Robert and his family fulfilled a life-long dream and celebrated the grand opening of Festa Memorial Funeral Home Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the funeral home was built in 1972 to include three modestly sized viewing chapels, a lower lounge, a family conference room, and a casket showroom. In order to accommodate the changing needs of the community, renovations to the building were initiated in 1976 which included larger family-gathering rooms, additional office space, and a spacious parking mall; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, the funeral home acquired additional parking facilities with an adjacent landscaped walking path and tranquil park which provides a peaceful outdoor sanctuary for grieving friends and family members; and

WHEREAS, Robert's son, Robert P. Festa Jr., joined the staff as a licensed funeral director in 1994 after completing his education at Seton Hall University and American Academy Mc Allister Institute. He assisted his father in the family-owned and operated business prior to receiving his license as a practitioner of mortuary science; and

WHEREAS, Festa Memorial Funeral Home remains a family-run business with Robert Jr. being in charge of the day to day operations of the firm and serving as Vice-President of the corporation, Robert's daughter Carolyn Fontanella is the office manager and her son James Fontanella serves as a Director; and

WHEREAS, Festa Memorial Funeral Home has become an invaluable and integral part of our community and the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa wish to honor Festa Memorial Funeral Home and all their members as they celebrate their Fiftieth Anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that special recognition is given to Festa Memorial Funeral Home on their Fiftieth Anniversary and that they be honored for all their accomplishments and successes attained over the past fifty years.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that this proclamation be made a part of the permanent records of the Borough of Totowa.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Palazzo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to adopt the following Proclamation In Honor And Celebration Of Janet Lee Saunders. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

PROCLAMATION IN HONOR AND CELEBRATION OF JANET LEE SAUNDERS

WHEREAS, Janet Lee Saunders was appointed to the Borough of Totowa Public Library Board of Trustees by Mayor Sam Cherba in October of 1980 and became an invaluable member of the Board serving as Vice President and then as President; and

WHEREAS, Janet Lee Saunders steered the Borough of Totowa Public Library into the digital age through automation and established the library as a founding member of PALS Plus, the computer consortium of Passaic County and she was a key decision maker with her forward thinking during three renovations and a twenty seven hundred square foot expansion; and

WHEREAS, together, with the support of her late husband, the Honorable Amos C. Saunders, generously donated the funds for the furnishings for the new Children's Room in memory of their son, Amos Jr. in 2012; and

WHEREAS, under her governance, the library's lifelong learning offerings and services grew substantially including arts and crafts, book discussions and writing groups, card groups, coding classes, computer classes, family cake decorating workshops, fitness classes, knitting groups, story times, yoga classes and more; and

WHEREAS, with her support, the library introduced many new materials, resources and technology into the collection including digital resources, E readers, hotspots, tablets, cake pans and museum passes under her vision, the Totowa Public Library has transformed from a building with books into the community's living room; and

WHEREAS, Janet Lee Saunders officiated at hundreds of board meetings, countless open houses, numerous Dr. Seuss' birthday celebrations and memorable occasions including the Library's 50th anniversary celebration in 2007; and

WHEREAS, by continually demonstrating her devotion to the Borough of Totowa through her steadfast commitment to maintain and improve the public library for its citizenry, Janet Lee Saunders has established a model to emulate and set a standard of excellence toward which others might strive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby congratulate Janet Lee Saunders upon her retirement and pays tribute to her service, leadership, and commitment and extends sincere best wishes for continued success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that this proclamation be made a part of the permanent records of the Borough of Totowa.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Palazzo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application No. 2246 for the Little Falls Education Foundation for an Off-Premise 50/50 to be held on February 4, 2022 at The Grand. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Palazzo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application No. 2247 for the Borough of Totowa Public Library Foundation for a Calendar Raffle to be held during the months of March, April & May, 2022. 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