

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

January 11, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor John Coiro, presiding, Council President Lou D'Angelo, Councilwoman Debra Andriani, Councilman Anthony Picarelli, Councilman William Bucher, Councilman John Capo, Councilman Patrick Fierro, 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.

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.

There were no reports.

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 December 28, 2021. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilman Fierro abstained from the voting.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the Reorganization Meeting of January 1, 2022. 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. 2022-02 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 Tax Collector to process the cancellation of any property tax refund, delinquency or charge and fee imposed by the municipality of less than \$10.00 for the year 2021. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there are taxpayers who have a property tax refund, delinquency or charge and fee imposed by the municipality of less than \$10.00 on their accounts regarding property taxes for the year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Totowa may authorize a municipal employee to process the cancellation of any property tax refund, delinquency or charge and fee imposed by the municipality of less than \$10.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Totowa that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to process the cancellation of any property tax refund, delinquency or charge and fee imposed by the municipality of less than \$10.00 for the year 2021.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to credit the accounts of various property owners due to qualifying for the \$250.00 Veterans Deduction or \$250.00 Senior Citizen Deduction for 2021. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the following taxpayer qualifies and is entitled to the \$250 Veteran Deduction for the year 2021; and

<u>Name</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Qual</u>	<u>Address</u>
Lorenzo Filato	59	7.03		345 Boyle Avenue
Gary Giliberti	123	9		24 Norwood Drive

WHEREAS, the following taxpayer qualifies and is entitled to the \$250 Senior Citizen Deduction for the year 2021.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Qual</u>	<u>Address</u>
Linda Evans & Kathy Canova	112	23		90 Washington Place

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa authorize the Tax Collector to credit the 1st quarter 2022 installment \$250.00 to the aforementioned taxpayers.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, there was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to appoint Jared Drill as Prosecutor. 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 Jared Drill as Prosecutor for a one year term ending December 31, 2022.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to confirm the appointment. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A letter was received from the employees of the Municipal Complex requesting permission to switch the following holidays: Lincoln's Birthday, Friday, February 11th for the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 25, 2022. There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve the request. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

There was no report.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

A letter was received from DPW Superintendent Jim Niland requesting permission to switch the following holidays: Lincoln's Birthday, Friday, February 11th for the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 25th and Washington's Birthday, Monday, February 21st for Friday, July 1, 2022. There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilman Fierro to approve the request. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

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 Fierro, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to introduce on first reading and advertise for public hearing the following entitled ordinance. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2022

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE ANNUAL SALARIES AND WAGES
OF THE OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES AND THE APPOINTEES OF THE
BOROUGH OF TOTOWA, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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