

## BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

### MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

December 28, 2021

**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.

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.

Mayor Coiro: Announced that since this is Councilwoman Palazzo's last meeting, he acknowledged and thanked her for the last three years and appreciated her time serving the residents of the Borough of Totowa.

Councilman D'Angelo: Echoed the Mayor's sentiments and also wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Councilwoman Andriani, Councilman Picarelli, Councilman Bucher and Councilman Capo: All thanked Lisa and said it was a pleasure working with you.

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 Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of December 14, 2021. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilman D'Angelo 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. 2021-27 for the payment of bills. 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 of retirement was received from DPW Laborer Michael Paese along with a request to carry over three unused vacation days from 2021 to 2022. There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilwoman Palazzo to accept his retirement and approve his request to carry over the three vacation days. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Upon the recommendation of DPW Superintendent Jim Niland, there was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilwoman Palazzo to approve a grade increase for DPW Laborer Steve Filan from Grade 1-B to Grade 1-A. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Upon the recommendation of DPW Superintendent Jim Niland, there was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilwoman Palazzo to approve a grade increase for DPW Laborer Giovanni Madrid from Grade 2 to Grade 1. 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 Change Order No. 1 for a net decrease of \$24,281.67 and Payment Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$318,849.15 to American Asphalt & Milling Services, LLC for the New Jersey Department Of Transportation Fiscal Year 2021 Municipal Aid Program Improvements To Artillery Park Road, Knox Terrace, Colonial Court, Knollwood Road And Stewart Terrace. 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 a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Bucher to adopt the following Resolution Approving A Grant Agreement Between The Borough Of Totowa And The State Of New Jersey By And For The Department Of Environmental Protection Grant Identifier: UCF-2021-Borough-00046-RP. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 126-2021

RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
BOROUGH OF TOTOWA AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
BY AND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
GRANT IDENTIFIER: UCF-2021-BOROUGH-00046-RP

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to further the public interest by obtaining a grant from the State of New Jersey in the amount of approximately \$25,000.00 to fund the following project:

Resiliency Planning – Borough of Totowa Tree Inventory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the Borough of Totowa resolves that Mayor John Coiro is authorized to (a) make application for such a grant; (b) if awarded, to execute a grant agreement with the state for a grant in an amount not less than \$0 and not more than \$25,000.00; and (c) to execute any amendments thereto which do not increase the Grantee's obligations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the Borough of Totowa authorizes and hereby agrees to match 20% of the Total Project Amount in compliance with the match requirements of the agreement. The availability of the match for such purposes, whether cash, services or property, is hereby certified up to 100% of the match will be made up of in-kind services (if allowed by grant program requirements and the agreement).

The Grantee agrees to comply with all applicable Federal, State, and municipal laws, rules, and regulations in its performance pursuant to the agreement.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Palazzo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Bingo License Application No. 2248 and Raffle License Application Nos. 2249 & 2250 for Rifle Camp Fire Co. No. 3 for a Pocket Book Bingo, Off-Premise Merchandise and On-Premise Merchandise to be held on April 1, 2022 at the Elks Lodge #2111. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Coiro thanked Councilwoman Palazzo once again and wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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.

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Joseph Wassel, RMC  
Municipal Clerk