

## **BOROUGH OF TOTOWA**

### **MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**October 12, 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.

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.

Mayor Coiro asked if any citizens wished to be heard.

**CITIZENS HEARD:**

Mike Mahometa, 269 Lincoln Avenue: Stated that he is finally back and said that the artificial turf field at the PAL is really good because there are no geese. Said that he is concerned because the electronic speed monitor has been removed and now the cars are speeding back up and down Lincoln Avenue. He would like to have the monitor brought back or would like to see speed humps installed. Mayor Coiro: Told him that we move the speed monitor around because there is speeding on other streets as well and regarding the speed humps, we would have to make sure that the residents want them. Police Chief Carmen Veneziano: Said they would bring the speed monitor back at some point.

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 September 28, 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. 2021-21 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>
9.05	11	40 Mountainview Ct. Kanani, M, N, B & T	Jennifer R. Jacobus Trustee for Kanani, M, N, B & T Mail to: Jacobus & Associates LLC 201 Littleton Road, Suite 100 Morris Plains, NJ 07950	2020	1,540,000	1,440,000	\$2,422.00

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to authorize the Borough of Totowa to "opt-in" to the National Opioid Settlement. 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 approve payment of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021 Budget Allotment to the Borough of Totowa Public Library in the amount of \$194,321. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, there was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Bucher that Lieutenant Brian Mulroony, Lieutenant George DiPasquale and Lieutenant Jerry Tolomeo be promoted to the rank of Captain. 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 promote Lieutenant Brian Mulroony, Lieutenant George DiPasquale and Lieutenant Jerry Tolomeo to the rank of Captain in the Borough of Totowa Police Department, effective with their swearing in ceremony on October 26, 2021.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Bucher to confirm the promotions. 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 Bucher to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Purchase And Delivery Of 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. 102-2021

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Police Chief has requested that two new police vehicles be purchased and added to the Borough of Totowa fleet; and

WHEREAS, more specifically, the Police Chief has requested the purchase of two Ford Police Interceptor Sports Utility Vehicles ("SUVs"); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that there is a need for two new police vehicles in order to maintain and keep the fleet updated; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to authorize the purchase of these vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract No. 15-A has been awarded to Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 for the purchase and delivery of 2021 Ford Police Interceptor SUVs and all related equipment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State laws, the purchase of the police vehicles 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 of two 2021 Ford Police Interceptor SUVs from Beyer Ford in the amount of \$35,482.35 per SUV for a total cost of \$70,964.70.

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 Lights, Sirens And Radio System For The 2021 Ford F-250 Office Of Emergency Management Truck. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 103-2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS,  
SIRENS AND RADIO SYSTEM FOR THE 2021 FORD F-250  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRUCK

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 30-2021 dated January 26, 2021, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa authorized the purchase and delivery of one new 2021 Ford F-250 Truck for the Borough of Totowa Office of Emergency Management ("OEM"); and

WHEREAS, the vehicle will require the installation of emergency lights, sirens and a radio system; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to authorize the purchase and installation of the necessary lighting, sirens and radio system for the new 2021 Ford F-250 OEM Truck; and

WHEREAS, Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract No. 41 has been awarded to Northeast Communications, Inc., 244 East Union Turnpike, Wharton, New Jersey 07885 for the purchase and installation of communications equipment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State laws, the purchase of and installation of the lights, sirens, radio system and related 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 lights, sirens and radio system for the new 2021 Ford F-250 OEM Truck from Northeast Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$7,819.93.

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

A letter of resignation was received from Police Dispatcher Chase Schaffer. There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Bucher to accept his resignation. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A letter from the West Paterson Fire Department Chief thanking Fire Chief Rich Schopperth and the Totowa Fire Department for all their help during and after the flash flooding caused by Tropical Storm Ida was received and filed.

A letter from Riverview Park Fire Company, Inc. advising that Donald Warnet, Sr. has been nominated as their candidate for Fire Chief was received and filed.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilwoman Palazzo to accept the following bids for the 2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Road Program. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
American Asphalt & Trucking, LLC	\$507,625.60
AJM Contractors, Inc.	\$536,986.50
D&L Paving Maintenance	\$541,700.53
DLS Contracting, Inc.	\$545,151.25
Cifelli & Son	\$559,120.00
Marini Brothers Construction	\$561,877.00
4 Clean Up	\$596,518.50
Your Way Construction, Inc.	\$599,418.07
Black Rock Enterprises, LLC	\$613,000.00

Upon the recommendation of the Engineer, there was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilwoman Palazzo to adopt the following resolution to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder for the 2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Road Program. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 104-2021

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE  
BOROUGH OF TOTOWA 2021 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID ROAD PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Municipal Engineer for the Borough of Totowa has recommended various improvements to streets throughout the municipality including sections of Artillery Park Road, Knox Terrace, Colonial Court, Knollwood Road and Stewart Terrace; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 74-2021 dated June 29, 2021, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa authorized the Borough of Totowa Municipal Engineer, Richard A. Alaimo Engineering Associates, to provide design services, prepare bid documents, assist in the bidding process and supervise construction of the 2021 New Jersey Department of Transportation ("NJDOT") Municipal Aid Road Program Road Program; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa did advertise for receipt of sealed bids in accordance with the specifications entitled "Specifications, Proposal and Contract Documents for Borough of Totowa FY 2021 N.J.D.O.T. Municipal Aid Program Improvements to Artillery Park Road, Knox Terrace, Colonial Court, Knollwood Road and Stewart Terrace, Passaic County, New Jersey, Contract No. 2021-1"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa did receive sealed bids at its Municipal Building on September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the apparent low bid was submitted by American Asphalt & Trucking, LLC, 24 Murray Street, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 in the amount of \$507,625.60, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Borough of Totowa Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Engineer has reviewed the bids submitted and advised that the contractor is capable of completing the project; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that the bid submitted by American Asphalt & Trucking, LLC 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 American Asphalt & Trucking, LLC for the 2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Road Program as the lowest responsible bid for the total sum of \$507,625.60.

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 ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

There was no report.

COMMITTEE ON LIAISON & INSPECTION:

There was no report.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Palazzo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve the Application For Social Affair Permit from the State Of New Jersey Division Of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the Passaic Valley Elks BPOE #2111 to be held on November 6, 2021 from 3:00 p.m. – 11:59 p.m. 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 Nos. 2240 & 2241 for the Little Falls School #2 PTA for a Tricky Tray and On-Premise 50/50 to be held on November 11, 2021 at The Grand. 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.

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Joseph Wassel, RMC  
Municipal Clerk