

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

YOUTH WEEK

May 26, 2026

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

ABSENT: Councilman Sanders Reynoso.

Mayor John Coiro called the meeting to order and asked Municipal Clerk Wassel to call the roll.

Mayor Coiro congratulated everyone on winning their respective elections and welcomed them all to the Youth Week Council Meeting.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Youth Week Elected Officials to act in the place and stead of the Duly Elected Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 86-2026

YOUTH WEEK RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in the observance of Youth Week, students have been designated in the place and stead of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, the said students shall conduct the business of the said Governing Body of the Borough of Totowa under the guidance of the duly elected Mayor and Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that any and all actions taken on behalf of said Governing Body are hereby and herewith ratified and confirmed as the official actions of the Mayor and Council as if the same were acting directly and in person.

Youth Week Mayor Ava Juliano called the meeting to order and asked Borough Clerk Kayla Lora to call the roll of the 2026 Youth Week Council.

PRESENT: Mayor Ava Juliano, presiding, Councilman Frank Conca, Councilwoman Raelynn Corentin, Councilman Mohammed Hammad, Councilwoman Ghazelle Huzein, Councilman Aiden Martinez, Councilwoman Kaylee Gallardo, Municipal Clerk Kayla Lora and Municipal Attorney Marina Barbieri.

ABSENT: None.

Mayor Juliano asks everyone to stand for the Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Borough Clerk Lora recited the following Prayer of the Meeting: Dear Lord: the Mayor and Council pray, that courage and strength abundant be given that the actions of this Council be of benefit to all of the residents of the Borough of Totowa. Lord: we also pray, that you give courage and strength to the Youth Week Mayor, Council and Officials, so that we may fulfill our duties—under the guidance of this duly elected Mayor and Council—to the best of our abilities. And Lord: may you bless our families and friends, teachers and school officials, who have come out tonight, for all of their love and support.

Borough Clerk Lora led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with the public participating.

Mayor Juliano asked Borough Clerk Lora to read the statement of the meeting.

Borough Clerk Lora read the following statement: This meeting of the Mayor and Council held on this day is being held in accordance with Chapter 231, Public Laws 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 Borough Clerk.

There was a motion by Councilman Conca, seconded by Councilwoman Corentin to dispense with the regular order of business in order to hold a public hearing on Ordinance No. 10-2026 as advertised. On roll call vote, all members of the Youth Week Council present voted in the affirmative.

Borough Clerk Lora announced that Ordinance No. 10-2026 has been advertised for public hearing for Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

Borough Clerk Lora read the legal notice and the title of Ordinance No. 10-2026.

There was a motion by Councilman Conca, seconded by Councilwoman Corentin to open the public hearing. On roll call vote, all members of the Youth Week Council present voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Juliano asked if any citizens wished to be heard on Ordinance No. 10-2026.

CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

There was a motion by Councilman Conca, seconded by Councilwoman Corentin to close the public hearing. On roll call vote, all members of the Youth Week Council present voted in the affirmative.

Borough Clerk Lora read Ordinance No. 10-2026 by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2026

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 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 was a motion by Councilman Conca, seconded by Councilwoman Corentin to adopt Ordinance No. 10-2026 on second and final reading. On roll call vote, all members of the Youth Week Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Conca, seconded by Councilwoman Corentin to revert to the regular order of business. On roll call vote, all members of the Youth Week Council present voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Juliano asked if any Members of the Council, the Borough Clerk or the Borough Attorney wished to address the Council.

Borough Attorney Marina Barbieri: Gave the following report.

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

I am pleased to report that the Borough of Totowa has received a Certification of Compliance and Repose for the Fourth Round Housing Cycle under the new affordable housing law. The Certification was entered on April 29, 2026 by the Honorable Darren J. Del Sardo, the designated Mt. Laurel Judge for Passaic County.

The Certification of Compliance grants the Borough immunity from builder's remedy and exclusionary zoning lawsuits for a ten-year period through June 30, 2035. The new affordable housing law imposed strict deadlines and significant changes to the State's affordable housing requirements. Despite multiple challenges being filed by the Fair Share Housing Center, the Borough successfully met all required milestones and mandated deadlines to date.

Totowa must continue to remain proactive during the Compliance Phase of the current Housing Cycle. The Borough is currently in the process of revising its Home Improvement Manual and Affordability Assistance Manual to ensure continued compliance with all applicable affordable housing obligations and regulations.

In addition, I am working with the Borough's Affordable Housing Planner to update Totowa's Open Space and Recreation Plan in an effort to preserve and enhance the community's existing parks and recreational areas. The Plan will also provide an opportunity to identify future improvements and potentially acquire additional open and green spaces for the benefit of our residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Marina Barbieri
Municipal Attorney

Mayor Juliano 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 Conca, seconded by Councilwoman Corentin to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of May 12, 2026. On roll call vote, all members of the Youth Week Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilman Hammad abstained from the voting.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

Borough Clerk Lora announced that we will now have a report from our Tax Assessor and then our Tax Collector.

Tax Assessor Andy Guilliani: Gave the following report.

Honorable Mayor and Council,

2026 began with a decrease in total ratables from 2025 of approximately 11.6 million dollars. This decrease was due to tax appeals. The Assessment/Sales ratio increased from 51.67% to 51.88%.

The 2026 Tax Appeal deadline was April 1st. The Passaic County Board of Taxation has received 1,712 appeals, of which 22 were filed by Totowa taxpayers. These appeals were heard on April 22nd. The County judgements should be issued shortly. Thirty-one State Tax Court appeals were filed against the Borough of Totowa. Nineteen Tax Court cases have been settled or withdrawn over the past year, leaving a pending total of 92 at the State level. The Borough Tax Counsel, appraiser and I continue to negotiate settlements or prepare for trial.

In 2025, 180 deeds were processed, which is a slight decline from the year prior. Of these 180, one hundred twenty-seven involved an exchange of money. So far for 2026, 46 deed transactions have been recorded, but only 19 are considered valid for sales analysis.

As always, should you have any questions or comments, please stop by the office.

Respectfully yours,

Andy Guilliani
Tax Assessor

Tax Collector Aaron Diaz: Gave the following report.

Honorable Mayor and Council,

In Totowa, there are 3,810 line items in total. Seventy-five (75) are for vacant land and 3,415 are for residential properties. There are 230 commercial properties, 83 industrial properties, 5 apartment buildings, and 2 farms. In addition, there are 158 exempt properties, 9 railroad properties, 2 schools, 87 public properties, 8 charitable properties, 9 cemeteries and 56 miscellaneous items.

Taxes collected in the year 2026 thus far equal \$34,627,325.81 and we have collected 2025 past due taxes in the amount of \$325,745.96. The amount distributed to the County/Open Space and Added Assessment taxes are \$11,579,919.84. Totowa Schools received \$7,579,497.50 and Passaic Valley High School received \$6,333,392.50. Our collection percentage rate for 2025 was reported at 97.21%.

Regarding tax deductions given in the Borough of Totowa for 2026, they are as follows: 49 senior citizens, 8 disabled person 111 veterans and 26 widow of veterans.

Reporting on our tax liens, there are four outside liens and three municipal liens.

Respectfully yours,

Aaron Diaz
Tax Collector

There was a motion by Councilwoman Corentin, seconded by Councilman Conca to approve Resolution No. 2026-12 for the payment of bills. On roll call vote, all members of the Youth Week Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Corentin, seconded by Councilman Conca to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Treasurer to issue refunds to various property owners pursuant to overpayment of 2nd Quarter 2026 taxes. On roll call vote, all members of the Youth Week Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there has been an overpayment of 2nd quarter 2026 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
9.18	20.14	108 Hamilton Tr Antonio & Silvana Sarra	Cotality Refunds Dept 3001 Hackberry Road Irving, TX 75063	\$5,626.68
43	32	8 Cambridge St G & B Hascup, S. Tutkin	Cotality Refunds Dept 3001 Hackberry Road Irving, TX 75063	\$3,415.91
64	4.01	240 Gordon Ave Dexter Lawrence II	Cotality Refunds Dept 3001 Hackberry Road Irving, TX 75063	\$2,858.45
108	9	50 Garfield Pl Elizabeth & Lori Rolls	Cotality Refunds Dept 3001 Hackberry Road Irving, TX 75063	\$2,939.87
182	15.08	37 Weldon Ct J. Tolomeo	Cotality Refunds Dept 3001 Hackberry Road Irving, TX 75063	\$3,617.62

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.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

Borough Clerk Lora announced that we will have a report from our Police Chief and then the Fire Chief.

Police Chief Patrick Verney: Gave the following report.

Good evening, Honorable Mayor and Council:

Over the past two weeks, the Police Department has responded to approximately 1,100 calls for service. These incidents included alarms, medical emergencies, thefts, fraud investigations, arrests, and motor vehicle crashes, among other calls for assistance.

On Sunday, May 24, 2026, the American Legion held its annual Memorial Day Parade along Union Boulevard. The parade began at Crews Street and concluded in front of the American Legion Post. Prior to the parade, the Police Department conducted its annual wreath ceremony at the Municipal Building. Following the parade, the American Legion hosted its annual barbecue.

With the school year coming to an end and summer approaching, the Police Department will be increasing speeding enforcement throughout the Borough due to the increased presence of children and pedestrians outdoors. In addition to continued radar enforcement details, the Department has been ordering and installing speed radar signs throughout the Borough, which have already assisted in addressing speeding complaints.

Applications for the 2026–2027 towing list were due at the end of April. The following nine (9) towing companies submitted applications to provide towing services for the Totowa Police Department:

1. Pohlman's Towing
2. Frank Leah Towing
3. Tony's Auto Towing
4. Corrado's Towing
5. J & M Towing
6. Camp's Towing
7. Raven Towing
8. Cameron Towing
9. City Wide Towing

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe summer.

Respectfully yours,

Patrick Verney
Police Chief

Fire Chief Caleigh Dalida: Gave the following report.

Honorable Mayor and Council,

I am pleased to report that the Totowa Fire Department has responded to 155 calls since January 1st, which includes alarm activations, vehicle fires, car accidents, as well as brush fires. The Fire Department's drills and training are up-to-date and will continue throughout the year.

The Riverview Park Fire Company received their new engine 973 which is a 2025 Pierce pumper. The engine was put into service February 1, 2026.

The Fire Department membership is growing as we went to Passaic Valley High School as part of our 2026 membership drive. The department was also involved in the 2026 Car Show with our membership drive; with both events we had six future members show interest.

At our Memorial Day ceremony, the Fire Department unveiled our new monument that represents our past Fire Chiefs starting from 1908 to present. I would like to thank everyone involved that helped fund the monument.

I would like to thank our Mayor and Council for their continued support.

Respectfully yours,

Caleigh Dalida
Fire Chief

There was a motion by Councilman Conca, seconded by Councilman Hammad to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Borough Of Totowa Towing List For 2026/2027 License Term. On roll call vote, all members of the Youth Week Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 87-2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA TOWING LIST FOR 2026/2027 LICENSE TERM

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to establish a list of towing services to be used by the Borough of Totowa Police Department for the removal, towing and storing of motor vehicles and to set rates and charges for the same; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 5-2015 adopted February 24, 2015, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa established the minimum requirements for a towing contractor to provide services including the removal, impoundment and storage of vehicles; and

WHEREAS, a towing list shall be kept with the Borough of Totowa Police Chief; and

WHEREAS, all towing services placed on the towing list shall be available to respond to a call, in accordance with a towing rotation schedule of on-call status established by the Borough of Totowa Police Chief; and

WHEREAS, when the need arises, the Borough of Totowa Police Department will call the towing service on the top of the list, which is on-call with the towing rotation schedule. The towing service called shall be placed on the bottom of the towing list and not called again until all other towing services have been called; and

WHEREAS, all towing services shall respond to a call in any part of the Borough within fifteen (15) minutes of a call. If a towing service does not respond within fifteen (15) minutes of a call, the towing service next on the list shall be called and entitled to provide services as needed; and

WHEREAS, all towing services shall be performed in a safe manner and shall be responsible for ensuring the proper and safe storage of all motor vehicles towed; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Police Chief has recommended that the following towing services be placed on the towing list for the Borough of Totowa:

1. Citywide Towing, Inc.
2 Wood Street
Paterson, New Jersey 07524
2. Cameron Transportation
24 Beckwith Avenue
Paterson, New Jersey 07503
3. Raven Towing & Recovery, Inc.
2 Railroad Avenue
Wayne, New Jersey 07470
4. Camp Auto & Truck Parts, Inc.
9 Whitmore Avenue
Wayne, New Jersey 07470
5. North Jersey Towing & Recovery, Inc.
84 Union Boulevard
Totowa, New Jersey 07512
6. JML, Inc.
116 Dorsa Avenue
Wayne, New Jersey 07424
7. Pohlman's Gulf LLC
160 Union Boulevard
Totowa, New Jersey 07512

8. Totowa Tire Service, Inc.
589 Union Boulevard
Totowa, New Jersey 07512
9. Frank Leah Towing Service, Inc.
6 Wilson Avenue
Totowa, New Jersey 07512

WHEREAS, these towing services have the appropriate vehicles, related equipment and storage facilities and maintain the required licenses and insurance to perform these necessary services for the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, the towing list shall be in use for a period of one (1) year effective July 1st of each year and expire on June 30th of the following year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby establish a towing list of the above companies to be used by the Borough of Totowa Police Department for the towing and storage of vehicles.

There was a motion by Councilman Conca, seconded by Councilman Hammad to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Purchase And Delivery Of Three Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles For The Borough Of Totowa Police Department. On roll call vote, all members of the Youth Week Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 88-2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF THREE FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLES FOR THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Police Chief has requested that three 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 three Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that there is a need for three 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 (“MCCPC) Contract No. 15-A has been awarded to Nielsen Ford, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 for the purchase and delivery of Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles 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 three 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles from Nielsen Ford in the amount of \$141,932.50.

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.

There was a motion by Councilman Conca, seconded by Councilman Hammad to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Purchase And Installation Of Three Lighting Packages For The Three Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles For The Borough Of Totowa Police Department. On roll call vote, all members of the Youth Week Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 89-2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THREE LIGHTING PACKAGES FOR THE THREE FORD POLICE UTILITY INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLES FOR THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 88-2026 dated May 26, 2026, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa authorized the purchase and delivery of three Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles 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 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles; and

WHEREAS, State of New Jersey Contract No. 83898 was awarded to Northeast Communications, Inc., 244 East Union Turnpike, Wharton, New Jersey 07885 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 three lighting packages for the new Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles from Northeast Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$58,060.04.

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 Conca, seconded by Councilman Hammad to approve payment of the annual garage rent for 2026 to Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 and to Riverview Park Fire Company, Inc. On roll call vote, all members of the Youth Week Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

Borough Clerk Lora announced that we will now have a report from our Superintendent of Public Works.

Superintendent of Public Works Kasper Bajek: Gave the following report.

Honorable Mayor and Council,

This time of year, the Department of Public Works is very busy getting all the parks and fields in the Borough of Totowa cleaned up from the winter months. We are also aerating fields and parks with reseeding. The department is mulching and planting 350 flowers in planters along Union Boulevard, the PAL grounds and the Borough Hall.

We recently installed the military banners and the American flag banners throughout town.

We have started our fire hydrant flushing program which consists of exercising and flushing approximately 515 fire hydrants throughout our Borough.

The department is working on the Town Pool installing two new pumps and motors for the filters and replacing the broken coping around the pool.

The new lights, which were funded through a grant, have been installed and now are working at the PAL football, baseball and softball fields.

Respectfully yours,

Kasper Bajek
Superintendent of Public Works

There was a motion by Councilman Hammad, seconded by Councilwoman Huzein to approve the inspection and repairs to the Totowa Road Water Tank. On roll call vote, all members of the Youth Week Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

Borough Clerk Lora announced that we will now have a report from our Municipal Engineer.

Borough Engineer Joseph Siecieska: Gave the following report.

Honorable Mayor and Council,

Each year The State of New Jersey Department of Transportation provides municipal aid funding to municipalities throughout the State so they can construct transportation improvements in their home venues. The procedure begins with an application process. In our case, the Borough of Totowa selected several roads which needed to be repaved with crosswalks being repainted and corner access ramps installed in compliance with the ADA (American Disabilities Act) so individuals in wheelchairs can ramp into the crosswalk from the sidewalk without having to mount curbs.

The Borough selects the roads they want to repair and the Engineer measures them to estimate the quantities needed to complete the work. Then the Engineer assigns values to each of the necessary work items to develop a total cost estimate. The application is then submitted to the New Jersey Department of Transportation with the cost estimate and a location map.

The Department of Transportation has a complex formula to give points to the application based on criteria that best satisfy the DOT's goals of improving transportation infrastructure. The roads that carry the most traffic, for instance, receive more points than the roads less traveled. Along with many other comparative criteria, each application is rated in a hierarchy that determines the share of available funding a project will receive.

The last award covered Patriots Trail, Lookout Point Trail and Garretson Avenue for which Totowa received a grant award of \$316,002.00. As the Borough Engineer, we prepared plans and specifications so eligible contractors could provide a price based on the same work. None of the contractors can see the other's price until the designated day when everyone's bids are received and then all bids are opened at the same time.

The contractor with the lowest price wins the bid. If the price is acceptable, the municipality awards the project to the low bidder and the engineer administers the project to ensure quality workmanship and fair payment.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph Siecieska
Borough Engineer

There was a motion by Councilwoman Huzein, seconded by Councilman Martinez to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing Contract For Geese Control Services For 2026. On roll call vote, all members of the Youth Week Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 90-2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR GEESE CONTROL SERVICES FOR 2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Board of Recreation has recommended that the Borough of Totowa hire a qualified company to provide safe and effective geese clearing and control services at all of the Borough of Totowa recreational ball fields; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have also determined that there is a need to retain a company that can provide these services to ensure the health and well-being of the residents of the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa has solicited quotes for the necessary geese clearing services for all of the Borough of Totowa recreational fields as well as Washington Park School and the Municipal Complex; and

WHEREAS, Geese Chasers North Jersey LLC, P.O. Box 282, Great Meadows, New Jersey 07838 submitted a proposal to clear and maintain a virtually geese-free environment with the use of working border collies, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Borough of Totowa Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Geese Chasers North Jersey LLC will provide these services to the Borough of Totowa on an as needed basis for a term not to exceed a period of one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State laws, the contract for these services may be authorized without public bidding since the total contract price will not exceed the public bidding threshold.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize a contract with Geese Chasers North Jersey LLC for all necessary geese control and clearing services in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in their proposal.

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 Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilwoman Gallardo to adopt the following Proclamation Honoring Annemarie Shapiola For Fifty Years Of Dedicated Service To The Borough Of Totowa Public Library. On roll call vote, all members of the Youth Week Council present voted in the affirmative.

PROCLAMATION HONORING ANNEMARIE SHAPIOLA FOR FIFTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHEREAS, Annemarie Shapiola began her service with the Borough of Totowa Public Library in 1976 and has faithfully served the community as the Children's Librarian since 1990; and

WHEREAS, Annemarie Shapiola has shared the joy of reading with generations of Totowa families, reading to grandparents, parents and now their children, creating cherished memories and lifelong connections to the library and the community; and

WHEREAS, Annemarie Shapiola has been a warm and welcoming presence at the library, encouraging creativity. Imagination and learning through engaging hands-on activities such as crafting and baking, while bringing stories to life with Lego, playdough, puppets and coloring projects; and

WHEREAS, her programs are both fun and meaningful, fostering learning, creativity and a lifelong love of reading among the children and families of the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, her creativity, compassion and tireless dedication have made a lasting impact on countless families and have greatly contributed to the success and reputation of the Borough of Totowa Public Library as an important community resource; and

WHEREAS, Annemarie Shapiola is a cherished member of the Totowa community whose enthusiasm and commitment to public service have enriched the lives of countless residents and exemplify the very best qualities of municipal service, bringing great pride and honor to herself and the Borough of Totowa;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey do hereby give special recognition to Annemarie Shapiola for her fifty years of dedicated service to the Borough of Totowa Public Library.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa thank Annemarie Shapiola for her many contributions to our community.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gallardo, seconded by Councilwoman Corentin to introduce on first reading and advertise for public hearing the following entitled ordinance. On roll call vote, all members of the Youth Week Council present voted in the affirmative.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2026

AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING AND CANCELLING ORDINANCE NO. 04-2026 APPROPRIATING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUM OF \$200,000 FOR ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY SURFACE TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gallardo, seconded by Councilwoman Corentin to introduce on first reading and advertise for public hearing the following entitled ordinance. On roll call vote, all members of the Youth Week Council present voted in the affirmative.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2026

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,916,100 FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gallardo, seconded by Councilwoman Corentin to introduce on first reading and advertise for public hearing the following entitled ordinance. On roll call vote, all members of the Youth Week Council present voted in the affirmative.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2026

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA
CHAPTER 100 ENTITLED “ALARM DEVICES”, SECTION 5, “FALSE ALARM”
AND SECTION 8, “VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES”**

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gallardo, seconded by Councilwoman Corentin to adopt the following Proclamation In Honor Of North Jersey Federal Credit Union’s 90th Anniversary. On roll call vote, all members of the Youth Week Council present voted in the affirmative.

**PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF NORTH JERSEY FEDERAL
CREDIT UNION’S 90th ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, in 1936, the Passaic County Teachers Credit Union was founded to serve teachers in Passaic County, New Jersey, and ninety years later, the North Jersey Federal Credit Union has expanded its service area to include Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, and Union Counties; and

WHEREAS, North Jersey Federal Credit Union is a not-for-profit financial services cooperative organized to return profits to its member-owners in the form of lower loan rates, higher savings rates, and reduced fees; and

WHEREAS, North Jersey Federal Credit Union has been a valued member of the Borough of Totowa business community since January 1, 1982; and

WHEREAS, the mission of North Jersey Federal Credit Union is to enable members to achieve financial freedom and to empower communities to reach their goals by building strong relationships with the people and communities it serves; and

WHEREAS, North Jersey Federal Credit Union demonstrates its strong commitment to the community through its “Operation Share & Care” initiative, supporting local schools and nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Totowa corporate office has hosted numerous community events, including exhibits, financial literacy programs for members and dignitaries, and activities designed to bring members together while supporting local businesses by providing valuable financial tools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that special recognition is hereby given to North Jersey Federal Credit Union for its commitment to its members and the communities it serves; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa hereby congratulate North Jersey Federal Credit Union on the occasion of its Ninetieth Anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this tribute is given on this 26th day of May, 2026.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gallardo, seconded by Councilwoman Corentin to approve the Application For Social Affair Permit from the State Of New Jersey Division Of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the Totowa Board of Recreation to be held on June 13, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Rain Date: June 14, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.). On roll call vote, all members of the Youth Week Council present voted in the affirmative.

There being no further business to come before the Council, there was a motion by Councilman Conca, seconded by Councilwoman Corentin that the meeting be adjourned. On roll call vote, all members of the Youth Week Council present voted in the affirmative.

Joseph Wassel, RMC
Municipal Clerk