

## BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

### MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

January 14, 2014

**PRESENT:** Mayor John Coiro, presiding, Council President Phil Puglise, Councilman John Waryas, Councilman Lou D'Angelo, Councilwoman Carolyn Fontanella, Councilwoman Debra Andriani, Councilman Anthony Picarelli, Municipal Clerk Joseph Wassel and Municipal Attorney Robert 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.

The Municipal Clerk 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:

Linda Paese, Girl Scout Troop 56 Leader and the Girl Scouts: The Girl Scouts announced that they are working on their Bronze Award and they would like to give back to the community, so they would like to clean up a park, raise money for the

purchase of a handicapped swing and have the swing installed at the park and asked the Mayor and Council for permission. Mayor Coiro: Responded that he thought that was very nice that they wanted to give back to their community and asked Councilwoman Andriani to have the Board of Recreation coordinate which park would be best. Also informed the Girl Scouts that we can help you in your efforts to raise the funds needed to purchase the swing by offering you a mini-grant from our Clean Communities Grant Program for cleaning the park.

Mayor Coiro then asked for a motion to grant permission for Girl Scout Troop 56 to clean up a park in 2014 and have a handicapped swing installed at the park and also to authorize a Clean Communities mini-grant to help them in their fundraising efforts. There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to grant permission to the Girl Scouts to clean a park and install a swing and to approve a mini-grant from our Clean Communities Grant Program. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of December 17, 2013. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the Reorganization Meeting of January 1, 2014. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to approve Resolution No. 2014-02 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 D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to waive and eliminate any credits or balances for any account under \$10.00 for the year 2013. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there are taxpayers who have minor credits or balances (under \$10.00) on their accounts regarding property taxes for the year 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is permitted to waive payment of these small credits or balances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to waive and eliminate any credits or balances for any account under \$10.00 for the year 2013.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to approve payment of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2014 Budget Allotment to the Borough of Totowa Public Library in the amount of \$167,313. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A letter was received from the employees at the Municipal Complex requesting permission to switch the following holidays for 2014: Lincoln's Birthday, Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> for the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and Election Day, Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> for the day after Christmas, Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to grant permission. 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 Jim Niland, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works requesting permission to switch the following holidays for 2014: Lincoln's Birthday, Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> for the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and Election Day, Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> for the day after Christmas, Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman Puglise to grant permission. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman Puglise to adopt the following Resolution Of The Borough Of Totowa Authorizing The Payment Of Terminal Leave Benefits To John J. Iandiorio. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

### RESOLUTION NO. 26-2014

#### RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TERMINAL LEAVE BENEFITS TO JOHN J. IANDIORIO

WHEREAS, John J. Iandiorio began his employment with the Borough of Totowa as a Grade 5 Laborer in the Department of Public Works on September 22, 1986; and

WHEREAS, John J. Iandiorio retired from the Borough of Totowa Department of Public Works as a Grade 1 Laborer effective January 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the policy of the Borough of Totowa is that employees with twenty-five (25) years of service are entitled to a maximum of one hundred thirty (130) days of Terminal Leave to be paid upon retirement; and

WHEREAS, the Terminal Leave amount is calculated at the amount of sick day benefits, not to exceed one hundred thirty (130) days or eighty-seven (87) days for those employees under the Pitman/12 Hour Shift Schedule, at the daily rate of pay of the last twelve (12) months of service upon retirement; and

WHEREAS, John J. Iandiorio has accumulated one hundred thirty (130) unused sick days and has completed more than twenty-five (25) years of service as an employee of the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, John J. Iandiorio does hereby waive any other claim and/or claims for any salary, benefits and/or other compensation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that John J. Landiorio is granted one hundred thirty (130) days of accumulated sick leave (Terminal Leave) for a total amount of Fifty-One Thousand Ninety-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$51,095.00). Said monies are given in full and final consideration of any and all claims that John J. Landiorio may have against the Borough of Totowa.

There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman Puglise to approve Change Order No. 1 for a net decrease of \$440.05 and Payment Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$54,504.00 to John Garcia Construction, Co. for the Shepherds Lane Pump Station Abandonment. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman Puglise to adopt the following Resolution Approving The Incidental Modification To Project Scope Limits For The Gordon Avenue Improvements To The New Jersey Department Of Transportation. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 27-2014

##### RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INCIDENTAL MODIFICATION TO THE PROJECT SCOPE LIMITS FOR THE GORDON AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa had originally applied for Municipal Aid FY 2013 funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation ("NJDOT") for various improvements for Gordon Avenue from Union Boulevard to Barnert Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa was allotted \$135,000.000 from the NJDOT for these improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to modify the project scope limits for this Improvement Project in order to reduce costs to the amount of the grant allotment; and

WHEREAS, the modification will include various improvements to Gordon Avenue from Union Boulevard to Crosby Avenue; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NJDOT requirements, it is necessary to submit a limit modification request for the proposed changes to the Gordon Avenue Improvement Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize the Borough of Totowa Municipal Engineer to submit an Incidental Modification to the Project Scope Limits for the Gordon Avenue Improvements on behalf of the Borough of Totowa to the NJDOT.

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

#### COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

A letter was received from a resident requesting permission to use the Municipal Parking Lot on Saturday, February 8, 2014 for a bus trip to New York City. There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to grant permission. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A letter was received from the Friends of the Totowa Library requesting permission to use the Municipal Parking Lot on Saturday, April 26, 2014 (rain date: Sunday, April 27, 2014) for a "Trash to Treasure" fundraising event. There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to grant permission. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### COMMITTEE ON LIAISON & INSPECTION:

There was no report.

#### COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani 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. 01-2014**

**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 was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve Raffle License Application Nos. 1756 & 1757 for the Preakness Hospital Auxiliary for a Tricky Tray and Off-Premise 50/50, respectively, to be held on May 1, 2014 at The Bethwood. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Councilman Puglise asked that before we adjourn the meeting, that we offer a moment of silence for resident Gary Potenzone who passed away suddenly.

There being no further business to come before the Council, there was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman Waryas 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