

## BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

### MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**March 28, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Mayor John Coiro, presiding, Council President Lou D'Angelo, Councilwoman Debra Andriani, Councilman Anthony Picarelli, Councilman William Bucher, Councilman John Capo, Municipal Clerk Joseph Wassel and Substitute Municipal Attorney Kristin Corrado.

**ABSENT:** Councilwoman Carolyn Fontanella and Municipal Attorney Robert Corrado.

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.

Councilwoman Andriani: Announced that the Board of Recreation will sponsor their annual Easter Bunny Breakfast on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at Washington Park School.

## CITIZENS HEARD:

Mike Mahometa, 269 Lincoln Avenue: 1) Asked if there was any way he could have found out that the last meeting scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup> was cancelled and rescheduled. Mayor Coiro and Municipal Clerk Wassel: Both responded that we posted it on our website on Monday evening, March 13<sup>th</sup>. 2) Inquired as to the status of the Shepherds Lane project. Mayor Coiro: Told him that we still don't have any formal plans for the project.

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 March 16, 2017. 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. 2017-07 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 approve Resolution No. 2017-08 Authorizing The Transfer Of 2016 Budget Appropriations. 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>BLK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY/OWNER</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
9.15 C1602	90	76 Hickory Hill Blvd Janet Millman	McCarter & English, LLP  Mail To: McCarter & English, LLP 100 Mulberry Street Four Gateway Center Newark, NJ 07102	2010	\$608,600	\$566,700	\$715.65

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:**

There was a motion by Councilman D’Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve the Fire Department TSAP for 2016. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:**

Upon the recommendation of DPW Superintendent Jim Niland, there was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilman Capo to approve a grade increase for DPW Laborer William Marmo from Grade 1-B to Grade 1-A, effective March 29, 2017. 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 Councilman Capo to approve a grade increase for DPW Laborer Gregory LaRose from Grade 3 to Grade 2, effective March 29, 2017. 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 Supporting Senate Bill S2171 And Assembly Bill A222 "New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act" And Urging The Senate And Assembly To Approve Same. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 57-2017

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL S2171 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A222  
"NEW JERSEY LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION BOND ACT" AND URGING  
THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY TO APPROVE SAME

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S2171 and Assembly Bill A222, the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act, authorizes the issuance of \$125,000,000.00 in general obligations bonds to finance capital projects; and

WHEREAS, it has been over fifteen years since a library construction bond program has been developed by the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, numerous public library facilities need capital funding to provide physical and technological improvements to meet the growing needs of their communities; and

WHEREAS, many public library facilities in New Jersey are not ADA compliant and therefore limit access to library services to thousands of New Jersey residents; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa supports this financing for capital projects at public libraries around the State of New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that it does hereby express and affirm its support of Senate Bill S2171 and Assembly Bill A222 and urges their passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to Senate President Stephen Sweeney and 40<sup>th</sup> District Senator Kevin O'Toole and Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto and 40<sup>th</sup> District Assemblyman David Russo and 40<sup>th</sup> District Assemblyman Kevin Rooney.

A letter from American Legion Memorial Post No. 227 inviting the Mayor and Council to participate in their Annual Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, May 28, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. was received and filed.

#### COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application Nos. 2019 & 2020 for the Cedar Grove B.P.O. Elks #2237 for a Tricky Tray and On-Premise 50/50 to be held on June 10, 2017 at Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar. 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