

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

December 27, 2011

PRESENT: Mayor John Coiro, presiding, Councilman John Waryas, Councilman Jim Niland, Councilman Lou D'Angelo, Councilwoman Carolyn Fontanella, Councilwoman Debbie Andriani, Deputy Municipal Clerk Kathy Wasilewski and Alternate Municipal Attorney Kristin Corrado.

ABSENT: Council President Phil Puglise, Municipal Clerk Joseph Wassel and Municipal Attorney Robert Corrado.

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

Deputy Municipal Clerk Wasilewski recited the Prayer of the Meeting followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with the public participating.

Mayor Coiro asked the Deputy Clerk to read the statement of the meeting.

The Deputy 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 Deputy Municipal Clerk or the Alternate Municipal Attorney wished to address the Council.

Anne Krautheim, Library Director: Informed that the new construction at the library will add an additional 2,300 square feet.

CITIZENS HEARD:

Agnes Assuntino, 25 Crescent Avenue: Complained about the large pot hole in front of her house. Mayor Coiro: Told her we would have it taken care of.

There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman Niland to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of December 13, 2011. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve Resolution No. 2011-27 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 Waryas, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to adopt the following Resolution Re: Cancellation of Escrow Account Balances in Other Trust Fund. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 108-2011

RESOLUTION RE: Cancellation of Escrow Account Balances in Other Trust Fund

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has advised that there exists—prior to 2010—unallocated old and inactive escrow account balances that remain outstanding in the Other Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unallocated and unexpended balances may be credited to Surplus; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to cancel these account balances of record—as detailed on the attached list—in the amount of \$361,922.10 and transfer to Surplus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa, that the Treasurer be authorized to cancel the account balances of the unallocated old and inactive escrow accounts in Other Trust Fund as detailed on the attached list in the total sum of \$361,922.10.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that the Treasurer transfers the total sum of \$361,922.10 from Other Trust Fund to Surplus.

A thank you letter from The Happy Seniors of Totowa for their 2011 annual contribution was received and filed.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

There was a motion by Councilman Niland, seconded by Councilman Waryas to approve a grade increase for Patrolman Daniel DiBlasio from Grade 2 (\$96,744.) to Grade 1 (\$107,203.), effective to December 12, 2011. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

There was no report.

COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to approve Payment Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$76,239.59 to Crossroads Pavement Maintenance, LLC for the 2011 Road Program. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A letter was received from Passaic County Freeholder Director Terry Duffy advising that the Borough of Totowa has been awarded a Passaic County Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$125,850.00 for the Jefferson Place Sewer Lining Project. There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to accept the grant funds. 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 Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve the Application To Amend Raffle License Nos. 1581 & 1582 for the Preakness Hospital Auxiliary, Inc. to change the date from October 20, 2011 to April 26, 2012. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve Raffle License Application Nos. 1618, 1619 & 1620 for Bloomingdale Regional Animal Shelter Society, Inc. for a Tricky Tray, On-Premise 50/50 and Off-Premise 50/50, respectively, to be held on May 3, 2012 at The Bethwood. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve Raffle License Application Nos. 1621 & 1622 for Rotary Club Pequannock Valley for a Tricky Tray and On-Premise 50/50, respectively, to be held on February 11, 2012 at The Bethwood. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Coiro announced that the Reorganization Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 1, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.

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

Kathryn Wasilewski
Deputy Municipal Clerk