

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

January 12, 2021

Due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic and the Governor's Executive Order 107, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b), this meeting was not open to the public, but was held by virtual means on Zoom.

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

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.

CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens who wished to be heard and Mayor Coiro announced that we have not received any emailed questions pertaining to the public portion of the meeting through 7:00 p.m.

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 December 22, 2020. 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 Andriani to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the Reorganization Meeting of January 1, 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. 2021-02 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 Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to process the cancellation of any property tax refund, delinquency or charge and fee imposed by the municipality of less than \$10.00 for the year 2020. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there are taxpayers who have a property tax refund, delinquency or charge and fee imposed by the municipality of less than \$10.00 on their accounts regarding property taxes for the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Totowa may authorize a municipal employee to process the cancellation of any property tax refund, delinquency or charge and fee imposed by the municipality of less than \$10.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Totowa that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to process the cancellation of any property tax refund, delinquency or charge and fee imposed by the municipality of less than \$10.00 for the year 2020.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to adopt the following Resolution Approving Participation With The State Of New Jersey Federal Grant Program Under The FY2021 Safe And Secure Communities Program Administered By The New Jersey Department Of Law And Public Safety, Office Of The Attorney General And To Accept The Grant Funding. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 28-2021

RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE FY2021 SAFE AND SECURE
COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa wishes to apply for funding of approximately \$32,400 with a match of \$372,555 for an approximate project total cost of \$404,955 for a project under the State of New Jersey Safe and Secure Communities Program Grant # 21-1612 for the period of 01/25/2021 to 01/24/2022; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said request; and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General and the Borough of Totowa, for the purpose described in the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that:

- 1) As a matter of public policy, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General and to accept the grant funding in the amount of \$32,400.

- 2) The New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General shall receive funds on behalf of the applicant.
- 3) The New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General shall be responsible for the receipt and review of the applications for said funds.
- 4) The New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General shall initiate allocations to the applicant as authorized by law.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, there was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilwoman Palazzo to hire Casey Kabana as Custodian – Department of Public Works. 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 approve Change Order No. 1 for a net increase of \$75,654.04 and Payment Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$699,009.67 to Athletic Fields of America for the Synthetic Turf Fields at the PAL. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was no report.

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.

Joseph Wassel, RMC
Municipal Clerk