

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

February 8, 2011

PRESENT: Mayor John Coiro, presiding, Councilman John Waryas, Councilman Jim Niland, Councilman Lou D'Angelo, Councilwoman Carolyn Fontanella, Municipal Clerk Joseph Wassel and Municipal Attorney Robert Corrado.

ABSENT: Council President Phil Puglise and Councilwoman Arlene Festa.

Mayor 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.

There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman Niland to dispense with the regular order of business in order to hold a public hearing on Ordinance No. 02-2011 as advertised. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Municipal Clerk Wassel announced that Ordinance No. 02-2011 has been advertised for public hearing for Tuesday, February 8, 2011.

Municipal Clerk Wassel read the legal notice and the title of Ordinance No. 02-2011.

There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman Niland to open the public hearing. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Coiro asked if any citizens wished to be heard on Ordinance No. 02-2011.

CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman Niland to close the public hearing. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Municipal Clerk Wassel read Ordinance No. 02-2011 by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2011

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA
CHAPTER 6 ENTITLED "BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS"**

There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman Niland to adopt Ordinance No. 02-2011 on second and final reading. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman Niland to revert to the regular order of business. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Coiro asked if any members of the Council, the Municipal Clerk or the Municipal Attorney wished to address the Council.

Councilman Waryas: Said there was an article in the newspaper that we have been approved for another fire grant and thanked Senators Lautenberg and Menendez and Congressman Pascrell for their assistance. Stated that this is our sixth fire grant and we have received approximately \$611,000 in total. Also thanked Allen Del Vecchio for

writing the grant application. Mayor Coiro: Advised that when he spoke to Congressman Pascrell, he said that these grants are approved based on the application.

CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of January 25, 2011. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilman Niland abstained from the voting.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve Resolution No. 2011-04 for the payment of bills. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A letter was received from Cablevision along with a check in the amount of \$85,462.00 which represents Franchise Fees for Calendar Year 2010. There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to accept the funds. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A letter was received from Verizon along with a check in the amount of \$10,375.07 which represents Franchise Fees for Calendar Year 2010. There was a motion by Councilman Waryas, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to accept the funds. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

A letter from the Clifton Police Department thanking the Totowa Police Department and Detective Carmen Veneziano and Detective Lieutenant Dennis Blakeley for their assistance in removing a dangerous criminal from the streets was received and filed with a copy to be placed in their respective personnel files.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

A letter was received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation advising that the Borough of Totowa will receive funding from their FY2011 Municipal Aid Program for Hudson Avenue Improvements in the amount of \$185,000.00. There was a motion by Councilman Niland, seconded by Councilman Waryas to accept the grant. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to approve Payment Estimate No. 4 in the amount of \$980.00 to AI Neto Contractors, Inc. for the Union Boulevard and Transitional Areas Revitalization and Streetscape Improvements—Phase 2. 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 Councilman Niland 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. 03-2011

**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 Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilman Niland to adopt the following Proclamation In Honor Of North Jersey Federal Credit Union's 75th Anniversary. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

**PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF NORTH JERSEY FEDERAL
CREDIT UNION'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, on February 5, 1936, North Jersey Federal Credit Union was founded to serve teachers in Passaic County, New Jersey and seventy-five years later, North Jersey Federal Credit Union has expanded its charter to include anyone that lives works, worships or plays in Passaic and Bergen counties and the underserved populations of Union and Essex counties; and

WHEREAS, North Jersey Federal Credit Union is a member-owned, not-for-profit financial cooperative and has grown into a full-service financial institution serving over 31,000 members, with \$183,043,006 in assets; and

WHEREAS, North Jersey Federal Credit Union is a strong member of the Borough of Totowa business community since January 1, 1982 and has over 18,000 members from the Totowa community; and

WHEREAS, North Jersey Federal Credit Union's goals are to give back to its community and provide comprehensive financial literacy programs for youths and community members; and

WHEREAS, North Jersey Federal Credit Union created and promoted a community engagement initiative called Operation Share & Care, which is a series of events highlighting the importance of volunteering and fundraising for the community; and

WHEREAS, North Jersey Federal Credit Union Foundation was founded on the belief of "People Helping People" and growing out of the highly successful "Operation Share & Care" community service and volunteer programs, the foundation was founded to formalize the process for members who donate.

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 the North Jersey Credit Union on its Seventy-Fifth Anniversary and do hereby declare March 30, 2011 to be North Jersey Federal Credit Union Day in the Borough of Totowa.

Given in tribute this 8th day of February, 2011 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilman Niland to withdraw the Resolution Strongly Opposing S-2664 & A-3766 "Market Competition And Consumer Choice Act" from the agenda. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilman Niland to approve Raffle License Application Nos. 1567 & 1568 for Bloomingdale Animal Shelter Society, Inc. for a Tricky Tray and On-Premise 50/50, respectively, to be held on May 11, 2011 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 Councilman Niland to approve Raffle License Application Nos. 1569 & 1570 for St. Joseph's Home For The Elderly Of The Little Sisters Of The Poor for a Tricky Tray and On-Premise 50/50, respectively, to be held on May 20, 2011. 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 Waryas, seconded by Councilman Niland that the meeting be adjourned. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Joseph Wassel, RMC
Municipal Clerk