

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

December 8, 2015

PRESENT: Mayor John Coiro, presiding, Council President Phil Puglise, Councilman Lou D'Angelo, Councilwoman Carolyn Fontanella, Councilwoman Debra Andriani, Councilman Anthony Picarelli, Councilman William Bucher, 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.

Councilman D'Angelo: Said it was a pleasure to fill in for the Mayor at the Library Open House and announced that the Library gave us a nice gift – a laminated plaque with the Wall Street Journal article about Totowa – then presented it to the Mayor and asked that it be hung in the Council Chambers. He thanked the Library for the gift. Mayor Coiro: Stated that he remembers the article and still has a copy of it, though it is yellowing and thanked Library Director Anne Krautheim and the Library staff.

Councilwoman Andriani: Announced that we had the Tree Lighting last Friday, December 4th and thanked everyone involved and said that it was a nice event, but the Mayor was missed.

Councilman Picarelli: Also thanked Salomone Brothers for sending two decorated cement trucks to the Tree Lighting.

CITIZENS HEARD:

Mike Mahometa, 269 Lincoln Avenue: 1) Commented that the tree lighting and all the lighted wreaths around town looks great and 2) Said that even though the weather is still warm, we should put up all the fire hydrant markers for when the snow comes.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of November 24, 2015. 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. 2015-25 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. 2015-26 Authorizing Transfer Of 2015 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>
157	4.01	31 Vreeland Ave. 11-31 Vreeland Ave., LLC by Onyx Equities	11-31 Vreeland Ave., LLC By Onyx Equities Mail To: Zipp Tannenbaum & Caccavelli, LLC Attorneys At Law 280 Raritan Center Parkway Edison, N.J. 08837	2012	2,318,600	2,034,000	\$5,862.76

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Treasurer to issue Senior Citizen and Veterans Deduction refunds to various property owners for 2015. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the following taxpayers qualify and are entitled to the \$250.00 Senior Citizen Deduction for the year 2015; and

WHEREAS, the following taxpayers qualify and are entitled to the \$250.00 Veteran Deduction for the year 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of the Borough of Totowa, is authorized to refund \$250.00 to the following Taxpayers:

SENIOR CITIZEN	BLOCK	LOT	ADDRESS
Evelyn Cammilleri	105	13	1 Garfield Place.
Daniel Aulita	103	38	17 Roosevelt Ave.
VETERAN	BLOCK	LOT	ADDRESS
Donald Gurnari	19	19	70 Franklin Place
Patricia Massaro (widow)	65	11	205 Gordon Ave.

A letter from the Happy Seniors thanking the Mayor and Council for their annual contribution was received and filed.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

There was no report.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Puglise to adopt the following Resolution Requesting Extension Of Time To Award Project For Municipal Aid FY2014 For Hobart Place. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 139-2015

RESOLUTION REQUESTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO AWARD PROJECT
FOR MUNICIPAL AID FY2014 FOR HOBART PLACE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa had originally applied for Municipal Aid FY2014 funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation ("NJDOT") for various improvements for Hobart Place; and

WHEREAS, the project was required to be awarded by December 2, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the project was delayed as a result of the PSE&G Energy Strong Project, of which PSE&G installed a new gas main within the project limits; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NJDOT requirements, it is necessary to submit a request for extension of time to award the project for the Hobart Place Improvements.

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 for a six (6) month time extension to award the project for the Hobart Place 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:

There was no report.

COMMITTEE ON LIAISON & INSPECTION:

There was no report.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to adopt the following Proclamation In Honor And Recognition Of Eagle Scout Alex Guthrie. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

PROCLAMATION IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
EAGLE SCOUT ALEX GUTHRIE

WHEREAS, Alex Guthrie, a member of Boy Scout Troop 26, has earned the status of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Alex Guthrie has served the Boy Scouts in an exemplary manner and is deserving of the honor bestowed upon him; and

WHEREAS, for Alex's Eagle Scout project, he built a ticket booth for the auditorium at Passaic Valley High School to sell and collect tickets for drama performances; and

WHEREAS, being a performer in the Drama Department, Alex felt it was important to give back to the program he was part of; and

WHEREAS, Alex Guthrie's ticket booth is an asset to the Passaic Valley Drama Department and all other programs held at the auditorium; and

WHEREAS, Alex Guthrie serves as an example to youth through his high level of personal achievement, leadership and community service and we are very proud that Alex Guthrie is a member of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa recognize the many hours Alex sacrifices in order to achieve this highly coveted position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey that special recognition is given to Alex Guthrie as he achieves this honorable status of Eagle Scout.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that this Proclamation be made a part of the permanent records of the Borough of Totowa.

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

Joseph Wassel, RMC
Municipal Clerk