

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

September 26, 2023

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

ABSENT: Councilman Sanders Reynoso.

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.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to dispense with the regular order of business in order to hold a public hearing on Ordinance No. 09-2023 as advertised. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Municipal Clerk Wassel read the legal notice and the title of Ordinance No. 09-2023.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli 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. 09-2023.

CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli 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. 09-2023 by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2023

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA TO REPEAL CHAPTER 189 ENTITLED "FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION"; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN AND ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to adopt Ordinance No. 09-2023 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 D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli 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.

There were no reports.

CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of September 12, 2023. 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. 2023-20 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 Treasurer to issue refunds to various property owners due to overpayment of 3rd Quarter 2023 taxes. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there has been an overpayment of 3rd quarter 2023 taxes on the property listed below; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer is entitled to a refund; and

WHEREAS, the chart sets forth the refund as follows:

Block	Lot	Property Owner	Payable To:	Overpayment
20	7	62 Lincoln Avenue Leon Agobjian	Corelogic Attn: Refund Dept. PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760	\$1,768.34

50	10	112 Hobart Place Samantha Lee Cella	Corelogic Attn: Refund Dept. PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760	\$2,607.17
77	2	9 Barnert Avenue Marilyn Ralston	Marilyn Ralston 9 Barnert Avenue Totowa, NJ 07512	\$2,302.15
146	20	157 Stewart Terrace Renee & Joseph Barrise	Corelogic Attn: Refund Dept. PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760	\$2,138.63
155	24	3 Battle Ridge Trail Shereen & Kyle Santee	Corelogic Attn: Refund Dept. PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760	\$4,432.54

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the overpayment shall be refunded to the taxpayer, as stated above, and the Treasurer is authorized to issue separate checks for the refunds, which shall be paid to the stated property or taxing authority.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to approve a Junior Firefighter Application for Luca Mauro Finamore for Riverview Park Fire Company. 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:

A letter was received from the Totowa Borough Republican Organization requesting permission to host an Italian American Celebration in the Peterson Road Municipal Parking Lot on Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. and requesting permission to have Peterson Road closed from Totowa Road to Bogert Street and Cherba Place closed from Totowa Road to Peterson Road from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. There was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve the request. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

STREET CLOSING AUTHORIZED BY THE MAYOR

Under the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Borough of Totowa, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, by virtue of N.J.S.A. 40:67-16.9 and the Code of the Borough of Totowa Chapter No. 398-42, I, Mayor John Coiro, do hereby order and direct that Peterson Road and Cherba Place be closed to vehicular traffic from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 7, 2023.

I further direct that proper signs and barriers be erected at the intersections of Peterson Road and Totowa Road, Peterson Road and Bogert Street, and Cherba Place and Totowa Road and that the Totowa Police Department control and regulate, as well as enforce, this regulation.

COMMITTEE ON LIAISON & INSPECTION:

There was no report.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilman Fierro, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve the Application For Social Affair Permit from the State Of New Jersey Division Of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the Totowa Borough Republican Organization for Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. to be held at the Peterson Road Municipal Parking Lot. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Fierro, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to Amend Raffle License Application Nos. 2331 & 2332 for the Totowa Parent Teacher Organization for a Tricky Tray and On-Premise 50-50 originally scheduled to be held on November 16, 2023 to November 15, 2023 at the Elks Lodge. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Fierro, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application No. 2336 for the Borough of Totowa Public Library for a Calendar Raffle to be held during March, April & May 2024. 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 Councilman Picarelli that the meeting be adjourned. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Joseph Wassel, RMC
Municipal Clerk