

## BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

### MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**March 24, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Mayor John Coiro, presiding, 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:** Council President Phil Puglise.

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 everyone to remain standing and offer a moment of silence for former Councilman Jack Whitney who passed away.

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.

Councilwoman Andriani: 1) Announced that there are still tickets available for this Saturday's dinner/concert/dance featuring the Flying Mueller Brothers; 2) The Board of Health will hold their annual SMAC clinic on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> with pre-registration on April 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. and April 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

CITIZENS HEARD:

Mike Mahometa, 269 Lincoln Avenue: Said that Napp-Grecco the company that is working for PSE&G on their Energy Strong Program has been parking their vehicles and storing their materials in the lot at the PAL and asked if the Borough is being paid any rent. Mayor Coiro: Answered no, but told him that PSE&G had to pay for a road opening permit fee, which would cover some of those costs. Mr. Mahometa: Then asked about resurfacing of the roads that PSE&G are digging up. Mayor Coiro: Explained what PSE&G plans to do with the resurfacing.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of March 10, 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. 2015-07 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. 2015-08 Authorizing The Transfer Of 2014 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 Re: Introduction Of 2015 Municipal Budget. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 48-2015

Re: Introduction Of 2015 Municipal Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations attached hereto constitute the local Budget of the Borough of Totowa, Passaic County, New Jersey for the year 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said Budget be published in The North Jersey Herald and News in the issue of April 17, 2015, and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Municipal Building on April 28, 2015 at 8:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to table the Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The Borough Of Totowa, County Of Passaic, State Of New Jersey Authorizing The Signing Of Government Energy Aggregation Program Agreements. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilman Bucher to adopt the following Resolution Accepting A Vehicle From The County Of Passaic. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 49-2015

#### RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A VEHICLE FROM THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC FOR THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office has advised the Borough of Totowa Police Department that the agency is in possession of several vehicles which are no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office has offered one (1) vehicle to the Borough of Totowa Police Department, more specifically identified as a 2004 Dodge Durango bearing Vehicle Identification Number 1D4HB38N94F141296; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Police Chief has requested that this vehicle be acquired to be used by his Department and added to the Borough of Totowa fleet; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to accept the 2004 vehicle from the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State laws, this vehicle may be acquired by the Borough of Totowa without public bidding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize and accept the transfer of one (1) 2004 Dodge Durango vehicle bearing Vehicle Identification Number 1D4HB38N94F141296 from the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office for the Borough of Totowa Police Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize the Municipal Clerk and Police Chief to execute any and all instruments relating thereto.

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

There was no report.

#### COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve Change Order No. 1 – Extension of Time Lincoln Fields Drainage Improvements – Phases 2 and 3. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A letter was received from resident Keith Giangrasso requesting permission to use the Municipal Parking Lot on Sunday, April 26, 2015 for a bus trip to Yankee Stadium. There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to grant permission. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### COMMITTEE ON LIAISON & INSPECTION:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Bucher to adopt the following Resolution Amending Contract For Technical Basis Of RFP For The North Jersey Developmental Center Site. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 50-2015

RESOLUTION AMENDING CONTRACT FOR TECHNICAL BASIS OF RFP  
FOR THE NORTH JERSEY DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER SITE

WHEREAS, in July of 2014, the State of New Jersey permanently closed the North Jersey Developmental Center (“NJDC”) facilities located at 169 Minnisink Road, Totowa, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in order to make a determination as to the viability and future use of the NJDC site, it will be necessary to undertake a thorough review and environmental assessment of the property which includes approximately 140 acres located within the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 42-2015 dated February 24, 2015, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa authorized the Borough of Totowa to enter into a contract with Alaimo Group Consulting Engineers, 200 High Street, Mt. Holly, New Jersey 08060 to prepare the Technical Basis for the Request For Proposals (“RFP”) for the NJDC site in the amount of Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the tasks associated with the preparation of the Technical Basis include but are not limited to preparing a Preliminary Assessment Report, preparing an Environmental Opportunities and Constraints Analysis, outlining land redevelopment opportunities for the site and preparing the RFP document; and

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by Alaimo Group Consulting Engineers included a quote to have the ACBM survey conducted by a specialized contractor for a lump sum price of Seven Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$7,000.00) and a testing allowance of Three Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$3,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to have the asbestos investigation completed in addition to the aforementioned tasks; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to amend the terms of the contract between the Borough of Totowa and Alaimo Group Consulting Group to include the ACBM survey for the additional sum of Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize an amendment to the contract between the Borough of Totowa and Alaimo Group Consulting Engineers for the preparation of the Technical Basis for the RFP for the NJDC site to include the tasks associated with the ACBM survey for an additional fee in the amount of Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) for a total contract price in the amount of Sixty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$60,000.00).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the Borough of Totowa does hereby authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute any and all necessary instruments relating thereto.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Bucher to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing Contract For Geese Clearing Services For 2015. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 51-2015

#### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR GEESE CLEARING SERVICES FOR 2015

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Board of Recreation has recommended that the Borough of Totowa hire a qualified company to provide safe and effective geese clearing and control services at all of the Borough of Totowa recreational ball fields; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have also determined that there is a need to retain a company that can provide these services to ensure the health and well-being of the residents of the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa has solicited quotes for the necessary geese clearing services for all of the Borough of Totowa recreational fields as well as Washington Park School and the Municipal Complex; and

WHEREAS, Geese Chasers North Jersey, 308 Winchester Drive, Brick, New Jersey 08724 submitted a proposal dated February 20, 2015 to clear and maintain a virtually geese-free environment with the use of working border collies, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Borough of Totowa Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Geese Chasers North Jersey will provide these services to the Borough of Totowa on an as needed basis for a term not to exceed a period of one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State laws, the contract for these services may be authorized without public bidding since the total contract price will not exceed the public bidding threshold.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize a contract with Geese Chasers North Jersey for all necessary geese control and clearing services in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in their proposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the Borough of Totowa does hereby authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute any and all instruments relating thereto.

A letter from PAL Baseball and Softball Commissioners inviting the Mayor and Council to their Opening Day Ceremonies on April 18, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Lincoln Field I was received and filed.

#### COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilman Picarelli 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. 06-2015**

#### **CALENDAR YEAR 2015 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

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

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Joseph Wassel, RMC  
Municipal Clerk