

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

August 9, 2016

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.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to dispense with the regular order of business in order to enable the Mayor and Council to recognize Totowa Pool Lifeguards Roberto "Tito" Ramirez, Alex Pezzino and Matt Shpiruk for their efforts in helping save a man's life at the pool, to acknowledge Matthew Grieco for being the Food Network's Chopped Junior Champion and to hold a public hearing on Ordinance No. 15-2016 as advertised. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Coiro went to the front of the dais and asked Councilwoman Andriani to join him. Mayor Coiro announced that tonight we are here to celebrate two happy moments in

Totowa by first recognizing our Lifeguards who saved a man's life and then to acknowledge a resident who is the Chopped Junior Champion.

Mayor Coiro began by declaring that we are very humbled and truly honored and proud of Lifeguards Roberto "Tito" Ramirez, Alex Pezzino and Matt Shpiruk who are true heroes for their efforts in saving a man's life at the Totowa Pool on Sunday, July 24th. Councilwoman Andriani reiterated the Mayor's comments and how proud and grateful we are for your professionalism. Councilwoman Andriani also called up Pool Manager Nicole Melissant who communicated some words of praise. Jonathan Mancinelli, son of Board of Recreation Director John Mancinelli then came to the dais and read a prepared statement from his father who was on vacation. Mayor Coiro then read the Certificate of Recognition, called up both Roberto and Alex (Matt was also on vacation and not present) and presented them with their Certificates.

Mayor Coiro then asked Councilwoman Fontanella to join him in front of the dais and called Matthew Grieco up to receive his Proclamation. Mayor Coiro remarked that he didn't know how many people in the audience watch Chopped Junior, but said that he does and we are very proud that our resident Matthew has been crowned Chopped Junior Champion. Mayor Coiro also declared that Matthew was recently at one of our other meetings to be recognized as part of the Totowa Orioles Little League Baseball Champs. Mayor Coiro then read some excerpts from the following Proclamation and presented it to Matthew. Councilwoman Fontanella then asked Matthew to put on his Chef's jacket and then presented him with a special Chef's Hat and congratulated him.

PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF MATTHEW GRIECO

WHEREAS, Matthew Grieco was born on May 31, 2004 and has been a resident of the Borough of Totowa since the age of 3 and currently resides with his Mother Nelly, Stepfather Marco and sister Isabella; and

WHEREAS, Matt is a student at Washington Park School and is active in sports playing basketball and baseball; and

WHEREAS, Matt showed an interest in cooking at an early age and in August of 2015, he asked his parents if he could apply to be a participant on the Food Network's Chopped Junior competition show; and

WHEREAS, Matt went through a series of Skype interviews and was invited to compete on a special Father's Day episode entitled "Dinner for Dad" because of the very special relationship he has with his Stepfather Marco; and

WHEREAS, during the competition, Matt was tasked with creating dishes that a Dad would love and with the ingredients he was given, he made double deep-fried buffalo wings with a tomato and blue cheese sauce, a bacon cheeseburger with creamed spinach and a mini pear pie with a graham cracker crust and pistachio ice cream; and

WHEREAS, Matt won the competition earning him the title of "Chopped Junior Champion and grand prize of \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Matt loves cooking and hopes to one day take over the family luncheonette business or open his own luncheonette in New York or California.

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 Matthew Grieco for his dedication and commitment that led him to be named "Chopped Junior Champion".

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and Council congratulate Matthew Grieco on obtaining this prestigious honor.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this Proclamation be made a part of the permanent records of the Borough of Totowa and that a copy of said Proclamation be presented to Matthew Grieco and his family.

Mayor Coiro announced that there would be a short recess. Pictures were taken.

Municipal Clerk Wassel announced that Ordinance No. 15-2016 has been advertised for public hearing for Tuesday, August 9, 2016.

Municipal Clerk Wassel read the legal notice and the title of Ordinance No. 15-2016.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo 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. 15-2016.

CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo 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. 15-2016 by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2016

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA
CHAPTER 398 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", ARTICLE II, "PARKING",
SECTION 11, "HANDICAPPED PARKING" AND ARTICLE XII, "SCHEDULES",
SECTION 65, "SCHEDULE XVIII: HANDICAPPED PARKING"**

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to adopt Ordinance No. 15-2016 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 Puglise, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo 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 Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of July 26, 2016. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilman Puglise and Councilman D'Angelo abstained from the voting.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve Resolution No. 2016-17 for the payment of bills. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to approve a grade increase for Patrolman Joseph Flynn, Patrolman Douglas Spinella and Patrolman Thomas Bevacqua from Grade 4 to Grade 3. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Public Safety Committee Chairman, Councilman Puglise stated that after conferring with Police Chief Robert Coyle and reviewing the personnel files, the Committee recommends that Sergeant Brian Mulroony and Sergeant George DiPasquale be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and that Detective-Patrolman Carmen Veneziano and Patrolman Joseph Tomasello be promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to accept the recommendations and promote Sergeant Brian Mulroony and Sergeant George DiPasquale to the rank of Lieutenant and Detective-Patrolman Carmen Veneziano and Patrolman Joseph Tomasello to the rank of Sergeant. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilman Bucher abstained from the voting.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

I, Mayor John Coiro, with the advice and consent of the Council do hereby promote Sergeant Brian Mulroony and Sergeant George DiPasquale to the rank of Lieutenant in the Borough of Totowa Police Department, effective with their swearing in ceremony on August 23, 2016.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

I, Mayor John Coiro, with the advice and consent of the Council do hereby promote Detective-Patrolman Carmen Veneziano and Patrolman Joseph Tomasello to the rank of Sergeant in the Borough of Totowa Police Department, effective with their swearing in ceremony on August 23, 2016.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to confirm the promotions. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilman Bucher abstained from the voting.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

Upon the recommendation of DPW Superintendent Jim Niland, there was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Puglise to approve a grade increase for DPW Laborer Bernard Sivik from Grade 1-C to Grade 1-B. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

A letter was received from the Totowa Seniors requesting permission to use the Municipal Parking Lot from September 26 – 29, 2016 for a trip to Wildwood. 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.

A letter was received from Dr. Gryzmolowicz of Premier Dental Care requesting permission to have a Breast Cancer Awareness walk on a Sunday in October. There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve their request. 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 Of The Borough Of Totowa Authorizing The Issuance Of A Request For Proposals For The Development Of The Former North Jersey Developmental Center. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 121-2016

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER NORTH JERSEY DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

WHEREAS, the municipal council of the Borough of Totowa (the "Borough Council"), in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey (the "Borough"), a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the "State"), is authorized pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (the "Redevelopment Law"), to determine whether certain parcels of land within the Borough constitute an area in need of rehabilitation and/or an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2015, the Borough Council adopted a resolution authorizing and directing the planning board of the Borough (the "Planning Board") to conduct an investigation of the property commonly known on the Borough tax map as Block 154, Lot 19 (Block 154, Lot 19 and Block 154.01, Lot 1 on the tax assessment records) (hereinafter the "Study Area"), to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5, and should be designated as an area in need of redevelopment, which designation would authorize the Borough Council to use all those powers permitted by the Redevelopment Law, other than the power of eminent domain; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2016 the Borough Council adopted an ordinance approving a redevelopment plan ("Redevelopment Plan") for the Study Area; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to explore the potential redevelopment of the publicly-owned former North Jersey Developmental Center; and

WHEREAS, toward that end, the Borough desires to prepare and circulate a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for the purpose of identifying prospective redevelopers and potential uses, in addition to or instead of, the potential permitted land uses of the Study Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey do hereby authorize the following:

1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Mayor, Council members and any necessary professional advisors or counsel are authorized and directed to prepare and circulate, in coordination with the Borough, the RFP in substantially the same form as that on file with the Municipal Clerk with such additions, deletions and/or modifications as the Mayor deems appropriate.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve an Application For Special Permit For Social Affair from the State Of New Jersey Division Of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the Totowa Borough Republican Club for Sunday, September 11, 2016 from 12:00 – 8:00 p.m. to be held at the recreational areas at The PAL. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Bingo License Application No. 1946 for the Mental Health Clinic of Passaic for a Bingo night to be held on September 25, 2016 at the Totowa PAL. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application No. 1947 for the Mental Health Clinic of Passaic for an On-Premise 50/50 to be held on September 25, 2016 at the Totowa PAL. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application Nos. 1948 & 1949 for the Wayne Council of PTO's for a Casino Night and On-Premise 50/50 to be held on October 7, 2016 at The Barnyard & Carriage House. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application No. 1950 for the Diane D'Apolito May Beyond the Rainbow Charitable Foundation for a Casino Night to be held on October 8, 2016 at the Totowa PAL. 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 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