

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

June 12, 2018

PRESENT: Council President Lou D'Angelo, presiding, Councilwoman Debra Andriani, Councilman Anthony Picarelli, Councilman John Capo, Councilwoman Lisa Palazzo, Municipal Clerk Joseph Wassel and Municipal Attorney Kristin Corrado.

ABSENT: Mayor John Coiro and Councilman William Bucher.

Council President Lou D'Angelo 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.

Council President D'Angelo 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 Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to dispense with the regular order of business in order to hold a public hearing on Ordinance Nos. 11-2018, 12-2018 & 13-2018 as advertised. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Municipal Clerk Wassel announced that Ordinance Nos. 11-2018, 12-2018 & 13-2018 have been advertised for public hearing for Tuesday, June 12, 2018.

Municipal Clerk Wassel read the legal notice and the title of Ordinance No. 11-2018.

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

Council President D'Angelo asked if any citizens wished to be heard on Ordinance No. 11-2018.

CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, 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. 11-2018 by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2018

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$2,118,000 FOR VARIOUS ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA AND TO APPROPRIATE \$1,897,334 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, \$86,000 FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS, \$94,644 FROM A RESERVE FOR FIRE TRUCK, \$18,000 FROM A RESERVE FOR SEWER CONNECTION CHARGES AND \$22,022 FROM A RESERVE FOR CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to adopt Ordinance No. 11-2018 on second and final reading. 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. 12-2018.

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

Council President D'Angelo asked if any citizens wished to be heard on Ordinance No. 12-2018.

CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, 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. 12-2018 by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2018

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NOS. 08-2012, 06-2013, 10-2013, 05-2014, 09-2015, 12-2016 AND 07-2017 APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$80,000 FOR SEWER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA AND TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$80,000 FROM A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to adopt Ordinance No. 12-2018 on second and final reading. 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. 13-2018.

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

Council President D'Angelo asked if any citizens wished to be heard on Ordinance No. 13-2018.

CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, 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. 13-2018 by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2018

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 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 Andriani, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to adopt Ordinance No. 13-2018 on second and final reading. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, 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.

Council President D'Angelo asked if any members of the Council, the Municipal Clerk or the Municipal Attorney wished to address the Council.

Council President D'Angelo: 1) Congratulated the Committee on a successful Totowa Day; 2) Thanked Pharmachem, Passaic Valley Water Commission, The Barnyard and the State Police for providing us with a great Youth Week Tour.

Councilwoman Andriani: Announced the following: 1) Thanked everyone for all of their support for Totowa Day, along with the Police Department, DPW, Fire Department and EMT's; 2) The Board of Recreation is sponsoring a trip to Yankee Stadium on July 29th with registration being held on June 19th at the Library from 7 – 8:30 p.m.; 3) The Board of Recreation is once again sponsoring the Summer Concert Series with the first concert to be held on June 27th and featuring The Jersey Sound.

CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of May 22, 2018. 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 Capo to approve Resolution No. 2018-13 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 Capo to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Treasurer to issue refunds to various property owners due to overpayment of 2nd Quarter 2018 taxes. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there has been an overpayment of taxes on the properties listed below;
and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers are entitled to a refund; and

WHEREAS, the chart sets forth the refunds as follows:

2ND Qtr 2018

Block	Lot	Property/Owner	Payable to:	OVERPAYMENT
49	10	95 Hobart Place Brian J. Schiavone	"Corelogic" Mail To: Corelogic Attn: Refunds Dept. PO Box 9202 Coppell, Texas 75019	\$1,477.91
146	50	3 Crestwood Court Mary French	Mary French	\$1,676.85

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 owner or taxing authority.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

There was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve payment of the annual garage rent for 2018 to Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 and to Riverview Park Fire Company, Inc. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

Upon the recommendation of DPW Superintendent Jim Niland, there was a motion by Councilwoman Palazzo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve a grade increase for DPW Laborer Nicholas Romanelli from Grade 1 to Grade 1-C. 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 Friends of the Totowa Public Library requesting permission to use the Municipal Parking Lot on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 for a trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City. There was a motion by Councilman Capo, 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 St. James of the Marches Knights of Columbus #6574 requesting permission to use the Municipal Parking Lot on Friday, September 14, 2018 for a trip to Yankee Stadium. There was a motion by Councilman Capo, 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 the Serra Club requesting permission to use the Municipal Parking Lot on Saturday, October 27, 2018 for a trip to the Sands Casino in Pennsylvania. There was a motion by Councilman Capo, 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 Councilwoman Palazzo to approve Change Order No. 1 for a net increase of \$38,000 and Payment Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$74,823.00 to All State Technology, Inc. for the Municipal Pool Rehabilitation. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A letter was received from the Academy of St. James of the Marches requesting that the permit fees be waived for the replacement of the roof of their school building. There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilwoman Palazzo to waive the permit fees. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Palazzo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application No. 2097 for the Totowa PAL for a Calendar Raffle to be held during October, November & December 2018. 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 Councilwoman Andriani, 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