

## **BOROUGH OF TOTOWA**

### **MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**July 25, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Mayor John Coiro, presiding, Council President Lou D'Angelo, Councilwoman Carolyn Fontanella, Councilwoman Debra Andriani, Councilman Anthony Picarelli, Councilman John Capo, Municipal Clerk Joseph Wassel and Municipal Attorney Robert Corrado.

**ABSENT:** Councilman William Bucher.

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 Municipal 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 Councilwoman Fontanella to dispense with the regular order of business in order to have a swearing in ceremony to administer the Oath of Allegiance and Office to Patrol Officer Gary Bierach being promoted to the rank of Detective and Joseph Parlegreco appointed as a Patrol Officer of the Borough of Totowa Police Department. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Coiro announced that he was going to change the order of the ceremony.

Mayor John Coiro asked Joseph Parlegreco to approach the dais to take the Oath of Allegiance and Office for Patrol Officer. Mayor Coiro also asked Council President Lou D'Angelo, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee and Police Chief Robert Coyle to join him.

Mayor Coiro stated that this is always a special night and an honor for us when we appoint a new police officer and remarked that we have another Totowa boy coming home after his time with the Sheriff's Department. Mayor Coiro said that we are very proud to have him join our police department.

Mayor John Coiro administered the Oath of Allegiance and Office to Patrol Officer Joseph Parlegreco, with his mom Kim holding the Bible, his dad Angelo and girlfriend Angelica by his side.

Councilman D'Angelo welcomed Joe to the department, said this is his first appointment as Public Safety Chairman, acknowledged that he coached Joe in baseball and congratulated Joe and wished him well.

A badge symbolic to the rank of Patrol Officer was presented to Patrol Officer Joseph Parlegreco by Police Chief Robert Coyle.

Chief Coyle then proceeded to provide a little background information on Joe.

Patrol Officer Parlegreco thanked Mayor Coiro and the Council, his family and friends, Chief Coyle, his old co-workers and his new co-workers.

Congratulations were extended to Patrol Officer Parlegreco by the rest of the Council, the Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney.

Mayor Coiro asked Patrol Officer Gary Bierach to approach the dais to take the Oath of Allegiance and Office for the rank of Detective.

Mayor Coiro expressed that this one is a little tough due to the recent death of Gary's father and advised that when he spoke to Gary to ask if he wanted to do something different, Gary informed him "no, and that this is what my dad would have wanted". Mayor Coiro said that after Scott Titus announced his retirement we couldn't think of a better officer to fill the opening and then reflected on some of the attributes of Detective Bierach.

Mayor Coiro administered the Oath of Allegiance and Office to Detective Gary Bierach, with his wife Colby holding the Bible.

Councilman D'Angelo said that he has watched Gary grow up over the years too and congratulated him on becoming a Detective.

A badge symbolic to the rank of Detective was presented to Detective Gary Bierach by Police Chief Robert Coyle.

Police Chief Coyle thanked the Mayor and Council, Borough Clerk Wassel, Borough Attorney Corrado and the administration for moving forward with this promotion to Detective and the new appointment of Patrol Officer. Chief Coyle also acknowledged how tough this is with the passing of William Bierach, but said that his dad is watching tonight. Chief Coyle proceeded to give a little background and history of Gary.

Detective Bierach thanked the Mayor and Council, Chief Coyle, his family, friends and co-workers and said that his family had a tough week, but that Totowa really came out and supported them and he is proud to serve this town.

Congratulations were extended to Detective Gary Bierach by the rest of the Council, the Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney.

Mayor Coiro called for a recess, so all in attendance could also offer their congratulations to our new Detective and our new Patrol Officer.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella 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.

Councilwoman Andriani: Announced that there will be another concert tomorrow evening and that the attendance for the first three has been good.

#### CITIZENS HEARD:

Mike Mahometa, 269 Lincoln Avenue: Said that on Lincoln Avenue at the corner with Union Boulevard the curb is painted yellow, but the no parking sign is missing – the post is there, but the sign is missing. Mayor Coiro: Asked DPW Superintendent Jim Niland to take care of it.

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 July 11, 2017. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilman Capo abstained from the voting.

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve Resolution No. 2017-16 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 D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to adopt the following Resolution Of The Borough Of Totowa Authorizing The Payment Of Terminal Leave Benefits To Scott R. Titus. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-2017

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA AUTHORIZING THE  
PAYMENT OF TERMINAL LEAVE BENEFITS TO SCOTT R. TITUS

WHEREAS, Scott R. Titus began his employment with the Borough of Totowa as a Patrol Officer in the Police Department on September 27, 1982; and

WHEREAS, Scott R. Titus retired from the Borough of Totowa Police Department as a Captain effective July 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the policy of the Borough of Totowa is that employees with twenty-five (25) years of service are entitled to a maximum of one hundred thirty (130) days of Terminal Leave to be paid upon retirement; and

WHEREAS, the Terminal Leave amount is calculated at the amount of sick day benefits, not to exceed one hundred thirty (130) days or eighty-seven (87) days for those employees under the Pitman/12 Hour Shift Schedule, at the daily rate of pay of the last twelve (12) months of service upon retirement; and

WHEREAS, Scott R. Titus has accumulated one hundred thirty (130) unused sick days and has completed more than twenty-five (25) years of service as an employee of the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, Scott R. Titus does hereby waive any other claim and/or claims for any salary, benefits and/or other compensation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that Scott R. Titus is granted one hundred thirty (130) days of accumulated sick leave (Terminal Leave) for a total amount of seventy-five thousand eight hundred eighty-nine and 00/100 Dollars (\$75,889.00). Said monies are given in full and final consideration of any and all claims that Scott R. Titus may have against the Borough of Totowa.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

Upon the recommendation of DPW Superintendent Jim Niland, there was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve a grade increase for DPW Laborer Josko Huljev from Grade 2 to Grade 1. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

There was no report.

COMMITTEE ON LIAISON & INSPECTION:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Capo to approve the 2017 Open Space & Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Agreement between the Borough of Totowa and County of Passaic for the PAL Fields Playground. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing Massage Establishment License For JGN Massage, LLC Doing Business As Elements Therapeutic Massage. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-2017

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE FOR  
JGN MASSAGE, LLC DOING BUSINESS AS ELEMENTS THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE

WHEREAS, JGN Massage, LLC doing business as Elements Therapeutic Massage (“Elements Therapeutic Massage”) has approval to operate a massage establishment in a portion of the premises located at 650 Union Boulevard, Totowa, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements set forth in Chapter 250 entitled “Massage Establishments” in the Borough of Totowa Code Book, Elements Therapeutic Massage has submitted an application to the Borough of Totowa for a Massage Establishment License; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Police Department has conducted a thorough investigation of the applicant in accordance with Section 250-6 of the Borough of Totowa Code Book; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Police Chief has cleared the license for approval pursuant to his Memorandum dated July 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the application and report issued by the Borough of Totowa Police Department, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that the Elements Therapeutic Massage has complied with all the requirements for a Massage Establishment License in the Borough of Totowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby approve the Massage Establishment License application for JGN Massage, LLC doing business as Elements Therapeutic Massage and authorize the Borough of Totowa Municipal Clerk to issue a Massage Establishment License effective July 25, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Elements Therapeutic Massage is required to continue to comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations and said license must be renewed annually on or before July 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

There was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing Massage Therapist Licenses for JGN Massage, LLC Doing Business As Elements Therapeutic Massage. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 98-2017

#### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSES FOR JGN MASSAGE, LLC DOING BUISNESS AS ELEMENTS THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE

WHEREAS, JGN Massage, LLC doing business as Elements Therapeutic Massage (“Elements Therapeutic Massage”) has approval to operate a massage establishment in a portion of the premises located at 650 Union Boulevard, Totowa, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the requirements set forth in Chapter 250 entitled “Massage Establishments” in the Borough of Totowa Code Book include obtaining a Massage Establishment License for the business and Massage Therapist Licenses for employees to be issued by the Borough of Totowa Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 97-2017 dated July 25, 2017, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa authorized the issuance of a Massage Establishment License application for Elements Therapeutic Massage effective July 25, 2017 through June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the following individuals have submitted applications for a Massage Therapist License as employees of Elements Therapeutic Massage, 650 Union Boulevard, Totowa, New Jersey:

1. Donna Garrity, 3 Ridge Road, Wharton, New Jersey 07885
2. Judith Bevilacqua, 268 Rubertson Way, Lincoln Park, New Jersey 07035
3. Sabrina Emmolo, 251 Dewey Avenue, Totowa, New Jersey 07512
4. Hahecfah Colon, 433 Centre Street, Nutley, New Jersey 07110
5. Ingrid DeJesus, 1010 E. 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Paterson, New Jersey 07513
6. Michael Egan, 493 Morningside Avenue, Fairview, New Jersey 07022
7. Raquelina Espinal, 104 Maple Avenue, Woodland Park, New Jersey 07424
8. Jennifer Roenback, 265 Franklin Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003
9. Souzn Rammaha, 7016 Columbia Avenue, North Bergen, New Jersey 07047
10. Kara O'Neill, 11 Riveredge Drive, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004
11. Maria Ramos, 160 Dewey Street, Garfield, New Jersey 07026
12. Laura Heuzey, 37 Valentine Road, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003
13. Jessica Gundlach, 37 Mereline Avenue, Woodland Park, New Jersey 07424
14. Robert Simons, 854 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Newark, New Jersey 07103

WHEREAS, the above named employees of Elements Therapeutic Massage have each submitted proof of their respective clinical training in compliance with Section 250-7 of the Borough of Totowa Code Book; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Police Department has conducted a thorough investigation of the applicants in accordance with Section 250-6 of the Borough of Totowa Code Book; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Police Chief has cleared the licenses for approval pursuant to his Memorandum dated July 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the application and report issued by the Borough of Totowa Police Department, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that the aforementioned applicants have complied with all the requirements for a Massage Therapist License in the Borough of Totowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby approve the Massage Therapist License applications for Donna Garrity, Judith Bevilacqua, Sabrina Emmolo, Hahecfah Colon, Ingrid DeJesus, Michael Egan, Raquelina Espinal, Jennifer Roenback, Souzn Rammaha, Kara O'Neill, Maria Ramos, Laura Heuzey, Jessica Gundlach and Robert Simons as employees of JGN Massage, LLC doing business as Elements Therapeutic Massage and authorize the Borough of Totowa Municipal Clerk to issue Massage Therapist Licenses to each



applicant effective July 25, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above Massage Therapist License holders are required to comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations and said license must be renewed annually on or before July 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

There was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application Nos. 2043 & 2044 for Helpful Hands Northeast Regional Early Intervention Collaborative, Inc. for a Casino Night and Off-Premise 50/50 to be held on November 4, 2017 at The Bethwood. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application No. 2045 for the St. Joseph's Wayne Hospital Foundation for an Off-Premise 50/50 to be held on October 26, 2017 at The Bethwood. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Bingo License Application No. 2046 for the Mental Health Clinic of Passaic for a Bingo night to be held on August 27, 2017 at the Totowa PAL. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application No. 2047 for the Mental Health Clinic of Passaic for an On-Premise 50/50 to be held on August 27, 2017 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 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