

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

October 24, 2017

PRESENT: Mayor John Coiro, presiding, Council President Lou D'Angelo, Councilwoman Carolyn Fontanella, Councilwoman Debra Andriani, Councilman Anthony Picarelli, Councilman William Bucher, Councilman John Capo, 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 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.

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 the Board of Recreation is holding its annual Haunted Hayride this Saturday, October 28th; and 2) Gave a shout out to all who helped out with the Health Fair that was held this past Saturday, October 21st – the Library, Department of Public Works, Police Department, Fire Department and the Sheriff's Department.

CITIZENS HEARD:

Ghada AbuKuwaik, 49 Mountain View Court: Invited all to a Meet and Greet honoring Senator Kristin M. Corrado, Assemblyman Kevin Rooney, Assembly Candidate Chris DePhillips, Freeholder Candidate Lori Mambelli and Paramus Councilman Mohammed Reda on Saturday, October 28th at 5:00 p.m.

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 October 10, 2017. 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. 2017-22 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 is issue refunds to various property owners pursuant to State Tax Court judgments. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there has been a State Tax Court judgment to reduce the evaluation on the following.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of the Borough of Totowa is authorized to refund this amount.

BLK	LOT	PROPERTY/OWNER	PAYABLE TO	YEAR	FROM	TO	AMOUNT
174	12	195-235 Route 46 Abill Realty Corp	"Michael A. Vespasiano Attorney Trust Account	2013	22,365,000	20,500,000	\$39,220.95
				2014	22,365,000	20,800,000	\$33,209.30
				2015	22,365,000	20,800,000	\$35,744.60
			Mail To: Michael A. Vespasiano 331 Main Street Chatham, NJ 07928			Total check	\$108,174.85

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to acknowledge receipt of the Best Practices Worksheet CY 2017/SFY 2018. Municipal Clerk Wassel announced the following results for the Worksheet: 14 Yes; 5 No; 6 N/A; 25 Total Answered; 20 Score (Yes + N/A); 80% Score %. The Worksheet was certified by Chief Administrative Officer/Municipal Clerk Joseph Wassel (C-0791) and Chief Financial Officer Lisa Nash (N-931). 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 payment of the 2017 annual contribution to the Totowa Seniors and the Happy Seniors in the amount of \$2,000.00 each. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

A letter from Lincoln Fire Company advising that James Booth has been nominated as their candidate for Fire Chief was received and filed.

A letter from Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 advising that Richard Schopperth has been nominated as their candidate for Fire Chief was received and filed.

A letter from outgoing Fire Chief Vincent Marciano was received and filed.

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 adopt the following Resolution Authorizing A Deed Of Easement Between The Borough Of Totowa And Peter And Judith Cofrancesco For Property Identified As Lot 4, Block 9 On The Borough Of Totowa Tax Assessment Map. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 112-2017

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DEED OF EASEMENT BETWEEN THE
BOROUGH OF TOTOWA AND PETER AND JUDITH COFRANCESCO FOR
PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 9, LOT 4 ON THE
BOROUGH OF TOTOWA TAX ASSESSMENT MAP

WHEREAS, Peter and Judith Cofrancesco, residing at 519 Houses Corner Road, Sparta, New Jersey 07871 are the owners of property known and designated as Block 9, Lot 4 as shown on the Tax Assessment Map of the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa is the owner of adjacent property known and designated as Block 9.05, Lot 22.1 as shown on the Tax Assessment Map of the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa and Cofrancescos entered into an Access Easement Agreement dated November 19, 1991; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa has now requested a permanent access easement through the Cofrancesco property for water and/or other utility services in, under and through the easement area; and

WHEREAS, the Cofrancescos have agreed to provide the Borough of Totowa with a 30 foot wide easement through their property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa authorize the Borough of Totowa to enter into a Deed of Easement with Peter and Judith Cofrancesco for the property known and designated as Block 9, Lot 4 as shown on the Tax Assessment Map of the Borough of Totowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa hereby authorize the Municipal Engineer and Municipal Attorney to review and approve the terms of the Deed of Easement.

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 Fontanella, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Borough Of Totowa To Enter Into A Shared Services Agreement With The Township Of Wayne For Sanitary Sewer System Connection and Service For Property Located at 617 Preakness Avenue. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 113-2017

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF WAYNE FOR SANITARY SEWER CONNECTION AND SERVICES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 617 PREAKNESS AVENUE

WHEREAS, Sunset Ridge Development, LLC, P.O. Box 627, Pine Brook, NJ 07058 is the owner of property known and designated as Block 2, Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4 and Block 3, Lots 1, 1.01, 3, 6, 7 & 8 as shown on the Tax Assessment Map of the Borough of Totowa and located at 617 Preakness Avenue, Totowa New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa does not have sewer services available in the vicinity of the aforementioned property; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Wayne provides sewer service to nearby homes located within the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, Sunset Ridge Development, LLC has requested permission from the Township of Wayne to connect their property to the Township of Wayne's sanitary system; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Township of Wayne that whenever a request is received to connect to the Township sewer for property located outside the Township that the Township enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the municipality where the property is located; and

WHEREAS, Sunset Ridge Development, LLC has requested that the Borough of Totowa enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Wayne for sanitary sewer system connection and services; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to enter into the Shared Services Agreement subject to review and approval of the terms and conditions of the Agreement by the Municipal Engineer and Municipal Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa authorize the Borough of Totowa to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Wayne for sanitary sewer system connection and services for the property known and identified as Block 2, Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4 and Block 3, Lots 1, 1.01, 3, 6, 7 & 8 as shown on the Tax Assessment Map of the Borough of Totowa and located at 617 Preakness Avenue, Totowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa hereby authorize the Municipal Engineer and Municipal Attorney to review and approve the terms of the Agreement.

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.

A letter was received from the Do Good Student Support Group requesting permission to use the Municipal Parking Lot on Sunday, November 12, 2017 for a trip to the Sands Casino. 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 no report.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application No. 2060 for the BPOE #2111 Passaic Valley Elks for an Off-Premise 50/50 to be held on January 12, 2018. 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. 2061 for the Totowa Parent Teacher Organization for a Tricky Tray to be held on March 9, 2018 at the 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 Nos. 2062, 2063 & 2064 for the HSA – Bloomfield High School for a Casino Night, On-Premise 50/50 and Carnival/Wheel (Non Draw) to be held on December 1, 2017 at The Barnyard and Carriage House. 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.

Joseph Wassel, RMC
Municipal Clerk