

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

August 11, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic and the Governor's Executive Order 107, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b), this meeting was not open to the public, but was held by remote means on Zoom.

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

ABSENT: Councilman Anthony Picarelli and 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 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.

There were no reports.

Mayor Coiro asked if any citizens watching via Zoom wished to be heard on any matter.

CITIZENS HEARD:

Mayor Coiro announced that he received an email from Joe Puglisi and that after he discusses it with the Council he will respond back.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of July 28, 2020. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to approve Resolution No. 2020-17 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 D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Treasurer to 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.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Property/Owner</u>	<u>Payable To:</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
106	1	320 Union Blvd Lena DiGangi	Spiotti & Esposito, PC	2017	508,600	475,000	\$792.62
				2018	508,600	475,000	<u>800.69</u>
						Total Check:	\$1,593.31

38	17	147 Union Blvd Ralph & Dorothy Vanezia LLC	Spiotti & Esposito, PC	2017	560,000	525,000	\$825.65
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There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to adopt the following resolution to effectuate the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate Number 17-00003 for 11 Acorn Street, Block 137, Lot 4. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION

Tax Sale Certificate Number 17-00003
Block 137, Lot 4

Property: 11 Acorn St., Totowa, New Jersey 07512
Owner: Nancy Torino

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale on October 26, 2017, a lien was sold on Block 137, Lot 4; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate Number 17-00003, was sold to US Bank Cust BV002 Trust & Credit for a 0% redemption fee and a premium of \$17,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Torino, the owner of the property, has effected redemption of Tax Sale Certificate Number 17-00003 in the amount of \$17,259.50 as of August 11, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize the Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$17,259.50 payable to US Bank Cust BV002 Trust & Credit for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate Number 17-00003.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council do hereby authorize the Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$17,000.00 (premium) to the aforementioned Lien Holder.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to adopt the following resolution to effectuate the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate Number 18-00005 for 15 Pamela Drive, Block 153, Lot 5.03. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION

Tax Sale Certificate Number 18-00005
Block 153, Lot 5.03

Property: 15 Pamela Dr., Totowa, New Jersey 07512
Owner: Elizabeth & Armand DeMauro

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale on October 24, 2019, a lien was sold on Block 153, Lot 5.03; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate Number 18-00005, was sold to C & E Tax Lien Fund 1 LLC for a 0% redemption fee and a premium of \$1,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth & Armand DeMauro, the owner of the property, has effected redemption of Tax Sale Certificate Number 18-00005 in the amount of \$705.22 as of August 11, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize the Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$705.22 payable to C & E Tax Lien Fund 1 LLC for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate Number 18-00005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council do hereby authorize the Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 (premium) to the aforementioned Lien Holder.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, there was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to assign Lieutenant James Eisele and Patrol Officer Brian Britting to the Borough of Totowa Police Department Detective Bureau. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

I, Mayor John Coiro, with the advice and consent of the Council do hereby
assign Lieutenant James Eisele and Patrol Officer Brian Britting
to the Detective Bureau effective with their swearing in on August 12, 2020.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to confirm the appointments. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, there was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to appoint Robert Adams as a Patrol Officer in the Borough of Totowa Police Department. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

I, Mayor John Coiro, with the advice and consent of the Council do hereby appoint Robert Adams as a Patrol Officer in the Borough of Totowa Police Department effective with his swearing in on August 12, 2020.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to confirm the appointment. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to approve the Junior Firefighter Application for Matthew Nicholas Antola for Lincoln Fire Company. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Palazzo, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve Payment Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$359,169.41 to Marini Brothers Construction, Co. for the 2018 – 2019 NJDOT Road Improvement Project. 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 no report.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Palazzo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani 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. 09-2020

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA
CHAPTER 398 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", ARTICLE II, "PARKING",
SECTION 7, "PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS"
AND ARTICLE XIII, "SCHEDULES", SECTION 46,
"SCHEDULE II: NO PARKING CERTAIN HOURS"**

There was a motion by Councilwoman Palazzo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani 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. 10-2020

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA
CHAPTER 398 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", ARTICLE II, "PARKING",
SECTION 6, "PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES" AND ARTICLE XIII,
"SCHEDULES", SECTION 45, "SCHEDULE I: NO PARKING"**

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

Joseph Wassel, RMC
Municipal Clerk