

## **BOROUGH OF TOTOWA**

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

**January 22, 2019**

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

**ABSENT:** Councilman John Capo.

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 D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to dispense with the regular order of business in order to hold a public hearing on Ordinance No. 01-2019 as advertised. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Municipal Clerk Wassel announced that Ordinance No. 01-2019 has been advertised for public hearing for Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

Municipal Clerk Wassel read the legal notice and the title of Ordinance No. 01-2019.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani 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. 01-2019.

CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani 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. 01-2019 by title:

**ORDINANCE NO. 01-2019**

**AN 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 Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to adopt Ordinance No. 01-2019 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 D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani 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: Thanked Anne Krautheim and the Library staff for the wonderful dinner last night and also congratulated Police Chief Robert Coyle again for being honored.

**CITIZENS HEARD:**

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

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 January 8, 2019. 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. 2019-03 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 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>BLK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY/OWNER</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
9.18	20.15	100 Hamilton Trail Laxson Darryl & Sally	The Lutz Law Group, Attorney Trust Account Mail to: The Lutz Law Group Attorneys At Law, LLC 121 Ridge Avenue Passaic, NJ 07055	2018	814,800	700,000	\$2735.68

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Treasurer to issue refunds to various property owners pursuant to County Tax Court judgments. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

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WHEREAS, there has been a County 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.

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40	7	35 Carroll Place Albertina Faraci & Andria Columbo	Albertina Faraci & Andria Columbo  Mail to: 35 Carroll Place Totowa, NJ 07512	2018	35,600	19,067	\$393.98
40	7	(same as above)	No Refund	2019	53,400	28,600	(Credit) \$295.48 2019 Taxes

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Borough Of Totowa To Enter Into A Cooperative Pricing Agreement. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

**RESOLUTION NO. 32-2019**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA  
TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2019 the governing body of the Borough of Totowa, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

#### TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the BOROUGH OF TOTOWA.

#### AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Mayor of the Borough of Totowa is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

#### CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, there was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to appoint Philip Puglise as Code Enforcement Inspector. 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 Philip Puglise as Code Enforcement Officer for a term on one year ending December 31, 2019.

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

A letter was received from the employees of the Municipal Complex requesting permission to switch the following holidays: Lincoln's Birthday, Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> for Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> and Election Day, Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> for the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 29, 2019. There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to grant permission. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, there was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Bucher that Lieutenant Keith Schaffer and Lieutenant Frank DeCeglie be promoted to the rank of Captain and that Sergeant Jerry Tolomeo, Sergeant James Eisele and Sergeant Joseph Tomasello be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. 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 promote Lieutenant Keith Schaffer and Lieutenant Frank DeCeglie to the rank of Captain in the Borough of Totowa Police Department, effective with their swearing in ceremony on February 12, 2019.

#### MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

I, Mayor John Coiro, with the advice and consent of the Council do hereby promote Sergeant Jerry Tolomeo, Sergeant James Eisele and Sergeant Joseph Tomasello to the rank of Lieutenant in the Borough of Totowa Police Department, effective with their swearing in ceremony on February 12, 2019.

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

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

A letter was received from DPW Superintendent Jim Niland requesting permission to switch the following holidays: Lincoln's Birthday, Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> for Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> and Election Day, Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> for the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 29, 2019. There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilwoman Palazzo to grant permission. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve Payment Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$75,425.90 to North American Pipeline Services, LLC for the Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation – Phases V & VI. 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 Councilwoman Palazzo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve the Application For Social Affair Permit from the State Of New Jersey Division Of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the Passaic Valley Elks BPOE #2111 to be held on February 9, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. – 11:59 p.m. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Palazzo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve the Application For Social Affair Permit from the State Of New Jersey Division Of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the Passaic Valley Elks BPOE #2111 to be held on March 23, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. – 11:59 p.m. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Palazzo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application No. 2136 for the Macedonian Orthodox Church St. Nikola for a Tricky Tray to be held on March 9, 2019. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Palazzo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application No. 2137 for the Little Falls Education Foundation for a Casino Night to be held on February 22, 2019 at The Bethwood. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Palazzo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application No. 2138 for the Passaic Valley High School Fencing Parents Association for an Off-Premise 50/50 to be held on March 7, 2019 at The Barnyard and Carriage House. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Palazzo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application No. 2139 for the Totowa Parent Teacher Organization for a Tricky Tray to be held on March 22, 2019 at the Totowa PAL. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Palazzo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application Nos. 2140 & 2141 for FOWA Rescue, Inc. for a Tricky Tray and On-Premise 50/50 to be held on April 25, 2019 at The Bethwood. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Palazzo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application No. 2142 for the St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly of the Little Sisters of the Poor for an On-Premise 50/50 to be held on March 30, 2019. 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 Andriani 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