

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

March 14, 2023

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

Mayor Coiro: Announced that before we proceed with the meeting, as we all know this is Councilwoman Andriani's last Council Meeting and we are here to thank and honor Debbie who has been on the Council since 2011 or just about 12 years. Commented that Debbie always put Totowa first and served on any and all of our Committee's. Said she was a true public servant, that we will all miss you and wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Councilman D'Angelo: Thanked Debbie for all of her hard work on the different Committee's and for always nominating him to be the Council President and that she will be missed.

Councilman Picarelli: Said it has been a privilege sitting next to Debbie on the dais and for being such a great, hardworking Councilwoman, but that she is an even better person and friend.

Councilman Bucher: Remarked that it's been an honor and privilege to work with you and that Debbie was a great running mate.

Councilman Capo: Asked Debbie who is going to do all the work now? But, said it has really been great working with you and wished her all the best.

Councilman Fierro: Mentioned that it has been great working with you and that you were a role model.

Councilwoman Andriani: Stated that it has been a privilege and an honor to work with the Mayor and Council over the years and all the Department Heads and then reflected on how she became involved in politics when she first moved to Totowa and Mr. Murphy told her to vote Row A and the rest is history.

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 February 28, 2023. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

The following letter of resignation was received from Councilwoman Debra Andriani. There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to accept her resignation with sadness and regrets. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

ANDRIANI
474 Totowa Road
Totowa, New Jersey 07512

March 6, 2023

Borough of Totowa Mayor & Council
537 Totowa Road
Totowa, New Jersey 07512
Attn: Joseph Wassel, Borough Clerk

Dear Mayor Coiro, Councilmembers and Mr. Wassel:

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation as Councilwoman for the Borough of Totowa. March 14, 2023, will be my last council meeting.

I have really enjoyed and appreciated my time as a Councilwoman for the Borough of Totowa. It has been an absolute pleasure to work alongside such a great team. Your guidance, support and friendship have been invaluable.

I will forever be grateful and blessed for the opportunity to work together with you and to serve the residents of Totowa. It is very comforting to know that the residents of Totowa, my family and I are in such good hands.

My heartfelt thanks,
Debra Andriani

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve Resolution No. 2023-06 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 Councilman Capo to approve a grade increase for Patrol Officer Damiano Dilorio from Grade 6 Patrol Officer to Grade 5 Patrol Officer. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

There was no report.

COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

There was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to accept the following bids for the Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation – Phases X & XI. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
National Water Main Kearny, NJ 07032	\$323,907.00
En-Tech Infrastructure Tampa, FL 33619	\$497,850.00
Arold Construction Company Kingston, NY 12401	\$557,000.00
Standard Pipe Services Newark, DE 19702	\$671,800.00

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, there was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to adopt the following resolution to award the contract for the Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation – Phases X & XI. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 46-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR
SANITARY SEWER MAIN REHABILITATION – PHASES X & XI

WHEREAS, in August of 2011, the Borough of Totowa suffered the devastating effects of Hurricane Irene which resulted in unprecedented flooding throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, following the Hurricane, the Borough of Totowa Municipal Engineer recommended the rehabilitation of portions of the sanitary sewer mains located throughout the municipality; and

WHEREAS, to date, nine Phases of the on-going Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation Project have been completed; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Municipal Engineer has now recommended the rehabilitation of existing sanitary sewer mains within Lincoln Avenue in a southeasterly direction from Franklin Place to Totowa Road (Phase X) and northwesterly direction from Franklin Place to Union Boulevard (Phase XI); and

WHEREAS, the work in Phase X consists primarily of the installation of cured-in-place lining for approximately 900 linear feet of existing sanitary sewer main and in Phase XI consists primarily of the installation of cured-in-place lining for approximately 1,000 linear feet of existing sanitary sewer main; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa received a Block Grant from Passaic County through the Community Development Block Grant Program for the additional rehabilitation work; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa did advertise for receipt of sealed bids in accordance with the specifications entitled "Borough of Totowa, FY 2020 & 2021 Community Development Block Grant Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation, Phases X & XI, Contract No. 2022-3"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa did receive sealed bids at its Municipal Building on March 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the apparent low bid was submitted by National Water Main Cleaning Company, 1806 Newark Turnpike, Kearney, New Jersey 07032 in the amount of \$323,907.00, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Borough of Totowa Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that the bid submitted by National Water Main Cleaning Company be accepted as the lowest responsible bid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby accept the bid by National Water Main Cleaning Company for the Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation – Phases X & XI as the lowest responsible bid for the total sum of \$323,907.00.

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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the award of this contract is subject to review by the Passaic County Community Development Block Grant Program and contingent upon their approval.

A letter was received from the Friends of the Totowa Library requesting permission to use the Municipal Parking Lot for a trip to Toms River for a River Lady Cruise on June 22, 2023. 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:

A letter from the Board of Health advising that the Annual Rabies Clinic will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the DPW Garage was received and filed.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilman Fierro, seconded by Councilman Picarelli 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. 04-2023

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA CHAPTER 256 ENTITLED “MOTELS, HOTELS AND TOURIST LODGES”, TO ADD A NEW SUB-SECTION TO BE KNOWN AS ARTICLE III, “SHORT TERM RENTALS”

There was a motion by Councilman Fierro, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application Nos. 2307, 2308 & 2309 for the Little Falls Education Foundation for a Casino Night, On-Premise 50/50 and Off-Premise 50/50 to be held on April 28, 2023 at The Barnyard & 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 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