

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

March 10, 2015

PRESENT: Mayor John Coiro, presiding, Council President Phil Puglise, Councilman Lou D'Angelo, Councilwoman Carolyn Fontanella, Councilwoman Debra Andriani, Councilman Anthony Picarelli, Councilman William Bucher, 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 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 acknowledged Passaic County Clerk Kristin Corrado and Woodland Park Police Chief Anthony Galietti in the audience.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo 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 Lieutenant Mark Aue and Lieutenant Mark Tolomeo being promoted to the rank of Captain; Sergeant Raymond Keeley, Sergeant Keith Schaffer and Sergeant Frank DeCeglie being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant; Patrolman Jerry Tolomeo, Patrolman Brian Mulroony, Patrolman George DiPasquale and Patrolman James Eisele being promoted to the rank of Sergeant; and

Patrolman Nicholas Varcadipane being promoted to the rank of Detective. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Coiro asked Public Safety Committee Chairman, Councilman Puglise and Police Chief Robert Coyle to join him in front of the dais. Mayor Coiro went on to say that this is a very special day for us and all of these promotions are well deserved and these officers are all community minded, work well together and help to keep us safe. Said that we have never promoted ten officers at one time. Also acknowledged all of the other law enforcement agencies that were in attendance.

Mayor Coiro asked Lieutenant Mark Aue and Lieutenant Mark Tolomeo to approach the dais to take the Oath of Allegiance and Office for the rank of Captain.

Mayor Coiro administered the Oath of Allegiance and Office to Captain Mark Aue and Captain Mark Tolomeo.

A badge symbolic to the rank of Captain was presented to Captain Mark Aue and Captain Mark Tolomeo by Police Chief Robert Coyle.

Congratulations were extended to Captain Mark Aue and Captain Mark Tolomeo.

Mayor Coiro asked Sergeant Raymond Keeley, Sergeant Keith Schaffer and Sergeant Frank DeCeglie to approach the dais to take the Oath of Allegiance and Office for the rank of Lieutenant.

Mayor Coiro administered the Oath of Allegiance and Office to Lieutenant Raymond Keeley, Lieutenant Keith Schaffer and Lieutenant Frank DeCeglie.

A badge symbolic to the rank of Lieutenant was presented to Lieutenant Raymond Keeley, Lieutenant Keith Schaffer and Lieutenant Frank DeCeglie by Police Chief Robert Coyle.

Congratulations were extended to Lieutenant Raymond Keeley, Lieutenant Keith Schaffer and Lieutenant Frank DeCeglie.

Mayor Coiro asked Patrolman Jerry Tolomeo, Patrolman Brian Mulroony, Patrolman George DiPasquale and Patrolman James Eisele to approach the dais to take the Oath of Allegiance and Office for the rank of Sergeant.

Mayor Coiro administered the Oath of Allegiance and Office to Sergeant Jerry Tolomeo, Sergeant Brian Mulroony, Sergeant George DiPasquale and Sergeant James Eisele.

A badge symbolic to the rank of Sergeant was presented to Sergeant Jerry Tolomeo, Sergeant Brian Mulroony, Sergeant George DiPasquale and Sergeant James Eisele by Police Chief Robert Coyle.

Congratulations were extended to Sergeant Jerry Tolomeo, Sergeant Brian Mulroony, Sergeant George DiPasquale and Sergeant James Eisele.

Mayor Coiro asked Patrolman Nicholas Varcadipane to approach the dais to take the Oath of Allegiance and Office for the rank of Detective.

Mayor Coiro administered the Oath of Allegiance and Office to Detective Nicholas Varcadipane.

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

Congratulations were extended to Detective Nicholas Varcadipane.

Mayor Coiro – who had said a little about each officer before he swore them in – then congratulated each officer on their promotion and said he looked forward to continue working with them. Councilman Puglise said these promotions were a long time coming and said they are well deserved. Stated that he had seen most of them being sworn in for the first time as officers. Said that we have a great department, then congratulated each and told them to keep up the good work.

Police Chief Coyle thanked the Mayor and Council, Borough Attorney Corrado and Borough Clerk Wassel for the promotions, congratulated each officer and went on to give a little personal and professional history about each officer being promoted. Also thanked all of our retired officers who were in attendance.

Captain Aue then spoke on behalf of all the promoted officers. Thanked the Mayor and Council for the promotions and said that they will do their best, congratulated their colleagues on their promotions, thanked their fellow officers and thanked their wives, families and friends.

Mayor Coiro announced that there will be a short recess to allow all family and friends to congratulate the promoted officers.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo 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 the Board of Recreation will be sponsoring their annual Easter Bunny Breakfast on March 28th and then on that evening they will have a dinner/concert/dance featuring the Flying Mueller Brothers.

Councilman Picarelli: Thanked Municipal Attorney Corrado for getting the letter out to City Green, Inc. regarding Sprouting Totowa.

CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of February 24, 2015. 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. 2015-06 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 Puglise, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to approve a grade increase for Patrolman Nicholas Varcadipane from Grade 3 to Grade 2, effective March 14, 2015. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to approve the Fire Department TSAP for 2014. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to authorize payment of an additional contribution to the Borough Of Totowa First Aid Squad, Inc. in the amount of \$9,375.00 for their 2014 TSAP. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Submission Of A Strategic Plan For The Governor's Council On Alcoholism And Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 1, 2015 To June 30, 2016. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 44-2015

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN
FOR THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE
FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2016

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Passaic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Totowa Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2016 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$22,440.00
Cash Match	\$ 5,610.00
In-Kind	\$16,830.00

2. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa acknowledge the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

Upon the recommendation of DPW Superintendent Jim Niland, there was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Puglise to approve a grade increase for DPW Laborer Gregory LaRose from Grade 5 to Grade 4, effective March 11, 2015. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A letter from resident Louise Capra thanking DPW "Crew B" for their snow removal efforts was received and filed.

COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to adopt the following Resolution authorizing the application to the Passaic County Community Development Block Grant Program for Phase V of the Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation Project. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 45-2015

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa wishes to apply for funding from the Passaic County Community Development Block Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa authorizes the application for and use of requested funds in the amount of \$149,755.00 from the Passaic County Community Development Block Grant Program for Phase V of the Borough's Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if awarded, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa shall implement the activities in a manner to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to adopt the following Resolution In Support Of The Federal Fair Housing Law And New Jersey Law Against Discrimination. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 46-2015

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING LAW AND
NEW JERSEY LAW AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa supports Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Borough of Totowa to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, nationality, familial status, marital or domestic partnership status, affectional or sexual orientation, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, genetic information, liability for military service, mental or physical disability, perceived disability, AIDS/HIV status and Lawful Income or Source of Lawful Rent Payment (Section 8); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa further objects to discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap or disability as prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby support Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination as follows:

1. Within available resources, the Borough of Totowa will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against under one of the aforementioned categories, to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as appropriate.
2. The Borough of Totowa shall publicize this resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law, the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, and any local laws or ordinances.
3. The Borough of Totowa will at a minimum include, but not be limited to: (1) the printing and publicizing of this resolution, a fair housing public notice and other applicable fair housing information through local media, community contacts and placement on the Municipal website and in other social media; (2) distribution of posters, flyers, and any other means which will bring to the attention of those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing.

COMMITTEE ON LIAISON & INSPECTION:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Bucher to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing Professional Planning Services For Land Use Ordinance Amendments And Rezoning. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 47-2015

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES FOR
LAND USE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS AND REZONING

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to retain the services of a professional planner to implement the land use rezoning recommendations of the adopted 2014 Master Plan Reexamination Report for the Borough of Totowa in accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law; and

WHEREAS, the tasks associated with this Project include reviewing and prioritizing the 13 recommendations in the 2014 Master Plan Reexamination Report, creating an ordinance for each recommendation and upon adoption of the ordinances, revising the Zoning Map for the Borough of Totowa to reflect the revisions adopted in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting P.A., 53 Frontage Road, Suite 120, Clinton, New Jersey 08809, has submitted a proposal dated March 4, 2015 to provide the required planning services for ordinance creation and refinement on an hourly basis in accordance with the rates contained in the Schedule of Hourly Rates that is included in the professional service agreement between the Borough of Totowa and Maser Consulting, P.A., a copy of which is on file in the office of the Borough of Totowa Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting P.A. has also stated in their March 4, 2015 proposal that the firm will provide the required planning services for the revision of the Zoning Map for the Borough of Totowa for a fee not to exceed the sum of Nine Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$950.00); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa on March 10, 2015 did examine the proposal submitted by Maser Consulting P.A.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State laws, these professional services may be authorized without public bidding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby accept the proposal submitted by Maser Consulting P.A. for professional planning services to implement the land use rezoning recommendations of the adopted 2014 Master Plan Reexamination Report for the Borough of Totowa and updated Zoning Map for the Borough of Totowa in accordance with the hourly rate and fees set forth in their proposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize Maser Consulting P.A. to perform the professional services as set forth in their proposal.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application No. 1840 for the Academy of St. Francis of Assisi for a Calendar Raffle to be held during April, May & June 2015. 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 Puglise, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo that the meeting be adjourned. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Joseph Wassel, RMC
Municipal Clerk