

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

August 22, 2017

PRESENT: Mayor John Coiro, presiding, Councilwoman Debra Andriani, Councilman Anthony Picarelli, Councilman William Bucher, Councilman John Capo, Municipal Clerk Joseph Wassel and Municipal Attorney Robert Corrado.

ABSENT: Council President Lou D'Angelo and Councilwoman Carolyn Fontanella.

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.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Picarelli 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 Sergeant Carmen Veneziano being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant of the Borough of Totowa Police Department and to hold a public hearing on Ordinance Nos. 08-2017, 09-2017 & 10-2017. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Coiro asked Sergeant Carmen Veneziano to approach the dais to take the Oath of Allegiance and Office for the rank of Lieutenant.

Mayor Coiro asked Police Chief Robert Coyle to join him and then remarked that we were here not too long ago to promote you, but after Scott Titus announced his retirement we felt that we needed to add some brass to the Detective Bureau and couldn't think of a better officer to fill the opening and then reflected on some of the attributes of Detective Sergeant Veneziano.

Mayor Coiro administered the Oath of Allegiance and Office to Lieutenant Carmen Veneziano with his wife Rose by his side and his children Brandon and Gabriella holding the Bible.

A badge symbolic to the rank of Lieutenant was presented to Lieutenant Carmen Veneziano by Police Chief Robert Coyle.

Police Chief Coyle thanked the Mayor and Council, Borough Clerk Wassel, Borough Attorney Corrado and the administration for moving forward with this promotion. Chief Coyle congratulated Lieutenant Veneziano and proceeded to give a little background and history on Carmen.

Lieutenant Veneziano thanked the Mayor and Council, Chief Coyle, his wife and kids, family, friends and co-workers.

Congratulations were extended to Lieutenant Carmen Veneziano by the rest of the Council, the Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney.

Mayor Coiro called for a recess, so all in attendance could also offer their congratulations to Lieutenant Veneziano.

Municipal Clerk Wassel announced that Ordinance Nos. 08-2017, 09-2017 & 10-2017 have been advertised for public hearing for Tuesday, August 22, 2017.

Municipal Clerk Wassel read the legal notice and the title of Ordinance No. 08-2017.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Picarelli 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. 08-2017.

CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Picarelli 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. 08-2017 by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2017

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC,
NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$800,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING
THE ISSUANCE OF \$365,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH
TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to adopt Ordinance No. 08-2017 on second and final reading. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Municipal Clerk Wassel read the legal notice and the title of Ordinance No. 09-2017.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Picarelli 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. 09-2017.

CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Picarelli 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. 09-2017 by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2017

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR FURLER STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$510,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$510,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to adopt Ordinance No. 09-2017 on second and final reading. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Municipal Clerk Wassel read the legal notice and the title of Ordinance No. 10-2017.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Picarelli 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. 10-2017.

CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Picarelli 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. 10-2017 by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2017

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA
CHAPTER 295 ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE"**

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to adopt Ordinance No. 10-2017 on second and final reading. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Picarelli 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 unfortunately tomorrow night's Concert Series Totowa Has Talent Showcase has been cancelled due to lack of participation.

CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of August 8, 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 Councilwoman Andriani to approve Resolution No. 2017-18 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 Councilwoman Andriani to approve 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>
166.03	8	45 Commerce Way Commercenter Rlty C/O Mack-Cali	Irwin Law Firm Trust Account	2014	5,880,800	5,145,000	\$15,613.68
			Mail To:	2015	5,880,800	5,311,000	\$13,014.23
			The Irwin Law Firm, P.A. 80 Main Street Suite 410 West Orange, NJ 07052	2016	5,880,800	5,632,000	\$ 5,844.31
166.03	12	11 Commerce Way		2014	5,407,900	5,129,000	\$ 5,918.26
				2015	5,407,900	5,172,000	\$ 5,387.96
				2016	5,407,900	5,172,000	\$ 5,541.29
						Total check	\$51,319.73

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

A letter was received from Fire Chief Vincent Marciano requesting a day off with pay from the DPW on Friday, September 15, 2017 to attend the New Jersey State Firemen's Convention as delegate and to also take the Fire Chief's vehicle to the convention from September 13 – 16, 2017. There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve the request. 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 Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Purchase And Delivery Of One Utility Vehicle For The Borough Of Totowa Sewer Department. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 102-2017

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF ONE UTILITY VEHICLE FOR THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA SEWER DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Borough of Totowa Sewer Department has requested that one new utility vehicle be purchased and added to the Borough of Totowa fleet; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that there is a need for this new vehicle to be used by the Department's employees and in order to maintain and keep the fleet updated; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to authorize the purchase of the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, State of New Jersey Contract No. 83025 has been awarded to Route 23 Automall, LLC, 1301 Route 23, Butler, New Jersey 07405 for the purchase of the one 2017 Ford Super Duty F-450 utility vehicle and all related equipment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State laws, the purchase of this utility vehicle may be authorized without public bidding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize the purchase of one 2017 Ford Super Duty F-450 utility vehicle and all related equipment from Route 23 Automall, LLC in the amount of \$72,851.20.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize the Municipal Clerk and Sewer Department Superintendent to execute any and all instruments relating thereto.

A letter was received from the Dey Hill Neighbors requesting permission to have a Block Party on Battle Ridge Trail from Dey Hill Trail south to the cul-de-sac on Saturday, September 9, 2017. There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to grant permission. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

STREET CLOSING AUTHORIZED BY THE MAYOR

Under the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Borough of Totowa, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, by virtue of N.J.S.A. 40:67-16.9 and the Code of the Borough of Totowa Chapter No. 398-42, I, Mayor John Coiro, do hereby order and direct that Battle Ridge Trail from the intersection of Dey Hill Trail south to the cul-de-sac be closed to vehicular traffic from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 9, 2017. I further direct that proper signs and barriers be erected at the intersection of Battle Ridge Trail and Dey Hill Trail and that the Totowa Police Department control and regulate, as well as enforce, this regulation.

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. 2051 for the Diane D'Apolito May Beyond the Rainbow Charitable Foundation for a Casino Night to be held on October 7, 2017 at the Totowa 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. 2052 & 2053 for the Fusion Color Guard Inc. for a Tricky Tray and On-Premise 50/50 to be held on January 20, 2018 at The Bethwood. 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. 2054 & 2055 for the Passaic Valley Elks BPOE #2111 for a Tricky Tray and On-Premise 50/50 to be held on September 17, 2017. 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 Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Picarelli that the meeting be adjourned. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Joseph Wassel, RMC
Municipal Clerk