

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

April 14, 2026

PRESENT: Mayor John Coiro, presiding, Council President Lou D'Angelo, Councilman Anthony Picarelli, Councilman Patrick Fierro, Councilman Sanders Reynoso, Councilwoman Kristen Coiro, Municipal Clerk Joseph Wassel and Municipal Attorney Kristin Corrado.

ABSENT: 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.

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 Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to dispense with the regular order of business in order to hold a public hearing on Ordinance No. 05-2026 as advertised. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Municipal Clerk Wassel announced that Ordinance No. 05-2026 has been advertised for public hearing for Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

Municipal Clerk Wassel read the legal notice and the title of Ordinance No. 05-2026.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, 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. 05-2026.

CITIZENS HEARD:

Edgar Rodriguez, 6 Bullens Avenue, Wayne: Asked for more information on what this zoning change means. Mayor Coiro: Started by saying this property was originally zoned as I-2 Restricted Industry and then gave a history of New Jersey laws on Affordable Housing and how with the 3rd Round this property was re-zoned Affordable Housing because we checked with Wayne Township and they were able to accept the sewage, but by the time we got to the 4th Round which had to be approved by March 15th, Wayne was no longer able to accept sewage from this property because of the extra from Passaic County Technical Institute, so now we are just returning it back to the I-2 Restricted Industry zone.

Sylvia Rodriguez, 6 Bullens Avenue, Wayne: Said they don't want industrial uses there because it's in their back yard and asked if there are other options for the property. Also said she has seen machinery and men with blueprints working on the property. Commented that it will affect their neighborhood with additional air pollution, noise pollution and traffic. Mayor Coiro: Responded that there has been no application sent to our Building Department, so he was not sure why men and machinery would be on the property.

Borough Attorney Corrado: Explained the Affordable Housing process further and that when you deal with Fair Share Housing, they want high density housing. Went on to say that when an application is presented to Totowa and the project is known, you will be notified again to offer you the option to appear at the Planning Board meeting to voice your concerns.

Nadia Ducos, 8 Adams Road, Wayne: Remarked that since she was away on break that the excavators have been out there on the property and wants to know what's going on there. Mayor Coiro: Reiterated that we don't have any plans yet, so we don't know.

Jackie Nasso, 12 Bullens Avenue, Wayne: Inquired that whatever happens in the future is there anything that Wayne could do to restrict entrance to the property. Mayor Coiro: Replied that when the Totowa portion of Bullens Avenue was built it was before his time, so I really don't know the process and we haven't had this type of situation before, so this is all hypothetical right now.

Sylvia Rodriguez: Asked what can go in the I-2 zone. Mayor Coiro: Answered warehouse, self-storage, generally low traffic uses, but told her to go to our website and look up our Zoning Code Chapter 415 and it will list the types of uses, height restrictions, setbacks, etc.

Astrit Zaku, 28 Borzotta Boulevard, Wayne: Said that we should have had plans first and then changed the zoning to meet those plans. Mayor Coiro: Told him no, that is backwards, because we don't change a zone for a property owner, the property owner must comply with the zone. Astrit Zaku: Asked about variances and steep slopes and again said that having the plans first would have been better. Mayor Coiro: Responded that he's been doing this for 26 years and we've never done it that way. Council President D'Angelo: Reinforced the fact that we are just going back to the original zoning. Astrit Zaku: Asked what the reason for this meeting was, was it a special meeting. Mayor Coiro: Stated no, that it was a regular meeting and we had to get this ordinance adopted in order to comply with our Settlement Agreement with the Court and Fair Share Housing and told him we are not going back to the Judge to change the zone again. Attorney Corrado: Informed him that we are now in the compliance stage with the Court and Fair Share Housing and we have a Settlement Agreement that was approved through mediation that we have to live by, and we are just restoring this parcel back to its original use.

Sylvia Rodriguez: Asked if removing the Affordable Housing zone was something that we had to do. Mayor Coiro: Responded yes, because we could no longer comply with Affordable Housing there.

Albert Beal, 14 Madison Street, Wayne: Wanted to know if he could be put on the list of property owners who get notice because he is just outside of the 200' radius. Mayor Coiro: Said no, the notice requirements are only for those property owners within 200'.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, 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. 05-2026 by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2026

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA
CHAPTER 415 ENTITLED "ZONING AND LAND USE", PART 4,
"ZONING", ARTICLE XV, "ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS",
SECTION 121, "ZONING MAP AND SCHEDULES"**

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to adopt Ordinance No. 05-2026 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 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.

Councilman Reynoso: 1) Announced that the Car Show will be on April 26th on the Boulevard; 2) Stated that we had a very successful Blood Drive on April 3rd at St. James.

CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of March 24, 2026. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilman Fierro abstained from the voting.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve Resolution No. 2026-09 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 To Introduce The 2026 Municipal Budget. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 68-2026

RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE THE 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations attached hereto constitute the local Budget of the Borough of Totowa, Passaic County, New Jersey for the year 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said Budget be published on the Borough's official website www.totowanj.org on May 1, 2026, and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Municipal Building on May 12, 2026 at 7:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to adopt the following Resolution Of The Borough Of Totowa Certifying Compliance With The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance On The Consideration Of Arrest And Conviction Records In Employment Decisions Under Title VII Of The Civil Rights Act Of 1964". On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 69-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964"

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve payment of the 2nd Quarter 2026 Budget Allotment to the Borough of Totowa Public Library in the amount of \$399,299.50. 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 Picarelli to approve payment of an additional contribution to the Borough Of Totowa First Aid Squad, Inc. in the amount of \$20,544.00 for their 2025 TSAP. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

There was a motion by Councilman Fierro, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing Investigative Services For The Waste Oil Underground Storage Tank Under The Licensed Site Remediation Professional Program At The Department Of Public Works. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 70-2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES FOR THE WASTE OIL UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK UNDER THE LICENSED SITE REMEDIATION PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM AT THE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, in May of 2025, the Borough of Totowa Department of Public Works ("DPW") Superintendent advised the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that the Waste Oil Underground Storage Tank located at the DPW facility should be removed and replaced with a new Waste Oil Aboveground Storage Tank as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Waste Oil Tanks are primarily used for the storage of used oil, including motor oil, transmission fluid, and used oil filters and are regulated by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 78-2025 dated May 27, 2025, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa authorized Atlantic Remedial Technologies, 1081 Paulison Avenue, Suite 203, Clifton, New Jersey 07011 to remove the Waste Oil Underground Storage Tank located at the DPW facility and also authorized the installation of a new Waste Oil Aboveground Storage at the DPW facility; and .

WHEREAS, during the removal of the Underground Tank, a potential discharge was discovered which requires further investigation; and

WHEREAS, more specifically, under the provisions of the New Jersey Site Remediation Reform Act ("SRRA"), the Borough of Totowa has an affirmative obligation to hire a designated Licensed Site Remediation Professional ("LSRP") to oversee the investigation at the site; and

WHEREAS, the LSRP acts in place of the DEP for purposes of determining what needs to be done at the site; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa require the services of a licensed environmental professional company to perform the required investigative services for the Waste Oil Underground Storage Tank under the Licensed Site Remediation Program at the DPW Facility; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic Remedial Technologies is a registered company with the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs and all work is conducted under the supervision of a NJDEP certified LSRP; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 160-2025 dated December 9, 2025, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa authorized Atlantic Remedial Technologies to undertake investigative services for the Waste Oil Underground Storage Tank under the Licensed Site Remediation Program at the DPW Facility; and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has advised that Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that additional investigative services are necessary at the site; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic Remedial Technologies has submitted a proposal a dated March 17, 2026 to continue the investigative services at the DPW facility in the amount of \$14,440.00, 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 desire to authorize the continued investigative services at the DPW facility in compliance with the provisions of the SRRA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby accept the proposal submitted by Atlantic Remedial Technologies for continued investigative services for the Waste Oil Underground Storage Tank under the Licensed Site Remediation Program at the DPW Facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize Atlantic Remedial Technologies to provide the labor and materials for the services set forth in their proposal.

COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

There was a motion by Councilman Fierro, seconded by Councilman Reynoso to adopt the following Resolution Approving Treatment Works Approval Application And Authorizing The Mayor To Execute The Statements Of Consent—NJDEP Form WQM-003 On Behalf Of The Borough Of Totowa For Everstead Of Totowa, 140 Shepherds Lane, Block 12, Lot 2. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-2026

RESOLUTION APPROVING TREATMENT WORKS APPROVAL APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE STATEMENTS OF CONSENT— NJDEP FORM WQM-003 ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA FOR EVERSTEAD OF TOTOWA, 140 SHEPHERDS LANE, BLOCK 12, LOT 2

WHEREAS, Everstead of Totowa, 140 Shepherds Lane, Totowa, New Jersey, 07512, Block 12, Lot 2 has made application to reuse an existing approximately 160,000 square foot long-term care building to create 141 apartment units for low-income senior residents; and

WHEREAS, Everstead of Totowa, is required to apply to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) for a Treatment Works Approval (TWA) because the total projected discharge of 16,110 gallons per day surpasses the 8,000 gallon threshold; and

WHEREAS, the Treatment Works Approval (TWA) permit application has been reviewed and approved by the Borough Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Totowa, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the Mayor of the Borough of Totowa be and is hereby authorized to execute the Statements of Consent – NJDEP Form WQM-003 on behalf of the Borough of Totowa.

There was a motion by Councilman Fierro, seconded by Councilman Reynoso to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Purchase And Installation Of Vinyl Flooring At The Community Center. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF VINYL FLOORING AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Department of Public Works (“DPW”) Superintendent has advised the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that the flooring at the Community Center is deteriorated and requires replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Community Center serves as an important resource for local seniors, houses the Senior Citizen Coordinator, provides meeting space for community organizations, supports recreational activities and functions as a designated voting location; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that replacing the flooring at the Borough of Totowa Community Center is necessary; and

WHEREAS, Afford A Floor, 17 Ratcliffe Road, Wayne, New Jersey 07470 has submitted a proposal dated March 24, 2026 for the purchase and installation of vinyl tile in the amount of \$9,536.30, a copy of which is on file in the office of Borough of Totowa Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the proposal includes prepping and buffing the floors as well as supplying and installing the vinyl tiles; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to have the flooring replaced at the Community Center as soon as possible for the well-being of the employees and members of the community that work in and visit the Community Center; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State laws, the purchase and installation of this vinyl flooring 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 Afford A Floor for the purchase and installation of vinyl flooring at the Community Center in the amount of \$9,536.30.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize Afford A Floor to provide the materials, labor and perform all services as set forth in their proposal.

COMMITTEE ON LIAISON & INSPECTION:

There was a motion by Councilman Reynoso, seconded by Councilwoman Coiro to adopt the following Resolution Of The Borough Of Totowa, County Of Passaic And State Of New Jersey Endorsing The 2025 Amended Fourth Round Housing Element And Fair Share Plan Adopted By The Borough Of Totowa Planning Board On March 12, 2026. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA, COUNTY OF PASSAIC
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENDORSING THE 2025 AMENDED
FOURTH ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN
ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA PLANNING BOARD
ON MARCH 12, 2026

WHEREAS, in 2024 the New Jersey Legislature amended the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq. through the adoption of P.L. 2024, c.2 (“FHA”); and

WHEREAS, amongst other things, P.L. 2024, c. 2 abolished the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH), created the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (Program) and established new procedures and deadlines for municipalities to come into compliance with the FHA and the *Mount Laurel* doctrine for each future ten-year affordable housing round beginning with the Fourth Round, which starts on July 1, 2025 and ends on June 30, 2035; and

WHEREAS, in December 2024 the Administrative Office of the Courts issued Directive #14-24, which sets forth additional procedures all municipalities must follow to be in compliance with the FHA in order to maintain immunity from exclusionary zoning and builder’s remedy litigation through the Program process set forth in P.L. 2024, c.2; and

WHEREAS, amongst other things, Directive #14-24 and P.L. 2024, c. 2, require each municipality to adopt a binding Resolution setting forth its Fourth-Round present and prospective need obligations and file a Declaratory Judgment action with the Program through the New Jersey e-courts system by no later than February 3, 2025, and thereafter each municipality must adopt a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and file same with the Program on or before June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with P.L. 2024, c. 2 and Directive #14-24, the Borough of Totowa timely adopted a Resolution No. 26-2025 setting forth the Borough's pre-credited/unadjusted Fourth Round affordable housing obligations on January 28, 2025 and on January 28, 2025 the Borough uploaded same to the Program and filed a Declaratory Judgment action with the Program, which is entitled In the Matter of the Declaratory Judgment Action of the Borough of Totowa, Passaic County Pursuant to P.L. 2024, Chapter 2 (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1, et seq.) Docket No.: PAS-L-396-25 (Borough's "2025 Action"); and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2025 Passaic County Mount Laurel Judge, the Honorable Darren J. Del Sardo, P.J.Civ., issued an Order in the Borough's 2025 Action fixing the Borough's Fourth Round pre-credited/unadjusted Present Need Obligation at "211" and gross Prospective Need Obligation at "390" and which Order directs the Borough to adopt its Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and upload same to the Program on or before June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of Directive #14-24 and P.L. 2024, c.2, and the Order issued by Judge Del Sardo, the Borough's Municipal Planner has since prepared the Borough's 2025 Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("HEFSP"); and

WHEREAS, on timely prior notice to the public on June 19, 2025, the Borough of Totowa Planning Board adopted the Borough's 2025 Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan following a public hearing thereon, all in accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., N.J.S.A. 40:49-2.1 of the Home Rule Act and the applicable provisions of the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq., and the Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 87-2025 dated June 24, 2025, the Borough Council of the Borough of Totowa endorsed the 2025 Fourth Round HEFSP previously adopted by the Borough of Totowa Planning Board on June 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2025, the Fair Share Housing Center ("FSHC") submitted a challenge to the Borough of Totowa's HEFSP; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa decided to participate in mediation through the Program to resolve outstanding matters with FSHC; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa was involved in negotiations with FSHC in order to ensure compliance with the new Fourth Round statutory requirements and still provide for realistic development of affordable housing units within the Borough of Totowa borders; and

WHEREAS, the negotiations resulted in a Settlement Agreement between the Borough of Totowa and FSHC that was reached on or about December 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the negotiations and Settlement Agreement, the Borough of Totowa has amended it's HEFSP; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2026, Judge Del Sardo entered an Order approving the Settlement Agreement and the Borough of Totowa's Amended HEFSP; and

WHEREAS, the Order also directed the Borough of Totowa to proceed with the adoption of the required implementing Ordinances and Resolutions to ensure compliance with the Fourth Round Housing Cycle; and

WHEREAS, on timely prior notice to the public on March 12, 2026, the Borough of Totowa Planning Board adopted the Borough's 2025 Fourth Round Amended HEFSP following a public hearing thereon, all in accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., N.J.S.A. 40:49-2.1 of the Home Rule Act and the applicable provisions of the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq., and the Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 14th day of April, 2026, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa, County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Borough of Totowa does hereby endorse the 2025 Fourth Round Amended HEFSP adopted by the Borough of Totowa Planning Board on March 12, 2026.
2. The Borough's Municipal Attorney is hereby directed to file the Borough's 2025 Fourth Round Amended HEFSP, this Resolution and all relevant supporting documentation and exhibits with the Program in the Borough's 2025 Action in accordance with the requirements of Directive #14-24 and P.L. 2024, c. 2.

3. Should any challenge to the Borough's 2025 Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan be filed, the Borough Municipal Attorney and Municipal Planners are hereby directed to defend the Borough against such challenge(s) and take all necessary steps in furtherance thereof.
4. A certified copy of this Resolution and the Borough's 2025 Fourth Round Amended HEFSP shall remain on file with the Borough for the purpose of public inspection, and shall be uploaded to the Borough's website in accordance with the requirements of the FHA and Directive #14-24.
5. Notice of this action shall be published for the Borough of Totowa.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately, according to law.

There was a motion by Councilman Reynoso, seconded by Councilwoman Coiro to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Submission Of A New Jersey Department Of Environmental Protection Urban And Community Forestry Program Green Communities Grant. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Totowa desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Urban and Community Forestry Program in the amount of approximately \$5,000.00 to fund the following project:

Green Communities Grant Community Forestry Management Plan Development

; and

WHEREAS, the governing body resolves that John Coiro, Mayor, or the successor to the office of the Mayor, is authorized (a) to make an application for such a grant, (b) if awarded, to execute a grant agreement with the State for a grant in an amount not more than \$5,000 and (c) to execute any amendments thereto, as well as any amendments thereto which do not increase the Grantee's obligations; and

WHEREAS, the governing body authorizes and accepts the 100% matching requirement with in-kind services associated with a grant award; and

WHEREAS, The Borough of Totowa agrees to comply with all applicable Federal, State, and municipal laws, rules, and regulations in its performance pursuant to the agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby confirm endorsement of the aforesaid project.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Coiro, 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. 06-2026

**CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE
MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO
ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

There was a motion by Councilwoman Coiro, 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. 07-2026

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA
CHAPTER 477 ENTITLED “SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, INDIVIDUAL”,
SECTION 10, “FEES” AND TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 11 TO BE
ENTITLED “VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES”**

There was a motion by Councilwoman Coiro, 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 Lodge 2111 BPOE to be held on April 30, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Coiro, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application Nos. 2490 & 2491 for the Lincoln Park Schools PTO for a Tricky Tray and On-Premise 50/50 to be held on April 23, 2026 at The Grand. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Coiro, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application Nos. 2492 & 2493 for the New Destiny Family Success Center for a Tricky Tray and Off-Premise 50/50 to be held on May 14, 2026 at The Grand. 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 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