

## BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

### MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

January 12, 2016

**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 asked if any members of the Council, the Municipal Clerk or the Municipal Attorney wished to address the Council.

Councilwoman Fontanella: Announced that the generator for the Municipal Complex has arrived, is installed and we should be on-line soon.

Mayor Coiro: Advised that he and Police Chief Robert Coyle went to the Eagle Scout ceremony for Alex Guthrie this past Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

## CITIZENS HEARD:

Mike Mahometa, 269 Lincoln Avenue: Said he had a few things: 1) Wished the Mayor, Council and all in attendance a Happy and Health New Year. The Mayor and Council reciprocated.; 2) Asked if there is a time frame for the removal of the duplicate poles along Vreeland Avenue and Minnisink Road. Fire Marshall Allen Del Vecchio: Responded that first PSE&G removed their lines, then Verizon will have to relocate theirs and then Optimum will have to move their lines before the old poles are removed.; 3) Inquired if the property on Union Boulevard (where the data center was going to go) will be occupied soon. Mayor Coiro: Informed him that it is up to the property owner and it has been sitting vacant because they lost their tenant.

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 December 22, 2015. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilwoman Andriani abstained from the voting.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the Reorganization Meeting of January 1, 2016. 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. 2016-02 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 Tax Collector to waive and eliminate any credits or balances for any account under \$10.00 for the year 2015. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there are taxpayers who have minor credits or balances (under \$10.00) on their accounts regarding property taxes for the year 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is permitted to waive payment of these small credits or balances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to waive and eliminate any credits or balances for any account under \$10.00 for the year 2015.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve payment of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2016 Budget Allotment to the Borough of Totowa Public Library in the amount of \$185,674. 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 holiday(s): Election Day, Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> for the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 25, 2016. There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve the request. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

There was no report.

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

A letter was received from DPW Superintendent Jim Niland requesting permission to switch the following holiday(s): Lincoln's Birthday, Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> for Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>; and Election Day, Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> for the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 25, 2016. There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Puglise to approve the request. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A letter from the Passaic Valley Water Commission advising that water rates will increase another 5%, effective January 1, 2016 was received and filed.

COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

A letter was received from resident Eugenio Occhiuzzi requesting permission to use the Municipal Parking Lot on the following dates: August 15, 2016 and September 24, 2016. There was a motion by Councilwoman Fontanella, 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:

There was no report.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, 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. 01-2016**

**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 Bucher, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to introduce on first reading, refer to the Planning Board for their review and comments 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. 02-2016**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA  
CHAPTER 415 ENTITLED "ZONING AND LAND USE", ARTICLE IV,  
"FEES & ESCROW", SECTION 14, "DEVELOPMENT FEES"**

There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application No. 1894 for the DePaul Diocesan High School Parents Association for an On-Premise 50/50, to be held on February 19, 2016 at The Bethwood. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application Nos. 1895 & 1896 for HSA Christopher Columbus Middle School for a Tricky Tray and On-Premise 50/50, respectively, to be held on February 5, 2016 at The Bethwood. 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.

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Joseph Wassel, RMC  
Municipal Clerk