

## **BOROUGH OF TOTOWA**

### **MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**March 11, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Mayor John Coiro, presiding, Council President Lou D'Angelo, Councilman Anthony Picarelli, Councilman William Bucher, Councilman John Capo, Councilman Patrick Fierro, Councilman Sanders Reynoso, 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.

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. 04-2025 as advertised. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Municipal Clerk Wassel announced that Ordinance No. 04-2025 has been advertised for public hearing for Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

Municipal Clerk Wassel read the legal notice and the title of Ordinance No. 04-2025.

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. 04-2025.

CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

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. 04-2025 by title:

**ORDINANCE NO. 04-2025**

**A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$290,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS AND ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA**

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to adopt Ordinance No. 04-2025 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: Reminded everyone that we will be having the Car Show on April

13<sup>th</sup> and the Easter Bunny Breakfast on April 19<sup>th</sup> and the PAL Baseball and Softball Opening Day will be on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Expressed condolences on behalf of the Mayor and Council to the Colangelo family of Woodland Park for the tragic passing of their son Nicola, who was a freshman at Passaic Valley High School.

**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 February 25, 2025. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilman Bucher abstained from the voting.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:**

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve Resolution No. 2025-06 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 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>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Property/Owner</u>	<u>Payable To:</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
103	10.04	John Ambrose 426 Union Blvd.	Ventura, Miesowitz et al Trust Account	2023	600,000	450,000	\$3,889.50
				2024	600,000	400,000	\$5,422.00
							\$9,311.50

Mail to:  
Ventura, Miesowitz & Keough  
Attn: Daniel G. Keough  
783 Springfield Ave  
Summit, NJ 07901-2332

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Treasurer to issue a tax refund for David Hopper, Jr., 17 Boyle Avenue, Block 15, Lot 10 due to a 100% Exemption for a 100% permanent and total disability. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, David Hopper, Jr., 17 Boyle Avenue, Block 15, Lot 10 has applied for a 100% exemption for a 100% permanent and total disability; and

WHEREAS, he meets all the requirements for the exemption; and

WHEREAS, the 100% disability became effective on November 9, 2023, and he applied for exemption on February 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Lereta paid the taxes from February 21, 2025 to March 31, 2025 in the amount of \$955.50 and therefore David Hopper, Jr. is entitled to a refund of \$955.50.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that the Treasurer is authorized to refund \$955.50 to David Hopper, Jr. and upon paying the refund due to the Taxpayer, this property will be exempted from future tax payments.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, there was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to hire Gianna DiStasi as a Part Time Court Administrator for the Municipal Court. 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 Detective Nicholas Varcadipane from Grade 1 Officer to Grade A Officer. 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 Capo to approve a grade increase for Patrol Officer Damiano Dilorio from Grade 4 Patrol Officer to Grade 3 Patrol Officer. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

After conferring with Police Chief Carmen Veneziano and upon the recommendation of the Committee, there was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to appoint Dylan Mulroony as a Police Officer to the Borough of Totowa Police Department. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilman Bucher abstained from the voting.

## MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

I, Mayor John Coiro, with the advice and consent of the Council do hereby appoint Dylan Mulroony as a Patrol Officer to the Borough of Totowa Police Department, effective with the swearing in ceremony on March 25, 2025.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to confirm the appointment. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilman Bucher abstained from the voting.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to approve the Fire Department TSAP for 2024. 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 Councilman Reynoso to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Purchase And Installation Of A New Pump At The Madison Pump Station. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 45-2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION  
OF A NEW PUMP AT THE MADISON PUMPSTATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Department of Public Works (“DPW”) Superintendent has advised the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that the Pump for the Madison Pump Station is no longer working satisfactorily and must be replaced as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Pump Station services the residents of the Borough of Totowa by collecting sanitary sewerage waste from individual users throughout the municipality where it is processed and conveyed to the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners located in Newark, New Jersey for proper treatment and disposal; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa DPW Superintendent has recommended that the Borough of Totowa remove the existing Pump and replace it with a new pump; and

WHEREAS, North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System Contract No. B369-14 has been awarded to Precision Electric Motor Works, Inc., 18 Sebago Street, Clifton, New Jersey 07013 for the repair, replacement and/or installation of pumps; and

WHEREAS, Precision Electric Motor Works, Inc., 18 Sebago Street, Clifton, New Jersey 07013 has submitted a proposal dated August 5, 2024 for the delivery and installation of a new Model 13C20-B Pump in the amount of \$9,772.50, a copy of which is on file on the office of the Borough of Totowa Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the proposal includes shipping costs for the delivery of the new Pump as well as all related labor costs and materials needed for the installation of the Pump; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to authorize these necessary repairs for the Madison Pump Station for the general health, safety and well-being of the residents of the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law, the purchase and installation of the Pump may be authorized by the Borough of Totowa 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 Precision Electric Motor Works, Inc. for the purchase and installation of a new Model 13C20-B Pump for the Madison Pump Station in the amount of \$9,772.50.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize Precision Electric Motor Works, Inc. to provide the labor and materials for the purchase and installation of one new Model 13C20-B Pump for the Madison Pump Station in as set forth in their proposal.

COMMITTEE ON LIAISON & INSPECTION:

There was no report.

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. 05-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 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 Fierro, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve the Application to Amend Raffle License Application No. 2421 for the Academy of St. James for an Off-Premise 50-50 to change the date from February 27, 2025 to April 3, 2025. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Fierro, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application No. 2423 for the BPOE #2111 Passaic Valley Elks for an On-Premise 50-50 to be held on April 11, 2025 at the Elks Lodge. 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.

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Joseph Wassel, RMC  
Municipal Clerk