

## BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

### MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**November 15, 2022**

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

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

Mayor Coiro: Congratulated Councilman D'Angelo and Councilman Capo on their re-election to the Council and said that he looks forward to continuing working with them.

Councilman D'Angelo: 1) Congratulated Mayor Coiro on his re-election as Mayor and said that it was an honor to run on the same ticket this year. 2) Reminded everyone about the Holiday Parade which will be held next Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Coiro: Stated that we will have more participants this year, so it will be bigger and better. Asked Detective Sergeant Gary Bierach about the traffic control and Detective Sergeant

Bierach responded that they have attended all the meetings and that the New Jersey Department of Transportation has also agreed to close Exit 55 B from Route 80 onto Union Boulevard.

Councilwoman Andriani: 1) Congratulated Mayor Coiro, Councilman D'Angelo and Councilman Capo on their re-elections. 2) Reminded everyone that the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Trot will be held this Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Councilman Capo: Echoed Councilman D'Angelo's remarks, congratulated Mayor Coiro and Councilman D'Angelo on their re-elections and remarked that it is an honor to serve on the Council with you all.

Mayor Coiro: Announced that for the second year in a row Wreaths Across America will be in Totowa on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. after our Council Meeting which will be changed from 7:30 to 7:00 p.m.

#### CITIZENS HEARD:

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of October 25, 2022. 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. 2022-23 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 acknowledge receipt and discussion of the 2022 Municipal Best Practices Inventory. Municipal Clerk Wassel announced that we scored a 31 and a score of 24 + results in no aid being withheld from the municipality. The Worksheet was certified by Chief Administrative Officer/Municipal Clerk Joseph Wassel (C-0791) and Chief Financial Officer Lisa Nash (N-931). 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 reject the bids for a new 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe LT SUV 4WD for the Police Department. 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 adopt the following resolution to reject the bids for a new 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe LT SUV 4WD for the Police Department. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 122-2022

RESOLUTION REJECTING BID FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF A NEW  
2023 CHEVROLET TAHOE LT SUV 4WD FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Police Chief has requested that a new police vehicle be purchased and added to the Borough of Totowa fleet; and

WHEREAS, more specifically, the Police Chief has requested the purchase of one 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe LT SUV 4WD vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that there is a need for the new police vehicle 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, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa did advertise for receipt of sealed bids for the purchase and delivery of the vehicle in accordance with its specifications entitled "Specifications and Proposal for the Purchase and Delivery of One 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe LT SUV 4WD for the Borough of Totowa, County of Passaic, New Jersey 2022"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa did receive bids at its Municipal Building on October 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, no bids were received on October 20, 2022 and at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa held on October 25, 2022, the Municipal Council authorized rebidding for the purchase and delivery of one 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe LT SUV 4WD; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa did receive bids at its Municipal Building on November 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa on November 15, 2022 did examine the bid received for the purchase and delivery of the vehicle called for in the specifications; and

WHEREAS, the lone bid was submitted by Schumacher Chevrolet, Inc., 8 Main Street, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424 for one 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe AWD LT in the amount of \$66,279.00, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Borough of Totowa Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the bid did not contain a Consent of Surety in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-22; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State Laws, the bid must be rejected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby reject the lone bid that was submitted by Schumacher Chevrolet, Inc. for one 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe AWD LT in the amount of \$66,279.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and Municipal Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize the Police Chief to negotiate directly with Schumacher Chevrolet, Inc. for the purchase and delivery of one 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe LT SUV 4WD in accordance with the applicable New Jersey State Laws.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to adopt the following resolution to award a contract for the purchase and delivery of a new 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe LT SUV 4WD for the Police Department. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 123-2022

#### RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF A NEW 2023 CHEVROLET TAHOE LT SUV 4WD FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Police Chief has requested that a new police vehicle be purchased and added to the Borough of Totowa fleet; and

WHEREAS, more specifically, the Police Chief has requested the purchase of one 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe LT SUV 4WD vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that there is a need for the new police vehicle 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, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa did advertise for receipt of sealed bids for the purchase and delivery of the vehicle in accordance with its specifications entitled "Specifications and Proposal for the Purchase and Delivery of One 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe LT SUV 4WD for the Borough of Totowa, County of Passaic, New Jersey 2022"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa was scheduled to receive bids at its Municipal Building on October 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, no bids were received on October 20, 2022 and at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa held on October 25, 2022, the Municipal Council authorized rebidding for the purchase and delivery of one 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe LT SUV 4WD; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa did receive bids at its Municipal Building on November 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the lone bid was submitted by Schumacher Chevrolet, Inc., 8 Main Street, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424 for one 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe AWD LT in the amount of \$66,279.00, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Borough of Totowa Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the bid did not contain a Consent of Surety in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-22; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 122-2022 dated November 15, 2022, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa rejected the lone bid submitted by Schumacher Chevrolet, Inc. for their failure to include the required Consent of Surety; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa has now twice publicly bid the purchase and delivery of one 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe LT SUV 4WD with no viable bids received; and

WHEREAS, also by Resolution No. 122-2022 dated November 15, 2022, the Municipal Council of the Borough of Totowa authorized the Police Chief to directly negotiate with Schumacher Chevrolet, Inc. for the purchase and delivery of the new 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe; and

WHEREAS, Schumacher Chevrolet, Inc. has agreed to honor their original bid for one 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe AWD LT in the amount of price of \$66,279.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do authorize the award of a contract to Schumacher Chevrolet, Inc. for the purchase and delivery of one 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe AWD LT in the amount of \$66,279.00.

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

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

There was no report.

#### COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

There was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to authorize the Borough Clerk and the Borough Attorney to prepare the bid package and advertise for the receipt of bids for one new Model DM-T20 Dimminutor for Riverview Pump Station. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to authorize the Borough Clerk and the Borough Attorney to prepare the bid package and advertise for the receipt of bids for one new Model DM-T20 Dimminutor for West End Pump Station. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to authorize the Borough Clerk and the Borough Attorney to prepare the bid package and advertise for the receipt of bids for one new Model TM8516 Grinder for Lackawanna Pump Station. 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 no report.

There being no further business to come before the Council, there was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani 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