

## **BOROUGH OF TOTOWA**

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

**October 8, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Mayor John Coiro, presiding, Council President Lou D'Angelo, Councilman Anthony Picarelli, Councilman William Bucher, Councilman Sanders Reynoso, Municipal Clerk Joseph Wassel and Municipal Attorney Kristin Corrado.

**ABSENT:** Councilman John Capo and Councilman Patrick Fierro.

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 Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to dispense with the regular order of business in order to hold a public hearing on Ordinance Nos. 15-2024, 16-2024, 17-2024 & 18-2024 as advertised. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Municipal Clerk Wassel announced that Ordinance Nos. 15-2024, 16-2024, 17-2024 & 18-2024 have been advertised for public hearing for Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

Municipal Clerk Wassel read the legal notice and the title of Ordinance No. 15-2024.

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. 15-2024.

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. 15-2024 by title:

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-2024**

**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 D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to adopt Ordinance No. 15-2024 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. 16-2024.

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. 16-2024.

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. 16-2024 by title:

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA  
CHAPTER 115 ENTITLED "ANIMALS" TO CREATE A NEW SECTION TO BE  
KNOWN AS ARTICLE III TO BE ENTITLED "PET WASTE"**

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to adopt Ordinance No. 16-2024 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. 17-2024.

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. 17-2024.

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. 17-2024 by title:

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA  
CHAPTER 352 ENTITLED "STORMWATER CONTROL" TO CREATE  
A NEW SECTION TO BE KNOWN AS ARTICLE II TO BE ENTITLED  
"PRIVATELY-OWNED SALT STORAGE"**

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to adopt Ordinance No. 17-2024 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. 18-2024.

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. 18-2024.

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. 18-2024 by title:

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA  
CHAPTER 415 ENTITLED "ZONING AND LAND USE", PART 1,  
"GENERAL PROVISIONS", PART 3, "SUBDIVISION AND  
SITE PLAN REVIEW", AND PART 4, "ZONING"**

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to adopt Ordinance No. 18-2024 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 Totowa/West Paterson/Little Falls Fire Department Annual Holiday Light Parade will be held on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>; the Howl-O-Ween Dog Parade on October 20<sup>th</sup>; and the Trunk or Treat on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**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 September 24, 2024. 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. 2024-21 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 due to overpayment of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024 taxes. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there has been an overpayment of 3rd quarter 2024 taxes on the property listed below; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer is entitled to a refund; and

WHEREAS, the chart sets forth the refund as follows:

Block	Lot	Property Owner	Payable To:	Overpayment
21	14	45 Willard Ave Allison Chory & Matthew Cox	Corelogic Attn:Refund Dept. PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760	\$1,930.79
39	2.01	16 Carroll Pl Hermana Gallardo & Et Al	Corelogic Attn:Refund Dept. PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760	\$2,056.69
50	15	153 Gordon Ave F Begum & Sayemuzzaman MD	Corelogic Attn:Refund Dept. PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760	\$2,722.21
57	9	320 Boyle Ave Michael Mikhail & Sarah Khouzam	Corelogic Attn:Refund Dept. PO Box 9202 PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760	\$2,589.43
78	82	126 Highview Ave Angel & Jacqueline Batista	Corelogic Attn:Refund Dept. PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760	\$2,092.75

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the overpayment shall be refunded to the taxpayer, as stated above, and the Treasurer is authorized to issue separate checks for the refunds, which shall be paid to the stated property or taxing authority.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to adjust the taxes for 2024 for George Osborne, 187 Gordon Avenue, Block 50, Lot 14 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, George Osborne, 187 Gordon Avenue, Block 50, Lot 14 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 April 19, 2024, and he applied for exemption on October 2, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that the Tax Collector is authorized to adjust off the remainder of real estate taxes for 2024 and the property will be exempted from future tax payments.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to adopt the following Resolution To Acknowledge Receipt Of And Accept The 2023 Audit Corrective Action Plan. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 120-2024

#### RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF AND ACCEPT THE 2023 AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-2024 dated January 1, 2024, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa authorized the firm of Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP, 17-17 Route 208, Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410, to serve as the Municipal Auditor for the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, the professional services to be provided by the Municipal Auditor include but are not limited to auditing the financial statements for the Borough of Totowa; preparing the unaudited annual financial statement; review and certification of the annual budget; and preparing the annual debt statement and performing all general auditing services as needed; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Auditor has completed the Borough of Totowa, Passaic County, New Jersey Report of Audit Year Ended December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk and Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer prepared the 2023 Audit Corrective Action Plan based on the recommendations listed in the Audit Report, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Borough of Totowa Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, copies of the 2023 Audit Corrective Action Plan have been distributed to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa and the Recommendations and 2023 Audit Corrective Action Plan have been forwarded to all affected personnel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby acknowledge receipt of and accept the 2023 Audit Corrective Action Plan as prepared by the Municipal Clerk and Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve payment of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024 Budget Allotment to the Borough of Totowa Public Library in the amount of \$337,680. 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 Bucher to adopt the following Resolution Approving Participation With The State Of New Jersey Federal Grant Program Under The FY2025 Safe And Secure Communities Program Administered By The New Jersey Department Of Law And Public Safety, Office Of The Attorney General And To Accept The Grant Funding. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.



RESOLUTION NO. 121-2024

RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE FY2025 SAFE AND SECURE  
COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY  
GENERAL AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa wishes to apply for funding of approximately \$45,150 with a match of \$461,786 for an approximate project total cost of \$506,936 for a project under the State of New Jersey Safe and Secure Communities Program Grant # 25-1612 for the period of 01/25/2025 to 01/24/2026; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said request; and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General and the Borough of Totowa, for the purpose described in the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that:

- 1) As a matter of public policy, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General and to accept the grant funding in the amount of \$45,150.
- 2) The New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General shall receive funds on behalf of the applicant.
- 3) The New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General shall be responsible for the receipt and review of the applications for said funds.
- 4) The New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General shall initiate allocations to the applicant as authorized by law.

A letter was received from Lieutenant Jamie Titus asking to extend his retirement from November 1, 2024 to January 1, 2025. There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Bucher to approve his request. 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 Bucher to approve a fireman's application, the purchase of fireman's equipment and authorize a fireman's physical for Nicholas Molteni for Fire Rescue Co. No. 4. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A letter from Chief Anthony Manna of the Fairfield Police Department thanking the Totowa Police Department for their support, love and sympathy due to the loss of one of their officers was received and filed.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Bucher to add the following item to the agenda. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A letter of resignation was received from Police Dispatcher Michael Antonuccio effective October 20, 2024. There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Bucher to accept his resignation. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to adopt the following resolution approving a payment plan for a water customer due to a high water bill as a result of a leak in the sprinkler system. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 122-2024

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Water Department bills its customers based on three cycles, four times a year; and

WHEREAS, the second quarter billing period for Cycle 3 for 2024 is June 1, 2024 to August 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Michele Riccobono, 39 Winifred Drive, Block 166, Lot 10 is located in Cycle 3; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Water Department meter reader noticed an unusually high meter reading and advised the homeowner; and

WHEREAS, the homeowner checked for leaks and found a leak in the sprinkler system, which resulted in second quarter 2024 billing for 225,000 gallons and \$2,062.00; and

WHEREAS, because of the extraordinarily high water bill, the homeowner has requested to be put on a payment plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby approve a payment plan for ninety (90) days with no interest, to be paid in three (3) installments of \$687.34 by October 31, 2024, November 30, 2024 and December 31, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that if the entire balance isn't paid in full by December 31, 2024, then interest will be charged back to the original due date on any unpaid balance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that the Borough Clerk send a copy of this resolution to the Water Registrar.

COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

There was a motion by Councilman Reynoso, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Demolition Of Dwelling At 63 Norwood Terrace. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO.123-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEMOLITION OF THE  
DWELLING AT 63 NORWOOD TERRACE

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 105-2019 dated August 27, 2019, the Borough of Totowa purchased property located at 63 Norwood Terrace in the Borough of Totowa and identified as Block 122, Lot 20 on the official tax map of the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa acquired this property with the intention of demolishing the existing structure and converting the property to open space for community-wide use; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to retain the services of a licensed contractor to demolish the existing dwelling structure on the property; and

WHEREAS, the demolition services include but are not limited to supplying all equipment to demolish the dwelling structure, removing the concrete footings and slab, dispose of all demolition debris and concrete, and backfilling the foundation with dirt to grade as required; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Department of Public Works (“DPW”) Superintendent did solicit proposals from licensed contractors to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, F. Antonucci & Sons, Inc., 283 Edmund Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey 07502 has submitted a proposal dated September 24, 2024 to demolish the dwelling structure located at 63 Norwood Terrace and provide all related services in the amount of \$12,200.00, 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 did on October 8, 2024, examine the proposal submitted by F. Antonucci & Sons, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State laws, these services may be authorized without public bidding since it will not exceed the public bidding threshold.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby accept the proposal submitted by F. Antonucci & Sons, Inc. to demolish the dwelling structure located at 63 Norwood Terrace and provide all related services in the amount of \$12,200.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize F. Antonucci & Sons, Inc. to perform the services as set forth in their proposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that F. Antonucci & Sons, Inc. shall comply with all Federal, State and Local laws requiring permits prior to beginning construction and shall comply with all Federal, State and Local Ordinances and laws, including Borough of Totowa Code Book Section 336-4, while performing the aforementioned services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that F. Antonucci & Sons, Inc. shall provide the Borough of Totowa with a one (1) year warranty on all workmanship and on all materials furnished for this project.

A letter was received from the Totowa Public Library requesting permission to use the Council Chambers for their Mandolin Orchestra concert on Saturday, November 16, 2024 from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. There was a motion by Councilman Reynoso, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve the request. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A letter was received from the Friends of the Totowa Library requesting permission to use the Municipal Parking Lot on Thursday, December 5, 2024 for a bus trip to Atlantic City Resorts Casino. There was a motion by Councilman Reynoso, seconded by Councilman Picarelli 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 Picarelli, seconded by Councilman Reynoso to adopt the following Resolution Urging Amendment Of The New Jersey Bail Reform Act To Strengthen The Criteria For Pretrial Confinement For Certain Criminal Defendants. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

## RESOLUTION NO. 124-2024

### RESOLUTION URGING AMENDMENT OF THE NEW JERSEY BAIL REFORM ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE CRITERIA FOR PRETRIAL CONFINEMENT FOR CERTAIN CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa ("Borough") is a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the New Jersey Legislature adopted the New Jersey Bail Reform Act (the "Bail Reform Act"), which, among other provisions, eliminated cash bail for certain criminal defendants in favor of a risk-based system for pretrial detention; and

WHEREAS, the Borough agrees with the Bail Reform Act's intent that an indigent defendant should not be subject to pretrial confinement because that defendant is unable to afford cash bail; and

WHEREAS, the Borough, however, is concerned that the Bail Reform Act's bail reforms have had the unintended consequence of eliminating the ability of judges to set monetary bail for many categories of criminal defendants and that defendants are released without any option to impose bail, thereby allowing non-violent suspects, including repeat offenders, back in public shortly after arrest; and

WHEREAS, as a direct result of the bail reforms stated above, the Borough has experienced a significant increase in auto thefts and home invasions, many of which have been conducted by repeat offenders and juvenile defendants (some of whom are awaiting trial on previous offenses), who are aware that they will not be subject to substantial consequences for their criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, while the Borough applauds the State Legislature for adopting recent legislation to enhance motor vehicle theft and residential burglary laws, the Borough recognizes an urgent need for the State Legislature to reform the Bail Reform Act to enhance the safety of all Borough residents and business owners; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deem it in the best interest of the Borough, its residents and its business owners, to urge the New Jersey State Legislature to amend the Bail Reform Act to strengthen the existing risk-based detention system to set bail for defendants who pose a risk to public safety and provide judges with the discretion to set bail for defendants with 1) prior felony convictions; 2) prior failures to make an appearance in court; or 3) subsequent arrests while awaiting trial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa hereby urges that the New Jersey State Legislature adopt amendments to the New Jersey Bail Reform Act as set forth in this resolution to strengthen the criteria of pretrial confinement for certain criminal defendants.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman Reynoso to approve the Application For Social Affair Permit from the State Of New Jersey Division Of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the Passaic Valley Elks BPOE #2111 to be held on October 17, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. – 11:59 p.m. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman Reynoso to remove the Resolution Authorizing The Renewal Of Division Of Alcoholic Beverage Control Liquor Licenses For The 2024 – 2025 License Term until further notice. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman Reynoso to add the following item to the agenda. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman Reynoso to adopt the following Proclamation In Honor And Recognition Of The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of St. James Of The Marches Knights Of Columbus Council #6574. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

PROCLAMATION IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF ST. JAMES OF THE MARCHES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL NO. 6574

WHEREAS, founded on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus was established in 1882 as a Catholic fraternal organization dedicated to promoting and conducting educational, charitable, religious and social welfare works, rendering mutual aid and assistance to sick and needy members and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Church of St. James of the Marches was established on July 4, 1926 in response to the need for a Catholic parish in the Borough of Totowa, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 1974, Knights of Columbus Council No. 6574 was established at the Church of St. James of the Marches with 41 founding members; and

WHEREAS, their commitment to charitable service is just one of many ways the Knights express their Catholic faith; and

WHEREAS, as the Borough of Totowa continued to grow so did the parish and the St. James Knights of Columbus expanded their service to the Church and the community in numerous ways including providing scholarships to local students, raising funds for those afflicted with serious illnesses and volunteering their time with the Developmentally Disabled community; and

WHEREAS, the St. James Knights of Columbus continue to honor their faith by supporting a boundless variety of causes which mean so much to the many recipients of their compassion and generosity; and

WHEREAS, as St. James Knights of Columbus Council No. 6574 celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, they remain a symbol of commitment and dedication to God, family and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa wish to publicly honor the St. James Knights of Columbus Council No. 6574 and all their members as they celebrate this milestone Anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa that special recognition is given to the St. James Knights of Columbus Council No. 6574 for their 50 years of devotion and service to their Catholic faith and their community.

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