

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

November 29, 2022

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

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

Councilman D'Angelo: 1) Said the Holiday Parade this past Saturday night was great with a great turnout. 2) Mentioned that the USA won their World Cup Soccer match today.

Mayor Coiro: 1) Announced that we had a successful Turkey Trot with over 700 participants and said it was a wonderful day, though it was cold. 2) Stated the Fire Truck Parade was fantastic and said he has received nothing but positive comments.

Councilwoman Andriani: 1) Echoed the Mayor's sentiments on both events – the Turkey Trot and Fire Truck Parade. 2) Remarked that this Friday, December 2nd we will have our annual Tree Lighting at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Coiro: Commented how everyone played a part and worked together to ensure that these events went off without a hitch – from the Board of Recreation, to the Police Department, Department of Public Works, the Fire Department, all our volunteers and sponsors – and once again thanked everybody involved.

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 November 15, 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. 2022-24 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 4th Quarter 2022 taxes. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there has been an overpayment of 4th quarter 2022 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
74.02	4	36 Battle Ridge Tr William & Paola Olsen	Corelogic Attn: Refund Dept. PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760	\$5,306.12

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 approve payment of the 2022 annual contribution to the Totowa Seniors and the Happy Seniors. 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 payment of the Fire Department Clothing Allowance for 2022. 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 Councilwoman Andriani to approve Payment Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$155,660.70 to Pact Two, LLC for the William Place Pump Station Improvements. 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 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. 13-2022

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA
CHAPTER 43 ENTITLED "FIRE DEPARTMENT", ARTICLE I, "ESTABLISHMENT
OF DEPARTMENT", SUBSECTION 11, "COMPENSATION"**

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.

Joseph Wassel, RMC
Municipal Clerk