

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

January 13, 2015

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.

There were no reports.

CITIZENS HEARD:

Mike Mahometa, 269 Lincoln Avenue: Said that he just wanted to let the Mayor and Council know that the design of the wreaths up and down Union Boulevard look great.

Michael Rabboh, 33 Huntington Terrace: Just wanted to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of December 23, 2014. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilman Puglise and Councilman Bucher 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, 2015. 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. 2015-02 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 2014. 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 2014; 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 2014.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve payment of the 1st Quarter 2015 Budget Allotment to the Borough of Totowa Public Library in the amount of \$179,031. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to adopt the following Resolution Approving Participation With The State Of New Jersey Federal Grant Program Administered By The Division Of Criminal Justice, Department Of Law And Public Safety. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 27-2015

RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM
ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE,
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa wishes to apply for funding of approximately \$60,000 with a match of \$241,701 for an approximate project total cost of \$301,701 for a project under the State of New Jersey Safe and Secure Communities Program (Grant # P-6460-15); 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 Department of Law and Public Safety 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 Department of Law and Public Safety.
- 2) The Attorney General of New Jersey will receive funds on behalf of the applicant.

- 3) The Division of Criminal Justice shall be responsible for the receipt and review of the applications for said funds.
- 4) The Division of Criminal Justice shall initiate allocations to the applicant as authorized by law.

There was a motion by Councilman Puglise, seconded by Councilwoman Fontanella to approve the fireman's application, the purchase of fireman's equipment and authorize a fireman's physical for Christopher N. DeMaria for Riverview Park Fire Company. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

A letter from the Passaic Valley Water Commission advising that water rates for 2015 will increase by 4% was received and filed.

COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

There was no report.

COMMITTEE ON LIAISON & INSPECTION:

There was no report.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application Nos. 1821 & 1822 for Our Lady of the Holy Angels for a Tricky Tray and On-Premise 50/50, respectively, to be held on May 6, 2015 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. 1823 & 1824 for Clifton Home & School Association, School #5 for a Tricky Tray and On-Premise 50/50, respectively, to be held on February 12, 2015 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.

Joseph Wassel, RMC
Municipal Clerk