

## **BOROUGH OF TOTOWA**

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

**July 14, 2020**

Due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic and the Governor's Executive Order 107, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b), this meeting was not open to the public, but was held by remote means on Zoom.

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

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.

Mayor Coiro asked if any citizens watching via Zoom wished to be heard on any matter.

CITIZENS HEARD:

Mayor Coiro announced that we have not received any emailed questions pertaining to the public portion of the meeting through 7:30 p.m.

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 June 23, 2020. 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. 2020-15 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2020 taxes. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there has been an overpayment of 2nd quarter 2020 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
9.03	5	22 Cumberland Ave. Abed R. Ayesh & Leena Sawwan	Abed R. Ayesh & Leena Sawwan	\$4,643.00

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 to effectuate the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate Number 18000007 for 434 Union Boulevard, Block 103, Lot 10.03. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### RESOLUTION

Tax Sale Certificate Number 18000007  
Block 103, Lot 10.03

Property: 434 Union Boulevard, Totowa, New Jersey 07512  
Owner: William Ng

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale on October 25, 2018, a lien was sold on Block 103, Lot 10.03; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate Number 18000007, was sold to US Bank Cust for Tower DB VIII for a 18% redemption fee and no premium; and

WHEREAS, William Ng, the owner of the property, has effected redemption of Tax Sale Certificate Number 18000007 in the amount of \$55,228.36 as of July 14, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize the Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$55,228.36 payable to US Bank Cust for Tower DB VIII for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate Number 18000007.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve payment of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020 Budget Allotment to the Borough of Totowa Public Library in the amount of \$197,963. 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 Borough Of Totowa To Become A Member Of The North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 92-2020

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA  
TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE  
NORTH JERSEY WASTEWATER COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:11-11(5) specifically authorizes two or more contracting units to enter into a Cooperative Pricing System and Agreement for the purchase of work, materials and supplies; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission ("PVSC") joined with the Bergen County Utilities Authority and the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties to form the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System ("NJWCPS"); and

WHEREAS, NJWCPS is a cooperative procurement program approved by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs with a goal of utilizing the administrative purchasing services and facilities of PVSC for the provision and performance of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, PVSC serves as the lead agency of the NJWCPS; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa desires to become a member of the NJWCPS and enter into an Agreement with the NJWCPS with PVSC as the Lead Agency effective July 14, 2020 and for each renewal of the system thereafter unless the Borough of Totowa elects to formally withdraw from the system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa hereby authorize the execution of an Agreement with the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System with the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission as Lead Agency.

2. The Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Totowa is hereby directed to submit a copy of this adopted Resolution, along with an executed Agreement, to the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission.

3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage according to law.

4. Appropriate Borough of Totowa officials are authorized and directed to perform all required acts for the purpose of this Resolution.

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

A retirement letter was received from Police Captain Frank DeCeglie effective October 1, 2020 and a request to retain his service handgun. There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to accept his retirement and approve his request to retain his service handgun. 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 Authorizing The Purchase And Delivery Of Portable Radios For The Borough Of Totowa Fire Department Lincoln And Riverview Fire Companies. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 93-2020

#### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF PORTABLE RADIOS FOR THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA FIRE DEPARTMENT LINCOLN AND RIVERVIEW FIRE COMPANIES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Fire Chief has requested the purchase and delivery of new portable radios that will be used by the members of the Borough of Totowa Fire Department Lincoln and Riverview Fire Companies; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that there is a need for this equipment which will enable our volunteer firefighters to respond to emergency calls; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to authorize the purchase and delivery of new portable radios for the Borough of Totowa Fire Department Lincoln and Riverview Fire Companies; and

WHEREAS, Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract No. 41 has been awarded to Northeast Communications, 244 East Union Turnpike, Wharton, New Jersey 07885 for the purchase of delivery of new portable radios; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State laws, the purchase of this equipment may be authorized without public bidding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize the purchase of delivery of new portable radios for the Borough of Totowa Fire Department Lincoln and Riverview Fire Companies from Northeast Communications in the amount of \$14,520.60.

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

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilwoman Palazzo to approve Payment Estimate No. 5 (Final) in the amount of \$14,019.88 to Manor II Electric, Inc. for the DPW Garage and Shepherds Lane Pump Station Generator Improvements. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

A letter was received from the Totowa Public Library requesting permission to use the Municipal Parking Lot for a Farmer's Market on the following Friday's: July 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. There was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve the request. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A letter was received from St. Michael's Marshals Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club requesting permission to use the PAL Parking Lot on Saturday, July 25, 2020 from 2:00 – 10:00 p.m. for their 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party. There was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve the request. 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 Councilwoman Palazzo, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application No. 2207 for the St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly of the Little Sisters of the Poor for an Off-Premise 50/50 to be held on November 23, 2020. 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 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