

BOROUGH OF TOTOWA

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

August 27, 2019

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.

Councilwoman Andriani: Announced that the pool season is coming to an end and said it was a great season with good attendance. Also commented that there will be a movie night at the pool on Saturday, August 31st featuring Incredibles 2 and there are many events planned for Labor Day. Said that she received many compliments about the pool this year and thanked Recreation Director/Pool Manager Mark Monteyne. Mayor Coiro: Remarked that he also received many compliments regarding the pool.

CITIZENS HEARD:

Mike Mahometa, 269 Lincoln Avenue: 1) Asked that we have an inspector check out the condition of the American Flag at Andy's Nails at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Union Boulevard.; 2) Said that he had called PSE&G a couple months ago about a street light pole that was knocked down and it is still down so when he called back they said it wasn't their responsibility.; 3) Complimented DPW Superintendent Jim Niland's team for removing the pine tree that fell across the walking path and that we are now just waiting for replacements.; 4) Stated that along Riverview Drive between Lackawanna Avenue and the Hillery Street Bridge there is still a ton of garbage.; 5) Questioned that there is no Republican Picnic this year. Mayor Coiro: Responded that there will not be a Republican Picnic this year and we will have our inspector John Waryas check on the Flag at Andy's Nails and the garbage along Riverview Drive and that the light poles are the responsibility of PSE&G, but they take a long time to replace them.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of August 13, 2019. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilman D'Angelo abstained from the voting.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve Resolution No. 2019-18 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 Purchase And Delivery Of 65 Gallon, Two Wheeled Residential Recycling Carts. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 100-2019

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF 65 GALLON, TWO WHEELED RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING CARTS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa want to encourage the residents of our community to participate in the Borough of Totowa's Recycling Programs; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to purchase residential recycling carts for the Borough of Totowa home owners; and

WHEREAS, The Educational Services Commission of New Jersey ("ESCNJ Co-op") has awarded Contract No. ESCNJ 17/18-50 to T.M. Fitzgerald & Associates, Inc., (TMF Corporation), 850 West Chester Pike, Suite 200, Havertown, Pennsylvania 19083-4439 for the purchase of 65G-EDGE 65 gallon two wheeled residential recycling carts with logo; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State laws, the purchase of these recycling cans 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 1,440 65G-EDGE 65 gallon two wheeled residential recycling carts with logo from TMF Corporation in the amount of \$77,712.00.

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

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to approve a grade increase for Patrol Officer James Jurewicz from Grade 8 to Grade 7. 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 Three Vehicles For The Borough Of Totowa Police Department. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 101-2019

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF THREE VEHICLES FOR THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that there is a need for three new police vehicles 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 these vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract No. 15-A has been awarded to Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 for the purchase and delivery of 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Sport Utility Vehicles (“SUVs”) and all related equipment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State laws, the purchase of the police vehicles 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 three 2020 Ford Police Interceptor SUVs from Beyer Ford in the amount of \$32,734.25 per SUV for a total cost of \$98,202.75.

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 instruments relating thereto.

There was a motion by Councilman D’Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Purchase And Delivery Of Eight Portable Radios For The Borough Of Totowa Police Department. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 102-2019

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF EIGHT PORTABLE RADIOS FOR THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Police Chief has requested that eight new portable radios be purchased for use by the Borough of Totowa Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that there is a need for the new radios; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to authorize the purchase of eight new portable radios; and

WHEREAS, State of New Jersey Contract No. 83898 has been awarded to Northeast Communications, 244 East Union Turnpike, Wharton, New Jersey 07885 for the purchase and delivery of portable radios and all related equipment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State laws, the purchase of the police radios 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 eight Motorola XPR-3500 portable radios and all related equipment from Northeast Communications in the amount of \$5,946.70.

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 instruments relating thereto.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, there was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to appoint Steven Baker as a School Crossing Guard. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

I, Mayor John Coiro, with the advice and consent of the Council do hereby appoint Steven Baker as a School Crossing Guard for a one year term expiring December 31, 2019.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to confirm the appointment. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A letter was received from Riverview Park Fire Company requesting permission to take Engine 973 to the following Wet Downs: Sunday, September 8, 2019 in Paramus and Saturday, September 21, 2019 in Pine Brook. There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to grant permission. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

A letter from the Totowa Fire Department Fund Drive Committee advising of their annual fund drive, with their door-to-door campaign being held on October 13 – 15, 2019 was received and filed.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to approve payment of the annual contribution for 2019 to the Borough Of Totowa First Aid Squad, Inc. in the amount of \$15,000.00. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

Upon the recommendation of DPW Superintendent Jim Niland, there was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilwoman Palazzo to approve a grade increase for DPW Laborer Josko Huljev from Grade 1 to Grade 1-C. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilwoman Palazzo to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing Repairs To The Elgin Crosswind Street Sweeper. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 103-2019

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REPAIRS TO THE ELGIN CROSSWIND STREET SWEEPER

WHEREAS, the Superintendent for the Borough of Totowa Department of Public Works ("DPW") has advised that the Elgin Crosswind Street Sweeper is in need of various repairs; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to authorize these repairs to the Elgin Crosswind Street Sweeper in order to keep the municipal roadways clean from debris; and

WHEREAS, State of New Jersey Contract No. A-85857 has been awarded to W. E. Timmerman Co., Inc., 3554 Route 22 West, P. O. Box 71, Whitehouse, New Jersey 08888 for road maintenance equipment repairs; and

WHEREAS, W. E. Timmerman Co., Inc. submitted a proposal dated October 16, 2018 for the necessary repairs to the Elgin Crosswind Street Sweeper in the amount of \$27,129.84, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Borough of Totowa Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State laws, these repairs to the Elgin Crosswind Street Sweeper may be authorized without public bidding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize W. E. Timmerman Co., Inc. to perform the repairs set forth in their proposal to the Elgin Crosswind Street Sweeper in the amount of \$27,129.84.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, there was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to appoint Bernard John Sivik as Licensed Sewer Operator. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

I, Mayor John Coiro, with the advice and consent of the Council do hereby appoint Bernard John Sivik as Licensed Sewer Operator for a term of one year expiring December 31, 2019.

There was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to confirm the appointment. 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 adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Borough Of Totowa To Register With Municibid To Sell Surplus Property. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 104-2019

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA TO REGISTER WITH
MUNICIPAL BID TO SELL SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36, any contracting unit by resolution of its governing body may authorize the sale of its personal property not needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough periodically authorize the disposition of various items no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to use an internet based surplus auction system which will allow their Department Heads to manage their surplus inventory while complying with all governmental rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, State of New Jersey Contract T#2581 has been awarded to Municibid.com, LLC ("Municibid"), 1608 Walnut Street, Floor 12, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103 for internet based auction services for governmental entities to sell their surplus goods and other property; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to authorize the Borough of Totowa to register with Municibid for online auction services for the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize the Borough of Totowa to register with Municibid.com, LLC for internet based auction services to sell the Borough of Totowa's surplus property.

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

There was a motion by Councilman Capo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Borough Of Totowa To Enter Into A Purchase Agreement With The Bank Of America For 63 Norwood Terrace. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 105-2019

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA TO ENTER
INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE BANK OF AMERICA
FOR 63 NORWOOD TERRACE

WHEREAS, Bank of America, 100 N. Tyron Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255 is the owner of 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, this property is located on the Passaic River and the housing structure has been condemned and declared inhabitable by the Borough of Totowa Construction Code Official; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to acquire this property in order to demolish the existing structure and convert the property to open space for community-wide use in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, Bank of America has offered to sell the aforementioned property to the Borough of Totowa for the sum of \$1.00 and the Borough of Totowa has agreed to purchase the property for this sum; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to memorialize the terms and conditions of the purchase of 63 Norwood Terrace in a Purchase Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa further desire to authorize the purchase of this property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize the Borough of Totowa to enter into a Purchase Agreement with Bank of America for the purchase of 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.

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

COMMITTEE ON LIAISON & INSPECTION:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Andriani, seconded by Councilman Bucher to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Purchase And Delivery Of One Multifunction Color Copying Machine For The Borough Of Totowa Board Of Recreation. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 106-2019

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF
ONE MULTIFUNCTION COLOR COPYING MACHINE FOR
THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA BOARD OF RECREATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Board of Recreation Director has requested that a new multifunction color copying machine be purchased for use by the Borough of Totowa Board of Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa have determined that there is a need for this equipment to be used by Board of Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to authorize the purchase of the multifunction color copying machine; and

WHEREAS, State of New Jersey Contract No. G40467 has been awarded to Atlantic Tomorrow, 134 West 26th Street, 3rd Floor, New York, New York 10001 for the purchase of one Savin MP C307 color copying machine and all related equipment in the amount of \$2,354.00; 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 and delivery of one Savin MP C307 color copying machine from Atlantic Tomorrow in the amount of \$2,354.00.

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

A letter from the Totowa PAL inviting the Mayor and Council to their football & cheerleading bonfire on September 13, 2019 was received and filed.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Palazzo, 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. 13-2019

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA
CHAPTER 398 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", ARTICLE II, "PARKING",
SECTION 6, "PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES", AND ARTICLE XIII,
"SCHEDULES", SECTION 45, "SCHEDULE I: NO PARKING"**

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