

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
January 27, 2016

Council President Tim Tighe called the meeting to order at 6:09 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Rick DePamphilis; Councilman Elliot Beinfest; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; and Council President Tighe.

Absent: Councilman Ralph Paolone.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Hank Kolakowski, Superintendent Public Works; Chief Doug Carman, Police Department; Captain John Hamilton, Police Department; Sergeant Jason Weber, Police Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to approve the minutes of the December 23, 2015 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor advised that he will swear in Patrolman Jarred Levenson.

B. The Mayor will be presenting a Proclamation to Eagle Scout Dalton Joseph Scheeler.

4. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis discussed the flags along Shore Road. Atlantic City Electric is requiring the City to change the type of flags and brackets that are used on the poles. The City received one quote for the appropriate material in the amount of approximately \$20,000. She also advised that there is fee that will be charged by Atlantic Electric for the application to use the poles. Normally, there are approximately 200 flags hung on the poles during the summer. She suggested putting up less flags as an alternative, and asked Council to think about other solutions.

2. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised that an honorary Resolution is on the agenda for Alyssa Aldridge for an outstanding cross country season.

5. Councilman Matik

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Matik advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a refund of a Fire Inspection fee that was paid in duplicate.

6. Council President Tighe

A. Administration

1. Council President Tighe discussed the 2016 budget advising that preliminarily, \$346,000 would have to be cut from the budget to have a zero tax increase. Some of this is due to a lower ratable base and the increase in health benefits. He advised department heads to look into saving anywhere they can when they develop their budgets. Councilman Matik discussed how the state now takes the energy receipts money that used to come to the municipalities. The annual amount due to the City would have certainly helped to offset such increases. He advised that Assemblyman Brown did introduce legislation to get that money back to the municipalities.

2. Council President Tighe advised of a Resolution to authorize the sale of bicycles and computer/office equipment on GovDeals.
- B. Planning & Development
1. Council President Tighe advised of an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading amending the City Code Chapter 205, Property Maintenance, to require registration and maintenance of abandoned and vacant properties.
 2. A Resolution is on the agenda to authorize a refund of a Zoning Board escrow fee with regard to Block 164, Lot 5, 208 Central Avenue, in the City of Linwood.
 3. Council President Tighe advised of a Resolution on the agenda appointing Blair Albright to the Zoning Board.

At 6:21 P.M., Council President Tighe called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk