

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
January 27, 2016**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Tim Tighe called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilman Ralph Paolone.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2016 Reorganization meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with one abstention from Councilwoman DeDomenicis. Motion was approved.

SWEARING IN

The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Patrolman Jarred Levenson

PRESENTATION

Proclamation – Eagle Scout Dalton Joseph Scheeler

The Mayor read and presented the Proclamation to Eagle Scout Dalton Joseph Scheeler. The Mayor and each present member of Council congratulated Mr. Scheeler.

RESOLUTIONS

33-2016 A Resolution honoring Alyssa Aldridge

The Clerk read Resolution No. 33 of 2016 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Resolution No. 33. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. The Mayor and each member of Council congratulated Ms. Aldridge.

ORDINANCES

1 OF 2016 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 205, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY BY MORTGAGEES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT, AS WELL AS THE REGULATION, LIMITATION AND REDUCTION OF ABANDONED REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 1 of 2016 by title only. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Ordinance No. 1 for final reading. Council President Tighe opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 1. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Tighe closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative, and Councilman Paolone absent. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under item, **Consent** Agenda, are considered to be routine by City Council, and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. Any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds and any item requiring discussion will be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed separately. All Consent Agenda items will be reflected in full in the minutes.

- 30-2016** A Resolution authorizing the refund of a Zoning Board Escrow Fee with regard to Block 164 Lot 5, 208 Central Avenue, in the City of Linwood
- 31-2016** A Resolution authorizing the refund of a Fire Inspection Fee paid in duplicate
- 34-2016** A Resolution authorizing disposal of surplus property
- 35-2016** A Resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Linwood and the Atlantic County Improvement Authority with regard to the 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
- 36-2016** A Resolution authorizing the appointment of K. Blair Albright to the Linwood Zoning Board of Adjustment

Council President Tighe asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to approve Resolutions No. 30-31, 34-36 of 2016. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,402,009.04

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Paolone absent. Motion was approved. (The bill list is attached as Exhibit A)

PRESENTATION

Power Generation – Mike Buonasorte and Chuck Rubenstein presented an alternative energy solution to the Mayor and City Council. (The presentation is attached as Exhibit B)

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Council President Tighe opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic. Seeing and hearing no members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Tighe closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor DePamphilis – The Mayor commended Councilman Matik, the Police Department, the Public Works Department, and the Fire Department on their efforts before, during and after the recent storm.

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest echoed the Mayor’s comments regarding the storm.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis commended Public Works on their efforts with the storm and noted that she did receive compliments from residents.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun also commended Public Works, Police, Fire, and Councilman Matik.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik thanked Public Works for their efforts in the storm, noting that they began plowing the roads on Friday night. He also commended the Police, Fire, and Construction Department. He advised that an emergency management meeting was held at City Hall at 2:00 pm on Friday to prepare for the storm. Everyone did a great job. He would like to see more streets next time plowed curb to curb, especially around the schools.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon commended Eagle Scout Scheeler on his accomplishment. He also thanked and commended Councilman Matik and Public Works on their efforts on the storm.

Council President Tighe – Council President Tighe welcomed Patrolman Levenson, noting that it was great to see the Police employees at the meeting tonight to support Patrolman Levenson. That is an example of good leadership. Council President Tighe congratulated Eagle Scout Scheeler. He also thanked and commended Public Works, Fire, Police, Construction, and Emergency Management for their efforts with the storm.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to adjourn at 7:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk