

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
February 13, 2013

Council President Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:16 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 Darren Matik; Councilman Tim Tighe; and Council President Donna Taylor.

Absent: Councilman Ralph Paolone.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, City Solicitor; Steve Mazur, Dixon Associates; Chief Robert James, Police Department; Chief Chick Kisby, Fire Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2013 Caucus meeting, without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor discussed the article in the paper regarding the Linwood school budget. They are over \$400,000.00 over the 2% CAP. The school aid figures from the State could change the situation. However, they have not been announced yet. The school board has suggested cutting several positions. The Mayor is hoping something can be done to prevent the cuts and shrink the effect. The next Board of School Estimates meeting is February 20 at 5:00 p.m. at Belhaven.

4. Councilman Beinfest

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilman Beinfest discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing submission of the Municipal Alliance Grant application. This is done every year for drug and alcohol education.

5. Councilman Gordon

A. Engineering

1. Councilman Gordon discussed a Resolution authorizing the Mayor's signature on the Municipality Letters of Intent for the NJ Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Mr. Mazur is working on a list of potential storm mitigation projects that will be submitted.

6. Councilman Matik

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Matik discussed a Resolution authorizing the rehiring of Linda Brescia as a School Crossing Guard to fill a vacancy.

2. Councilman Matik discussed an Ordinance on the agenda for first reading amending the City Code on Streets and Sidewalks with regard to sports equipment.

7. Councilman Paolone

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Council President Taylor reported on Resolutions authorizing refunds for overpayment of taxes for 5 E. Berkley Street and 6 Wabash Avenue.

2. Council President Taylor advised that the Salary Ordinance is on the agenda for first reading. The Ordinance sets the salary ranges for employees.

At 6:23 P.M., Council President Taylor called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk