

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 13, 2013**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Elliot Beinfest led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:37 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 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; 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 23, 2013 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCES

1 OF 2013 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND ESTABLISHING SALARIES, COMPENSATION AND SALARY RANGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES 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 2013 by title only. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Ordinance No. 1 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Paolone absent. Motion was approved.

2 OF 2013 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 241 STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, ARTICLE VII, SPORTS EQUIPMENT IN STREETS 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. 2 of 2013 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Ordinance No. 2 for first reading. 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.

- 38-2013** A Resolution authorizing the rehiring of Linda Brescia as a School Crossing Guard for the City of Linwood
- 39-2013** A Resolution authorizing submission of an application for the Municipal Alliance Grant 2013
- 40-2013** A Resolution authorizing the refund of 1st & 2nd Quarter, 2013 Property tax payments that were made in error for Block 16.03, Lot 19, located at 5 E. Berkley Street in the City of Linwood
- 41-2013** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Municipality Letters of Intent for the State of New Jersey Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

42-2013 A Resolution authorizing the refund of a 1st Quarter, 2013 Property Tax Payment that was made in error for Block 177, Lot 2.01, located at 6 Wabash Avenue, in the City of Linwood

Council President Taylor asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to approve Resolutions No. 38-42 of 2013. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$308,667.34

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, 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)

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Council President Taylor opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic.

Stayros Zambetoglou, 726 Brighton Drive, Linwood

Mr. Zambetoglou discussed the numerous accidents that occur at his property on the corner of Route 9 and Poplar Avenue. He asked that the City do something such as install a guard rail for safety. He also discussed a drainage problem on Poplar Avenue. Councilman Gordon explained that the drainage problem was recently corrected and the street was re-paved. He and Councilman Matik also explained that the City cannot install a guard rail along Route 9 as it is a State highway. The City has reached out to the Department of Transportation asking them to look at the situation.

Seeing and hearing no other members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Taylor closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon discussed the drainage project that was just completed on Poplar Avenue.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik explained that Route 9 is a State highway. The City has requested that they evaluate the situation at Route 9 and Poplar Avenue. As this is a State issue, he advised Mr. Zambetoglou to also speak to the State representatives for additional assistance in the matter.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Tighe, to adjourn at 6:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk