

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 25, 2015**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Ralph Paolone led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Tighe 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 Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; Councilman Ralph Paolone; and Council President Tim Tighe.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2015 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

46-2015 A Resolution honoring the Linwood Department of Public Works

The Clerk read Resolution No. 46 of 2015 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to approved Resolution No. 46. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Councilwoman DeDomenicis read and presented the Resolution to the Public Works Department.

ORDINANCES

2 OF 2015 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 20, 2004 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PRUDENTIAL AND BLOOM SITES IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT AND APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THOSE AREAS AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 2 of 2015 by title only. Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone to table Ordinance No. 2. A roll call vote was heard with seven in the affirmative. 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.

- 47-2015** A Resolution honoring Colin F. Hickey
- 48-2015** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2015-03, to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children of Atlantic and Cape May Counties
- 49-2015** A Resolution confirming the reappointment of Donna Michael-Ziereis and the appointments of Daryl Todd and Michelle DeMorat to the Linwood Board of Education
- 50-2015** A Resolution awarding a Contract to Bishop Mechanical Services, LLC for HVAC repairs and service for the City of Linwood
- 51-2015** A Resolution awarding a Contract to KRS Services, Inc. for mechanical upgrades to the Georgetown Court pump station in the City of Linwood

- 52-2015** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2015-04, to Linwood Nursery School
- 53-2015** A Resolution appointing Sergeant Jason Weber to the position of Acting Lieutenant in the Linwood Police Department

Council President Tighe asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolutions No. 47-53 of 2015. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,045,367.68

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

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Judge Daryl Todd – 221 Berkshire Avenue, Linwood

Judge Todd thanked the Mayor for his appointment back on to the Linwood Board of Education.

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

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor DePamphilis – The Mayor congratulated the Public Works Department on their hard work. He announced that two of the Linwood Board of Education members, Diana Rutala and Joe Jacobs have requested not to be reappointed at the end of their terms this April. They have both done an outstanding job on the Board. The Mayor has reappointed Donna Michael-Ziereis. He has also appointed former Judge Daryl Todd, who used to be a member of the Board prior to becoming a Superior Court Judge. The Mayor credits Judge Todd with the success of the Linwood schools and for maintaining a quality education. The Mayor has also appointed Michelle DeMorat. Mrs. DeMorat is the co-president of the Linwood Education Foundation and will be a great addition to the Board. The Mayor reported that Police Chief Colin Hickey will retire on February 28, 2015. Captain Doug Carman will automatically become Acting Chief and Lieutenant John Hamilton will become Acting Captain. The Mayor has appointed Sergeant Jason Weber to become Acting Lieutenant at that time, who will also continue to operate the Detective Bureau.

Councilman Paolone – Councilman Paolone echoes some of the comments of the Mayor. He is excited that Donna Michael-Ziereis is being reappointed to the Linwood Board of Education and welcomes the new appointments. Linwood is lucky to have so many intelligent and talented volunteers. Councilman Paolone congratulated Sergeant Weber and the Public Works Department.

Councilman Beinfest – Councilman Beinfest served on the Board of School Estimates when Judge Todd was on the school board. It was great working with him and he is happy to know that the board will once again benefit from his talents. Councilman Beinfest believes there is a great team to run the Police Department. They are thoughtful and work well together. He also congratulated the Public Works Department. They have accomplished a great achievement.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis believes it's nice to honor and recognize employees on their successes. She thanked and commended the members of the Public Works Department. She also announced that refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon wished the Police Department employees luck as they transition into their new roles. He believes it is a great group of individuals. Councilman Gordon also congratulated the Public Works Department on their achievement on the recent job they did with the storm. He welcomed Judge Todd and Mrs. DeMorat to the Board of Education and welcomed back Donna Michael-Ziereis. Councilman Gordon also advised of upcoming work in March along Route 9. The DOT will be installing a rumble strip.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik advised that he feels lucky when he spends time in other towns and sees the differences in Linwood. Linwood has very talented volunteers that fill positions where other towns pay for professionals. He welcomed Judge Todd and Mrs. DeMorat to the Board and congratulated Donna Michael-Ziereis on her reappointment. Councilman Matik congratulated the Public Works Department.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun thanked the members of the Police Department for their efforts and congratulated them on their new positions. He welcomed Judge Todd back onto the school board. Welcomed Mrs. DeMorat and congratulated Mrs. Michael-Ziereis on her reappointment. They are all top notch individuals and will do a great job. Councilman Heun congratulated the Public Works Department. They do their jobs well and they do it correctly.

Council President Tighe – Council President Tighe congratulated the Public Works Department and noted that by working 1000 days without a loss time accident saves the taxpayers money in workers compensation. He welcomed Judge Todd, Mrs. DeMorat, and welcomed back Mrs. Michael-Ziereis to the Board of Education. Council President Tighe addressed the members present from the Police Department, noting that it is good to have them at the meeting. He can feel their energy and their enthusiasm is showing. Council President Tighe thanked Councilman Heun, Mr. Youngblood, and Mr. Polistina for their efforts negotiating the redevelopment projects.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk