

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 9, 2014**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Brian Heun led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Tighe called the meeting to order at 6:13 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; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; Councilman Ralph Paolone; and Council President Tim Tighe.

Absent: Councilman Elliot Beinfest.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2014 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with one abstention from Councilwoman DeDomenicis. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

73-2014 A Resolution honoring the Linwood LASAR Girls Travel Basketball Team
The Clerk read Resolution No. 73 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Resolution No. 73. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Councilman Heun read and presented the Resolution. All present members of Council and the Mayor congratulated the team.

74-2014 A Resolution honoring the Linwood Girls Eighth Grade Travel Basketball Team
The Clerk read Resolution No. 74 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Resolution No. 74. All present members of Council were in favor. Councilman Tighe announced that the Eighth Grade Team was honored earlier tonight because they had to get to soccer practice.

75-2014 A Resolution honoring the Linwood Girls Fourth Grade Travel Basketball Team
The Clerk read Resolution No. 75 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Resolution No. 75. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Councilman Matik read and presented the Resolution. All present members of Council and the Mayor congratulated the team.

76-2014 A Resolution honoring the Linwood Boys Fourth Grade Travel Basketball Team
The Clerk read Resolution No. 76 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon to approve Resolution No. 76. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. Councilman Matik read and presented the Resolution. All present members of Council and the Mayor congratulated the team.

69-2014 A Resolution to read the 2014 Budget by title only
The Clerk read Resolution No. 69 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Resolution No. 69. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Beinfest absent. Motion was approved.

70-2014 A Resolution authorizing Local Review of the Budget
The Clerk read Resolution No. 70 of 2014 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone to approve Resolution No. 70. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Beinfest absent. Motion was approved.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2014 BUDGET

Councilman Paolone presented a Power Point Presentation on the 2014 Budget. Council President Tighe opened the floor for discussion on the 2014 Municipal Budget. Wayne Dilks 214 Van Sant Avenue, Linwood – Mr. Dilks questioned why he will be paying more in taxes if the budget is down. Councilman Matik explained that the rate reflected tonight is Linwood's rate only. They will not have the entire rate until sometime in June. Seeing and hearing no other members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Tighe closed the floor.

71-2014 A Resolution adopting the 2014 Municipal Budget

The Clerk read Resolution No. 71 of 2014 by title only. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Resolution No. 71. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Beinfest 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.

68-2014 A Resolution establishing salaries for non-contractual employees of the City of Linwood for 2014

72-2014 A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2014-02, to Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties

77-2014 A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Separation Agreement with Gregory Moss

Council President Tighe asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve Resolutions No. 68, 72, & 77 of 2014. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$583,551.39

Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Beinfest absent. 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.

Gino Clemente 15 Elm Avenue, Linwood – Mr. Clemente indicated that after the revaluation, his property was increased by \$80,000. He is concerned that he will no longer be able to afford to live in Linwood. He did file a tax appeal with the County. Councilman Paolone explained the revaluation process and how the City was ordered by the County to have it done. Councilman Heun also explained that the process is not an imperfect system because Cities do not do them every year. He discussed the importance of the assessment to ratio process.

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 reminded everyone that the Easter Egg Hunt is this Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Councilman Paolone – Councilman Paolone congratulated the Mainland High School girl's lacrosse team on defeating Absegami. He also commended the success of all the sports teams.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun congratulated Freeholder Alex Marino on being honored as United Way's Volunteer of the Year. He also commended Councilman Paolone and the Finance Committee on the budget process.

Council President Tighe – Council President Tighe also thanked the Finance Committee. He knows the budget process is not an easy task. Council has done a lot to control costs through shared services, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to adjourn at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk