

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 14, 2010**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Councilman Beinfest called the meeting to order at 6:53 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 Matt Levinson; Councilman Ralph Paolone; and Councilman Tim Tighe.

Absent: Councilman Alex Marino; and Council President Donna Taylor.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, City Solicitor; Steve Mazur, Dixon Associates; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2010 regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

PRESENTATION:

Councilman Tighe introduced Robert Topolski representing Neutral Energy. Mr. Topolski discussed how Neutral Energy helps customers go out to bid for energy in an effort to save on energy costs. Mr. Topolski's fee could be paid directly by the municipality or by the successful bidder. The company can do gas and electric. Councilman Tighe requested copies of contracts for each process.

Councilman Tighe introduced Sheron Buchanan representing Constellation Energy. Mr. Buchanan explained that he has priced the City's electric accounts. The City is currently at twelve and a half cents with the utility company. The City would be between eight and a half to nine and a half cents with Constellation. His business is to proactively manage the electrical costs and watch for dips or opportune times to adjust spending. The company does electric and solar, not gas. He distributed a sample contract with pricing to the Mayor and Council.

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.

- 59-2010** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to share costs with the New Jersey Department of Transportation associated with a traffic control device at the Intersection of Route US 9 and West Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 69-2010** A Resolution authorizing a New Jersey Tax Court Judgement in reference to Block 184, Lot 4.01, 500 Shore Road
- 70-2010** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2010-01, to Our Lady of Sorrows Church
- 71-2010** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2010-02, to Our Lady of Sorrows Church
- 72-2010** A Resolution confirming a Mayoral appointment to the Linwood Senior Citizen Advisory Board

Councilman Beinfest asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone, to approve Resolutions No. 59, 69-72 of 2010. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$579,665.78

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

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis announced that Public Works is continuing the spring clean up to April 30. The Arboretum dedication is April 24, 2010. Councilwoman DeDomenicis recognized and thanked the Public Works Department for their efforts in helping to prepare for the ceremony.

Councilman Paolone – Councilman Paolone hopes everyone comes to the Arboretum ceremony. This Saturday is the beginning of the recreation soccer. There will be a lot of kids crossing Shore Road. There will be a Crossing Guard there from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. He asked that everyone watch for pedestrians. The law states that you must now stop for pedestrians, no longer just yield. Linwood has been ahead of the curve with pedestrian safety.

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson was driving on Shore Road at night and indicated that it is not easy to see pedestrians. He, too, urged everyone to be careful.

Councilman Tighe – Councilman Tighe congratulated the Linwood Teacher of the Year Elizabeth Sindoni.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone, to adjourn at 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk