

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 13, 2015**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Todd Gordon led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Councilman Elliot Beinfest called the meeting to order at 6:25 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; and Councilman Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Council President Tim Tighe.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2015 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCE

5 OF 2015 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 10 OF 2013, ADOPTED ON JUNE 12, 2013, WHICH ORDINANCE WAS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 11 OF 2014, ADOPTED ON JUNE 25, 2014, BY THE CITY OF LINWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY, TO REAPPROPRIATE AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR VARIOUS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 5 of 2015 by title only. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik to approve Ordinance No. 5 for final reading. Councilman Beinfest opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 5. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Councilman Beinfest closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Council President Tighe absent. Motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

92-2015 A Resolution to read the 2015 Budget by title only

The Clerk read Resolution No. 92 of 2015 by title only. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to approve Resolution No. 92. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Council President Tighe absent. Motion was approved.

93-2015 A Resolution authorizing Local Review of the Budget

The Clerk read Resolution No. 93 of 2015 by title only. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone to approve Resolution No. 93. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Council President Tighe absent. Motion was approved.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2015 BUDGET

Councilman Paolone presented a Power Point presentation on the 2015 Budget. (Attached as Exhibit B) Councilman Beinfest opened the floor for discussion on the 2015 Budget. Seeing and hearing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Councilman Beinfest closed the floor.

96-2015 A Resolution adopting the 2015 Municipal Budget

The Clerk read Resolution No. 96 of 2015 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik to approve Resolution No. 96. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Council President Tighe 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.

- 90-2015** A Resolution establishing salaries for non-contractual employees of the City of Linwood for 2015
- 91-2015** A Resolution authorizing award of Contract for the provision of Electric Generation Supply Service for the South Jersey Power Cooperative
- 94-2015** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2015-08, to the ARC of Atlantic County
- 95-2015** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to release the Surety Funds with regard to Block 1, Lots 29.01 & 29.02 (Wimberg Funeral Home) in the City of Linwood
- 97-2015** A Resolution awarding the Contract to GWP Enterprises for the Linwood Bike Path Extension Project
- 98-2015** A Resolution requesting an extension from the New Jersey Department of Transportation to award the Contract for construction with regard to the 2013 Woodlynne Boulevard Roadway Improvements
- 99-2015** A Resolution confirming the appointments of Bonnie Putterman and Mitchell Gurwicz to the Linwood Planning Board
- 100-2015** A Resolution requesting to combine the FY2013 & FY2015 Funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for construction with regard to the FY2013 & FY2015 Woodlynne Boulevard Roadway Improvements
- 101-2015** A Resolution accepting the Incidental Modification of Scope/Limits Form for the New Jersey Department of Transportation with regard to the FY2013 & FY2015 Woodlynne Boulevard Roadway Improvements

Councilman Beinfest asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. Nothing was removed. Councilman Paolone motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolutions No. 90-91, 94-95, 97-101 of 2015. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,595,364.00

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Council President Tighe 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.

Gene Corcoran - 408 Joseph Avenue, Linwood

Mr. Corcoran asked if someone can come look at the leaves from a neighboring property that are piling up on his property. They are damaging his fence and he fell down when he tried to clean them up. He asked if the City can require the other property owner to clean them up. Councilman Matik responded that the property owner is not violating any City codes. However, he will ask him to take a look at it.

Seeing and hearing no other 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 will be soon putting up the flags along Shore Road.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon thanked the Linwood Police Department for their quick response to the situation at the schools this past week. It was nice to receive a letter of thanks from the Seaview Principal as well. The Police handled the situation very well. Councilman Gordon also thanked the budget committee for all their hard work. They faced a lot of challenges and did a good job managing the expenses.

Councilman Matik – Councilman Matik discussed how everyone in the City is doing more with less. If the state does not change the school funding law and does not return the energy receipts to the municipalities, there is not much Council can do to keep the taxes down. Council will continue to work towards the best services at a low cost to the taxpayers. Councilman Matik commended and thanked the Police Department for their efforts with regard to the school incident. He has received a lot of positive feedback with regard to same.

Councilman Heun – Councilman Heun also thanked the Police Department for their efforts. He thanked the budget committee for their hard work. There were a lot of challenges this year. This was his first time on the Board of School Estimates and he thanked the Mayor and Councilman Matik for their efforts on the Board. He also thanked the Department Heads for their efforts on the individual budgets. Councilman Heun welcomed the two alternate Planning Board members, Bonnie Putterman and Mitchell Gurwicz, to full time positions on the board.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to adjourn at 6:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk