

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL**  
**CAUCUS MINUTES**  
**May 14, 2014**

Council President Tim Tighe called the meeting to order at 6:14 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

1. 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 Tighe.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; Hank Kolakowski, Public Works Superintendent; Chief Robert James, Police Department; Captain Doug Carman, Police Department; Chief Chick Kisby, Fire Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone, to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2014 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis discussed a cooperative purchasing program by the National Joint Powers Alliance as an option to the formal bid process for equipment for Public Works. Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis to participate in the program. All members of Council were in favor.

4. Councilman Gordon

A. Engineering

1. Councilman Gordon discussed a Resolution on the agenda awarding a Contract to Arawak Paving for the Country Club Drive and Delmar Avenue resurfacing project.
2. The City received a grant in the amount of \$190,000 for roadway improvements to School House Drive. The Engineering Committee will review this project further.
3. Councilman Tighe reported that he received two inquiries from residents concerning the gas company's ongoing project. Councilman Tighe advised that Mr. Polistina reported the concerns to the gas company who was very responsive.

5. Councilman Matik

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Matik advised of a Resolution on the agenda honoring Debi Moss for twenty-six years of employment with the City.

6. Councilman Paolone

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Paolone discussed a School Bond refunding Ordinance on the agenda for first reading. He explained that it is like refinancing in an effort to save money.
2. A Resolution is on the agenda authorizing the renewal of a Joint Purchasing System that is used for the shared EMS agreement with Northfield.
3. A Resolution is on the agenda accepting the resignation of Christine Desch as Tax Collector.
4. A Resolution is on the agenda appointing Albert Stanley as Tax Collector. Councilman Paolone, Councilman Matik, Mrs. Desch and Mrs. Napoli conducted interviews for the position. Mr. Stanley has eight years experience as Tax Collector of Galloway. He also worked at Edmunds Associates, which is the company that runs the software program used by the tax office.

5. A Resolution is on the agenda naming the Tax Collector as a check signer for the premium/redemption account.
6. A Resolution is on the agenda awarding a non-competitive contract for Professional Services to Timothy P. Maguire as Conflict Solicitor for the City.
7. Council President Tighe
  - A. Administration
    1. Council President Tighe discussed a minimum bid amount for auctioning off the second liquor license in the City. He suggested \$300,000 and asked Council to review and provide input.
  - B. Planning & Development
    1. Council President Tighe discussed an Ordinance on the agenda for final reading amending the Zoning Map as a result of a minor subdivision of Block 60, Lot 4 (1426 Shore Road).
    2. A Resolution is on the agenda authorizing the release of unused Planning Board application fees with regard to 212 New Road.
    3. Councilman Tighe reported that the City received a letter from the State American Legion Post indicating that Norm Thomas does not have the authority to sell the American Legion property in Linwood. The developer that was intending to buy the property from Mr. Thomas withdrew his complaint from Court. Mr. Youngblood advised the State American Legion Post that the City will now move forward with the demolition of the building. All costs including legal fees will be placed as a lien on the property.
8. Mr. Youngblood
  - A. Mr. Youngblood advised that a Resolution is on the agenda awarding a non-competitive Contract for Professional Service to Richard M. Pescatore for Legal Services regarding a personnel investigation.

At 6:29 P.M., Council President Tighe called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk