

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
June 8, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:28 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilwoman Blair Albright led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Michael; Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: Councilman Matt Levinson

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; and Mary Cole, Deputy Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING

Councilman Michael motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford, to approve the minutes of the May 25, Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Matik presented a Proclamation to Carter Levin and congratulated him on being chosen to be Linwood's Mayor for the Day.

RESOLUTION

115-2022 A Resolution confirming the Promotion of Patrolman Brandon Settle to the position of Sergeant in the Linwood Police Department.

The Deputy City Clerk read Resolution No. 115 of 2022 by title only. Councilman Michael motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford to approve Resolution No. 115. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Settle. Chief Cunningham congratulated Sergeant Settle on being a dedicated, committed Officer and added that Sergeant Settle will make a great addition to his department.

ORDINANCES

9 OF 2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 140 FEES, ARTICLE I, PLANNING AND ZONING FEES, SECTION 140-1, FEE SCHEDULE OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Deputy City Clerk read Ordinance No. 9 of 2022 by title only. Council President Paolone opened the floor to the public for discussion on Ordinance No. 9. Kathleen Spaeth of 108 Country Club Drive asked Council if the fees for the Development Review Committee carry over to the planning board application if the applicant applies to the planning board at a later date. Councilman Ford respond no. The fees associated with the Development Review Meeting do not carry over. Seeing and hearing no other members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Ordinance No. 9 for final reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Levinson absent. Motion was approved.

10 OF 2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 99 BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS, ARTICLE II, HIGH GRASS AND WEEDS, SECTION 99-5, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

ORDINANCES (continued)

The Deputy City Clerk read Ordinance No. 10 of 2022 by title only. Council President Paolone opened the floor to the public for discussion on Ordinance No. 10. Kathleen Spaeth of 108 Country Club Drive asked council if there is a list of noxious weeds connected to this ordinance. Mr. Ford responded there is no list. John Miller of 311 Melody Lane asked Council if they could address leaves in this ordinance. Council President Paolone advised that leaves are a more difficult issue to enforce but that Council will take Mr. Millers request under consideration. Seeing and hearing no other members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Paolone closed the floor. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Ordinance No. 10 for final reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Levinson absent. Motion was approved.

12 OF 2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 205, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY BY MORTGAGEES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT, AS WELL AS THE REGULATION, LIMITATION AND REDUCTION OF ABANDONED REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

The Deputy City Clerk read Ordinance No. 12 of 2022 by title only. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Ordinance No. 12 for first reading. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and Councilman Levinson 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.

- 112-2022** A Resolution authorizing the First Amendment to the Shared Services Agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority and the City of Linwood regarding property registration
- 113-2022** A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Belford Rivera as a Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class III, for the City of Linwood
- 114-2022** A Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to process third quarter “estimated” tax bills due August 2, 2022
- 116-2022** A Resolution approving submission of a Grant Application and to execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Resurfacing of Franklin Boulevard – Phase 2
- 117-2022** A Resolution requesting approval of items of Revenue and Appropriation NJSA 40A:4-87 for a Clean Communities Grant

Council President Paolone asked if any member of Council would like to remove any other items from consent. No items were removed. Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Albright, to approve Resolutions No. 112-114,116-117 of 2022. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,341,912.72

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the bills for payment. A roll call vote was heard with five in the affirmative, one abstention by Councilwoman Albright, and Councilman Levinson was absent. Motion was approved. (The bill list is attached as Exhibit A)

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Matik – Mayor Matik Congratulated now Sgt Settle for his promotion. Mayor Matik reassured Mr. Miller that council will take a look at what we can do for his leaf concerns.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis thanked Public Works, the Police and Fire Depts. For all the help they gave to make the Memorial celebration a success. Mrs. DeDomenicis thanked Public Works for all the help they gave the Farmers Market this Spring. Mayor Carter it was a pleasure having you here tonight. Mrs. DeDomenicis mentioned the Krumm vineyard and how lovely it is this time of year. She invited everyone to walk thru the property if you are in the area.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes congratulated Sgt. Settle on his promotion and also congratulated Mayor Carter Levin for the great job he did being Mayor for the day. Mrs. Byrnes commented that Carter Levin is a very nice little gentleman and she knows he will have a bright future. Mrs. Byrnes thanked Mary Cole for stepping in and recording the meeting tonight. Mrs. Byrnes thanked everyone that attended the Memorial Day event. It was a beautiful day and the event was well attended.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright also congratulated Sgt. Settle on his promotion. Mrs. Albright thanked all the people involved with the Memorial Day celebration.

Councilman Ford – Councilman Ford congratulated his new friend Carter Levin for doing a great job being Mayor for the Day. Mr. Ford congratulated Sgt. Settle and the police force for always doing a great job. Mr. Ford thanked the Recreation Dept. for all their help with the Memorial Day event. Mr. Ford also congratulated all the MRHS seniors for their up in coming graduation next week and he wishes them well.

Councilman Michael- Councilman Michael congratulated Sgt. Settle for his promotion. Mr. Michael thanked Mayor Carter for doing a great job today and keeping the town safe and keeping our mayor on track. Mr. Michael noted that he was extremely impressed on the feel of the Memorial Day parade and how the whole town pitched in.

Council President Paolone – Council President Paolone congratulated Sgt. Settle on his promotion and for always doing a great job. Mr. Paolone thanked Mary Cole for stepping in to help with tonight’s meeting. Mr. Paolone thanked the MRHS videographer for recording the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 7:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Cole
Deputy Municipal Clerk