

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
June 12, 2013

Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis 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 Darren Matik; Councilman Ralph Paolone; and Councilman Tim Tighe.

Absent: Council President Donna Taylor.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, City Solicitor; Steve Mazur, Dixon Associates; Hank Kolakowski, Superintendent of Public Works; Robert James, Chief of Police; Chick Kisby, Fire Chief; 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 May 22, 2013 Caucus meeting, without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Mayor's Report

A. The Mayor reported on a Resolution to extend the Agreement with Northfield for a Shared Police Chief.

4. Councilman Beinfest

A. Neighborhood Services

1. Councilman Beinfest advised of a Resolution on the agenda honoring Allen Lacy as Citizen of the Year.

5. Councilwoman DeDomenicis

A. Public Works

1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis reported that Public Works held their annual Appreciation Day Luncheon on May 31, 2013. Mike Ware received the Employee of the Year Award and Joe Olden received the Extra Mile Award and the Above and Beyond Award.

6. Councilman Gordon

A. Engineering

1. Councilman Gordon advised that the Ordinance prohibiting left turns from the Mainland Regional High School driveway is on the agenda for final reading. This is based on a request from the High School.
2. A Resolution is on the agenda approving the final change order with Feriozzi Concrete for Poplar Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvements. This change increases the contract price by \$700.

7. Councilman Matik

A. Public Safety

B. Councilman Matik discussed the energy aggregation program, which gives municipalities the opportunity to bulk purchase electricity on behalf of its residents from a third party supplier rather than the local utility. Residents are able to opt out of the program. He is speaking with neighboring communities about the program because the more municipalities that participate, the lower the cost will be. This program could save residents approximately 15% on their electric bill. Council agreed that the program is worth exploring and would like to get feedback from the residents.

8. Councilman Paolone
 - A. Revenue & Finance
 1. Councilman Paolone introduced Dr. Tom Baruffi, Teri Weeks, and Dan Mascione from Linwood Schools, and Joel Fleishman, Bond Counsel, and Doug Bacher, from North West Financial, for any questions that Council may have on the school bond ordinance that is on the agenda for final reading. Council discussed possibly removing the amount designated for the demolition of the Poplar Avenue School from the Ordinance. However, amending the Ordinance would require a re-introduction and a new passage date, which would alter the schedule for the roof project at Belhaven. Discussion ensued upon the amount of the bond ordinance and the actual bonding process. Mr. Fleishman assured Council that they will only spend what they need. Council requested that specifications be reviewed by Steve Mazur and that some spending controls be put in place through the City's finance office.
 2. Councilman Paolone advised of a Resolution on the agenda that covers the detail of sale of a proposed \$3M Bond Anticipation Note by the City for various school purposes as set forth in the school bond ordinance.
9. Councilman Tighe
 - A. Planning & Development
 1. Councilman Tighe discussed a Resolution acknowledging a Contract to Hess Corporation through the South Jersey Power Cooperative for retail electricity for buildings and street lighting. The contract was awarded through a bid process conducted by the South Jersey Power Cooperative.
10. Council President Taylor
 - A. Administration
 1. Councilwoman DeDomenicis advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing a Raffle License to the Women's Center.

At 6:47 P.M., Councilwoman DeDomenicis called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk