

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
July 8, 2015**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Tim Tighe called the meeting to order at 6:44 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 Ralph Paolone; and Council President Tim Tighe.

Absent: Councilman Darren Matik.

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 Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone, to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2015 Regular meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor, with one abstention by Councilman Heun. Motion was approved.

ORDINANCE

7 OF 2015

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 263 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE I, GENERAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 263-3 NO LEFT TURNS OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINWOOD AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

FIRST READING: June 10, 2015

PUBLICATION: June 15, 2015

PASSAGE: July 8, 2015

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 7 of 2015 by title only. Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun to approve Ordinance No. 7 for final reading. Council President Tighe opened the floor for discussion on Ordinance No. 7. Seeing and hearing no other members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President Tighe closed the floor. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative, and Councilman Matik 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.

- 119-2015** A Resolution authorizing the renewal of an Inter-Local Sewer Maintenance Agreement with the City of Northfield
- 120-2015** A Resolution authorizing the City of Linwood to advertise for proposals for Emergency Medical Services for the City of Linwood and the City of Northfield
- 121-2015** A Resolution accepting the resignation of Albert Stanley
- 122-2015** A Resolution approving the application of Berlin Road Investments, LLC for renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0114-33-001-003 for 2015-2016
- 123-2015** A Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement with Atlantic County Government for the Community Development Block Grant Program
- 124-2015** A Resolution confirming the promotion of Patrolman Estabon Cunningham to the position of Sergeant in the Linwood Police Department

Council President Tighe asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent. No items were removed. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolutions No. 119-124 of 2015. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

Councilman Tighe advised that Resolution No. 125, 2015 was added to the agenda during the Caucus meeting to appoint Eric Ford to the Alternate #2 position on the Zoning Board. Councilman Beinfest motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to approve Resolution No. 125. All present members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$2,765,348.54

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

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Council President Tighe opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic.

Jack Verseput, 306 Poplar Avenue, Linwood – Mr. Verseput asked Council for help with the speeding on Poplar Avenue, dogs running at-large at the park, and enforcement of the property maintenance code. Council President Tighe advised that the Police will look into the speeding on Poplar Avenue and loose dogs at the park. He also advised that the City is currently working on a draft zombie house ordinance and will soon address revisions needed to its property maintenance code.

Chuck Rubinstein, 45 Laurel Avenue, Linwood – Mr. Rubinstein and his business partner in Quad State Solar presented a proposal to City Council for solar panels on the roof of the Fire House. Council President Tighe advised that the Planning & Development Committee will review the proposal and make a recommendation.

Seeing and hearing no other members from the public wishing to be heard, Council President Tighe closed the floor.

FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon advised of ongoing construction on Central Avenue due to the water company making improvements to their water mains. This is a four week project.

Councilman Paolone – Councilman Paolone thanked Councilman Gordon and his committee along with the representatives from Northfield for their efforts in renewing the sewer inter-local maintenance agreement. He also announced that the City is advertising for proposals for EMS. The City is losing its Tax Collector at the end of the month. He is sorry to see him go and wished him luck.

Council President Tighe – Council President Tighe congratulated Steve Cunningham on his promotion to Sergeant. He also reminded everyone that school is out and to be careful of children crossing. Councilman Tighe also advised of the construction throughout the City by the gas & water companies.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Gordon, to adjourn at 7:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk