

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
August 9, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Eric Ford called the meeting to order at 6:22 P.M., noting that the meeting had been advertised in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Darren Matik; Councilwoman Blair Albright; Councilwoman June Byrnes; Councilwoman Stacy DeDomenicis; Councilman Matt Levinson; Councilman Todd Michael; Councilman Adam Walcoff; and Council President Eric Ford.

Absent: None

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Jen Heller, Engineer's Office; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES WITHOUT FORMAL READING**

Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Byrnes, to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2023 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor with two abstentions from Councilwoman DeDomenicis and Councilman Michael. Motion was approved.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**119-2023** A Resolution confirming the promotion of Patrolman Jarred Levenson to the position of Sergeant in the Linwood Police Department

The Clerk read Resolution No. 119 of 2023 by title only. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Michael, to approve Resolution No. 119 of 2023. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved. The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Levenson. The Mayor and each member of Council congratulated Sergeant Levenson.

**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.

- 120-2023** A Resolution authorizing the refund of various tax overpayments made by Corelogic
- 121-2023** A Resolution authorizing the refund of various tax overpayments made by Corelogic
- 122-2023** A Resolution authorizing the refund of the 2023 tax payments for Block 94 Lot 6 located at 224 Tabor Avenue in the City of Linwood
- 123-2023** A Resolution approving temporary signage for the Linwood Farmers Market
- 124-2023** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Mark E. Mucciarone as a Substitute School Crossing Guard for the City of Linwood
- 125-2023** A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License, #2023-25, to Mainland Regional Football Boosters, Inc.
- 126-2023** A Resolution authorizing the refund of unused escrow funds posted with regard to a dumpster permit
- 127-2023** A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Belford Rivera as a Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class III, for the City of Linwood
- 128-2023** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 with American Pipe Cleaning, LLC with regard to the Sanitary Sewer Main Root Treatment
- 129-2023** A Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Linwood and the Mainland Regional High School Board of Education for the provision of Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer

**RESOLUTIONS WITHIN CONSENT AGENDA (continued)**

- 130-2023** A Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Linwood and the Linwood Board of Education for the provision of two Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers
- 131-2023** A Resolution authorizing an Addendum to the Shared Services Agreement with the Linwood Board of Education for the provision of the two Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers for the 2022-2023 school year
- 132-2023** A Resolution authorizing a Flashing Beacon Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Route 9 Midblock Pedestrian Crossings, MP 35.78 & 35.93
- 133-2023** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Alex James Gallagher and Justin Michael Barretta as Special Law Enforcement Officers, Class II, for the City of Linwood

Council President Ford asked if any member of Council would like to remove any other items from consent. No items were removed. Councilwoman Albright motioned, seconded by Councilman Walcoff, to approve Resolutions No. 120-133 of 2023. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,516,781.41**

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

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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

Linsley Lindekens, 917 Wabash Avenue, Linwood – Mrs. Lindekens discussed the new construction of a house across the street from her on Maple & Wabash Avenues. She indicated the builder is doing work before the 7:00am time regulated in the City Code Book. She has called the police but she claims the builder continues. She asked Council for their help in this matter.

Kathleen Spaeth, 108 Country Club Drive, Linwood – Mrs. Spaeth thanked the Mayor and Council for having the elevator at the Library fixed. She attended the Library playground dedication and commended the Governing Body's efforts on that project. She also commended the efforts of the Police Department for National Night Out and thanked the Police Chief and Lieutenants for hosting a town hall meeting for outreach.

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

**FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Mayor Matik – The Mayor advised that the Library playground dedication was very well attended and he enjoyed seeing all the kids use the new playground as it took a lot of work to get that completed. He advised Mrs. Lindekens that he is aware of the situation there and the Police are doing what they can. He also congratulated Sergeant Levenson.

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis attended the playground dedication and indicated that it was a lovely event. She is happy for the young families in Linwood. She thanked the Police Department for National Night Out noting it was a great event.

Councilwoman Albright – Councilwoman Albright congratulated Sergeant Levenson. She thanked the public for attending the meeting and thanked Mrs. Spaeth for her comments. The playground dedication was great and she congratulated Councilwoman Byrnes on the project. She congratulated the Police Department on National Night Out.

Councilwoman Byrnes – Councilwoman Byrnes thanked everyone for attending and for their comments. National Night Out was a huge success. She thanked the Police Chief and the department. She also thanked them for the town hall meeting held last night. It was a good outreach event for the community. She announced that on August 19, the Historical Society will be celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Leedsville School from 11am to 3pm. The playground dedication was great. She thanked Council for their support on that project.

Councilman Walcoff – Councilman Walcoff agreed the playground dedication and National Night Out were both great events and he is also happy the elevator is repaired.

**FINAL REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL (continued)**

Councilman Levinson – Councilman Levinson thanked Mrs. Lindekens for bringing the matter of the contractor to Council’s attention. He is very proud of the work being completed at the Library and thanked Councilwoman Byrnes for her hard work and the Library Board for their efforts. National Night Out was a huge success. He congratulated Sergeant Levenson.

Councilman Michael – Councilman Michael congratulated Councilwoman Byrnes on the work getting the playground completed. All the work being completed at the Library is great. National Night Out was a huge success and the town hall meeting last night was a testament to public outreach in the community. He thanked the Police Department. He included that the matter Mrs. Lindekens discussed will be addressed.

Council President Ford – Council President Ford also advised Mrs. Lindekens that the matter she spoke of will be addressed by Code Enforcement and he thanked her for attending tonight’s meeting. National Night Out was a lot of fun. The Chief and Department did a great job. He commended all the outreach events the Police have been doing. Council President Ford is happy the playground is completed and it looks great.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Levinson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to adjourn at 6:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC  
Municipal Clerk