

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
September 9, 2015

Council President Tim Tighe called the meeting to order at 6:12 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 Darren Matik; Councilman Ralph Paolone; and Council President Tighe.

Absent: Councilman Todd Gordon; and Councilman Brian Heun.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; Hank Kolakowski, Superintendent Public Works; Chief Doug Carman, Police Department; Captain John Hamilton, Police Department; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Paolone, to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2015 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All present members of Council were in favor with one abstention from Councilman Beinfest. Motion was approved.

3. Councilman Gordon

A. Engineering

1. Council President Tighe explained that the Engineer will review the traffic flow at Seaview Avenue School and report to the committee.

4. Councilman Matik

A. Public Safety

1. Councilman Matik discussed the zoning regulations for Shore Road as a limited business zone. Numerous homes on Shore Road are for sale or in foreclosure. He would like to consider having more limited businesses there instead of a large number of rental properties. Councilman Paolone would only want very limited businesses there. He discussed when he was on the zoning board years ago and the music studio wanted a variance to expand their services. He admitted how smart the longer serving members of the board were because they wanted to vote no. Councilman Paolone was in favor of the expansion and indicated he was wrong in voting for it because the additional traffic became a huge problem. The other businesses that have operated on Shore Road have been professional offices that have traffic on a steady basis not all entering or exiting at once. Councilman Paolone indicated that Council has to be careful. The Mayor advised that it was a concerted effort as part of the Master Plan to move the businesses out of Shore Road. The ones that remained became grandfathered. Councilman Matik indicated that the City was different twenty years ago. The City has to plan differently as the needs change. Council President Tighe will refer this matter to the planning and zoning boards.

5. Council President Tighe

A. Administration

1. Council President Tighe commended the members of Council for all their hard work. He has been trying to communicate with everyone for their ideas on things and appreciates their time.

B. Planning & Development

1. Council President Tighe commended Mary Cole on the research she did related to the Poplar Avenue Bridge. He has been getting numerous complaints from a resident regarding trash and fishing off the bridge. The bridge is owned by the County. Mrs. Cole got a copy of the County's Code and there are no fishing restrictions on that bridge. Also, Mr. Kolakowski put out an additional trash can. Council President Tighe did advise the resident of same.

At 6:23 P.M., Council President Tighe called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk