

**LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
October 28, 2015**

FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Ralph Paolone led the flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Tim Tighe called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 Darren Matik; Councilman Ralph Paolone; and Council President Tim Tighe.

Absent: None.

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 Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2015 Regular meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor with one abstention by Councilman Beinfest. 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.

- 153-2015** A Resolution awarding the Contract to AE Stone, Inc. for Contract No. 7, Eastside Paving Project
- 154-2015** A Resolution authorizing the refund of a 3rd Quarter 2015 Property Tax payment that was made in error for Block 61, Lot 1.02, located at 6 E. Berkshire Avenue, in the City of Linwood
- 155-2015** A Resolution authorizing the hiring of Sandra L. Williams as a Part Time Substitute Crossing Guard for the City of Linwood
- 156-2015** A Resolution authorizing settlement with the County of Camden of claims filed against the City of Linwood in the Camden County Superior Court, Docket No. CAM-L-2543-15

Council President Tighe advised that Resolution No. 157 of 2015, awarding a Contract to Homestead Nursery for 2209 Brighton Avenue Restoration with regard to the Southwest Linwood Flood Control project, was added to the agenda in the Caucus meeting. He asked if any member of Council would like to remove any items from consent to be voted on separately. Resolution No. 157 was removed. Councilman Matik motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, to approve Resolutions No. 153-156 of 2015. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

The Clerk read Resolution No. 157 of 2015 by title only. Councilman Gordon motioned, seconded by Councilman Heun, to approved Resolution No. 157. A roll call vote was heard with six in the affirmative and one abstention by Council President Tighe. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: \$1,184,899.42

Councilwoman DeDomenicis motioned, seconded by Councilman Beinfest, 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 Tighe opened the floor to the public for discussion on any topic.

Stacia Scaduto, Commercial Utility Consultants

Ms. Scaduto explained that the City of Linwood is a participant in a cooperative energy aggregation agreement with Margate, Northfield, and Cape May Point. Several attempts in the past were made to go out to bid for electricity, but have been unsuccessful at beating Atlantic Electric's rate. However, they recently got a bid with a 7% savings. This would not go into effect until March 1, 2016. She explained that the timing to accept this bid is very important as commodity costs frequently fluctuate. Margate is the lead on the cooperative agreement and has to accept first. They don't meet until November 5. Northfield met and accepted the bid last night contingent upon Margate and the other municipalities accepting. Ms. Scaduto asked if Linwood would do the same to secure the rate. Council discussed the rate and potential savings. Council does not believe there is enough savings to justify the concerns of the residents. Ms. Scaduto advised that the company would keep trying for a better rate.

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

Councilwoman DeDomenicis – Councilwoman DeDomenicis announced the fall leaf clean up begins November 9 at the north end of the City and continues south.

Councilman Gordon – Councilman Gordon reminded everyone of the ongoing construction throughout the City and asked everyone to be careful.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be addressed by Council, Councilman Heun motioned, seconded by Councilman Matik, to adjourn at 6:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk