

LINWOOD COMMON COUNCIL
CAUCUS MINUTES
November 8, 2017

Council President Ralph Paolone called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Eric Ford; Councilman Todd Gordon; Councilman Brian Heun; Councilman Darren Matik; and Council President Ralph Paolone.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joseph L. Youngblood, Jr., City Solicitor; Vince Polistina, City Engineer; Captain John Hamilton, Police Department; Anthony Strazzeri, CFO; and Leigh Ann Napoli, Municipal Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes Without Formal Reading

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilwoman DeDomenicis, to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2017 Caucus meeting without formal reading. All members of Council were in favor. Motion was approved.

3. Councilman Gordon

A. Engineering

1. Councilman Gordon provided an update on the sewer Interlocal. The committee put Northfield on notice that Linwood was potentially looking for different options for the maintenance of the sewer system. This was after Linwood representatives were told that Northfield was looking to sell their sewer system. The committee has been pursuing alternatives and recently spoke to Egg Harbor Township for a proposal. Linwood is looking for one contract to provide all the existing services. Egg Harbor Township is working on a final proposal and Councilman Gordon indicated that his committee could be ready to make a recommendation at the next Council meeting. Councilman Matik advised that Linwood is looking for cost savings with similar service.

4. Councilman Heun

A. Councilman Heun discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the re-appointment of Don Auge as a Special Class II Officer. He indicated that a pay raise is included for Officer Auge due to the additional duties he has been assigned, which is all outlined in the Resolution.

B. Councilman Heun advised of a Resolution on the agenda authorizing the hiring of two new Crossing Guards.

C. Councilman Heun discussed the next regularly scheduled meeting of Council on Tuesday, November 21, 2017. This meeting is always set on a Tuesday the week of Thanksgiving. Some Council members will be away and there was prior discussion of canceling the meeting. After polling the members of Council there will be a majority present on November 21 and the meeting will remain as scheduled.

5. Councilman Matik

A. Revenue & Finance

1. Councilman Matik discussed a Resolution on the agenda authorizing budget appropriation transfers.

B. Emergency Management

1. Councilman Matik discussed an email that was provided by Jim Rutala on the Community Rating System. This is a program that the City participates in so that Linwood residents may obtain discounts on flood insurance. The more points a municipality receives, the more of a discount is provided. Mr. Polistina reported that he was asked to sign a document for the program but has reservations about signing due to its restrictions. Council discussed the matter further and will ask Jim Rutala to speak at the next meeting for clarification.

6. Mr. Youngblood

- A. Mr. Youngblood reported that his Motion to Dismiss the tax appeals that were discussed at a prior meeting has been granted.

At 6:16 P.M., Council President Paolone called a recess.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Ann Napoli, RMC
Municipal Clerk